

SENATE BILL 405

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By: **Senator Guzzone**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Highway Administration – Service Signs – Business or Attraction Located**
3 **in Shopping Center**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Highway Administration, when taking a certain
5 measurement to determine whether a business or an attraction that is located in a
6 shopping center may be advertised on a service sign, to take the measurement in a
7 certain manner; defining a certain term; and generally relating to service signs on
8 State controlled access highways.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article – Transportation
11 Section 8–605(d)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Transportation**

17 8–605.

18 (d) (1) **IN THIS SUBSECTION, “GORE” MEANS THE POINT WHERE AN EXIT**
19 **RAMP LEAVES A STATE CONTROLLED ACCESS HIGHWAY.**

20 **(2)** For the purpose of providing information to the driving public on the
21 availability of gas, food, lodging, camping, or attractions, the Administration may place
22 along State controlled access highways specific service signs, subject to the applicable
23 federal standards.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **[(2)] (3)** (i) The Administration shall adopt regulations governing
2 specific service signs.

3 (ii) The regulations shall conform to all applicable federal standards,
4 and shall govern the type, lighting, size, number, and location of specific service signs.

5 (iii) **WHEN TAKING A MEASUREMENT TO DETERMINE WHETHER**
6 **A BUSINESS OR AN ATTRACTION THAT IS LOCATED IN A SHOPPING CENTER MAY BE**
7 **ADVERTISED ON A SERVICE SIGN, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL MEASURE THE**
8 **DISTANCE FROM THE GORE OF THE ASSOCIATED EXIT RAMP TO THE ENTRANCE OF**
9 **THE SHOPPING CENTER IN WHICH THE BUSINESS OR ATTRACTION IS LOCATED.**

10 **(IV)** The Administration shall consult with:

11 1. The Maryland Travel Council prior to drafting
12 regulations; and

13 2. The Department of Economic Competitiveness and
14 Commerce and the appropriate local government officials concerning the placement of
15 specific service signs under this subsection.

16 **[(3)] (4)** The business or attraction identified in a specific service sign
17 shall pay for the full administrative and operational cost of procurement, installation, and
18 maintenance of the sign.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
20 October 1, 2016.