

By Mr. Murphy of Peabody, petition of John E. Murphy, Jr., relative to certain off premise advertising signs. Commerce and Labor.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty.

AN ACT CONCERNING OFF PREMISE SIGNS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 1070, section 2 of the acts of 1971 is hereby amended by
2 striking out lines 8 through 26 of section 2, and inserting in place
3 thereof the following: —

4 (a) Any sign, display or device which was lawfully in existence on
5 October the twenty-second, nineteen hundred and sixty-five or
6 lawfully erected thereafter, but which does not comply with the
7 provisions of chapter 93D of the General Laws, inserted by section 1
8 of the act; and

9 (b) Any sign, display or device lawfully erected on any highway
10 made a part of the interstate or primary system on or after October
11 the twenty-second, nineteen hundred and sixty-five, but which does
12 not comply with the provisions of said chapter 93D; provided,
13 however, that the department shall not acquire said sign, display or
14 device without receiving prior assurance from the appropriate
15 federal authorities that eighty percent of the cost of said acquisition
16 is available for reimbursement to the commonwealth. Said signs,
17 displays and devices shall not be subject to any proceeding for
18 abatement as a nuisance, or equitable relief, notwithstanding the
19 provisions of said chapter 93D.

