

## Chapter 118

(House Bill 467)

AN ACT concerning

### **Allegany County – Roadside Solicitation of Money or Donations – Permit Duration**

FOR the purpose of requiring that a roadside solicitation permit issued under a roadside solicitation permit program in Allegany County be effective for a certain period of time; and generally relating to roadside solicitation of money or donations.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Transportation  
Section 21–507(f)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2012 Replacement Volume)

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

#### **Article – Transportation**

21–507.

- (f) (1) This subsection applies only to Allegany County and Cecil County.
- (2) In this subsection, “qualified organization” means a fire company or bona fide religious, fraternal, civic, war veterans’, or charitable organization.
- (3) Except as provided in paragraph (4) of this subsection, a person may not:
- (i) Stand in a roadway, median divider, or intersection to solicit money or donations of any kind from the occupant of a vehicle; or
  - (ii) Cause, encourage, allow, or petition another to stand in a roadway, median divider, or intersection to solicit money or donations of any kind from the occupant of a vehicle.
- (4) (i) The governing body of a county or the governing body of a municipal corporation in a county may, by appropriate resolution or ordinance, enact a permit program to allow individuals who are at least 18 years old and representatives

of qualified organizations who are at least 18 years old to solicit money or donations from the occupant of a vehicle by standing in a roadway, median divider, or intersection in the county or municipal corporation.

(ii) If the governing body of a county or of a municipal corporation in the county enacts a resolution or ordinance establishing a permit program authorized by this paragraph, the resolution or ordinance shall:

1. Require an applicant for a permit to submit proof that the individual or qualified organization has a plan for safely soliciting money or donations from the proposed location;

2. Provide that a permit is effective for:

**A. [a] A period of 1 calendar day IN CECIL COUNTY; OR**

**B. A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED 5 CALENDAR DAYS IN ALLEGANY COUNTY; and**

3. Allow an individual or a qualified organization to obtain only one permit in the county or municipal corporation per calendar year.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2013.

**Approved by the Governor, April 9, 2013.**