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FISCAL NOTE
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House Bill 203 (Delegate Moe. *et al.*)

Commerce and Government Matters

Roadside Solicitation - Minors

This bill prohibits a minor from standing in a roadway or on a lane divider to solicit for any purpose. Further, an adult may not cause, encourage, permit, or petition a minor to stand in a roadway or a lane divider to solicit for any purpose. A minor may not be found guilty or adjudicated delinquent of this offense if an adult caused, encouraged, permitted, or petitioned the minor to stand in a roadway or lane divider to solicit for any purpose.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Minimal general fund revenue increase from the penalty provision applicable to this offense under the Maryland Vehicle Law (maximum \$500 fine). Enforcement could be handled with existing resources.

Local Effect: None. Enforcement could be handled with existing resources.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: A person is prohibited from standing in a roadway to solicit a ride, employment, or business from an occupant of a vehicle. Further, a person is prohibited from standing on or near a highway to solicit any other person to guard any vehicle while it is parked or about to be parked.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: A similar bill was introduced in the 1998 session as HB 555 and received an unfavorable report from the House Commerce and Government Matters Committee.

Cross File: None.

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