

HOUSE BILL 319

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By: **Delegates McConkey and Beidle**

Introduced and read first time: January 30, 2009

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Anne Arundel County - Highway Rights-of-Way - Authority to Remove**
3 **Illegal Outdoor Signs**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing, in Anne Arundel County, any employee of a unit of
5 State or local government to remove and dispose of certain outdoor signs erected
6 or maintained in a highway right-of-way in violation of certain provisions of
7 law; clarifying language; and generally relating to the authority to remove
8 outdoor signs in Anne Arundel County.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article - Transportation
11 Section 8-701(e)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2008 Replacement Volume)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article - Transportation
16 Section 8-748
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2008 Replacement Volume)

19 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
20 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

21 **Article - Transportation**

22 8-701.

23 (e) "Outdoor sign" means any outdoor sign, display, light, structure, figure,
24 painting, drawing, message, plaque, placard, poster, billboard, device, or other thing
25 that is designed, intended, or used to advertise or inform the traveling public.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 8-748.

2 (a) **[If SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, IF** any outdoor
3 sign is erected or maintained contrary to the provisions of this subtitle, the
4 Administration may remove it after 15 days' written notice to the person owning or
5 controlling the sign.

6 (b) All signs removed by the Administration under this section become the
7 property of the Administration.

8 (c) **NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER LAW, IN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY,**
9 **ANY EMPLOYEE OF A UNIT OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT MAY REMOVE AND**
10 **DISPOSE OF AN OUTDOOR SIGN ERECTED OR MAINTAINED IN THE**
11 **RIGHT-OF-WAY OF A HIGHWAY IN VIOLATION OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
13 October 1, 2009.