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CHAPTER 463

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Washington County - Highways - Prohibition on Use for Solicitations**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the County Commissioners of Washington County to
4 prohibit the use of a controlled access highway in the county's jurisdiction by a
5 person soliciting money, donations, employment, business, or a ride from an
6 occupant of a vehicle on the controlled access highway; prohibiting, in
7 Washington County, a person from standing in a roadway, median divider, or
8 intersection to solicit money or donations from an occupant of a vehicle; and
9 generally relating to restrictions on the use of highways in Washington County
10 for solicitation.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
12 Article - Transportation
13 Section 21-101(d)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2002 Replacement Volume)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
17 Article - Transportation
18 Section 21-313 and 21-507
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2002 Replacement Volume)

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

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Article - Transportation

2 21-101.

3 (d) "Controlled access highway" means a highway or roadway to or from which
4 persons, including the owners or occupants of abutting lands, have no right of access
5 except at the points and in the manner determined by the public authority with
6 jurisdiction over the highway or roadway.

7 21-313.

8 (a) The State Highway Administration, by order, or any local authority, by
9 ordinance, may prohibit the use of any controlled access highway in its jurisdiction by
10 parades, funeral processions, bicycles, or other nonmotorized traffic or by any person
11 operating a motorcycle.

12 (b) The County Commissioners of Charles County OR WASHINGTON COUNTY,
13 by ordinance, may prohibit the use of any controlled access highway in the county's
14 jurisdiction by any person to solicit money, donations of any kind, employment,
15 business, or a ride from the occupant of any vehicle on the controlled access highway.

16 (c) The State Highway Administration or the local authority adopting any
17 prohibition under this section shall place and maintain signs on the controlled access
18 highway to which the prohibition is applicable. If signs are so placed, a person may
19 not disobey the restrictions stated on them.

20 21-507.

21 (a) Except for the occupant of a disabled vehicle who seeks the aid of another
22 vehicle, a person may not stand in a roadway to solicit a ride, employment, or
23 business from the occupant of any vehicle.

24 (b) A person may not stand on or near a highway to solicit any other person to
25 watch or guard any vehicle while it is parked or about to be parked on a highway.

26 (c) In Charles County OR WASHINGTON COUNTY, a person may not stand in a
27 roadway, median divider, or intersection to solicit money or donations of any kind
28 from the occupant of a vehicle.

29 (d) (1) In Prince George's County:

30 (i) A child under the age of 15 years may not stand in a roadway,
31 median divider, or intersection to solicit money or donations of any kind from the
32 occupant of a vehicle; and

33 (ii) An adult may not cause, encourage, allow, or petition a child
34 under the age of 15 years to stand in a roadway, median divider, or intersection to
35 solicit money or donations of any kind from the occupant of a vehicle.

1 (2) A child under the age of 15 years may not be found guilty or
2 adjudicated delinquent for a violation of paragraph (1)(i) of this subsection if an adult
3 caused, encouraged, allowed, or petitioned the child in violation of paragraph (1)(ii) of
4 this subsection.

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
6 October 1, 2003.