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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Roadside Solicitation - Minors**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a minor from standing in a roadway or on a lane
4 divider to solicit for charitable purposes any purpose; prohibiting an adult from
5 causing, encouraging, permitting, or petitioning a minor to stand in a roadway
6 or on a lane divider to solicit for any purpose; providing a certain exception to
7 finding a minor guilty or adjudicating a minor as delinquent for a violation of
8 this Act; providing that certain provisions may not be construed as to prohibit
9 certain actions; defining a certain term; and generally relating to roadside
10 solicitation.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article - Transportation
13 Section 21-507
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (1999 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

18 **Article - Transportation**

19 21-507.

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

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

3 (C) (1) IN THIS SUBSECTION, "LANE DIVIDER" MEANS ANY INTERVENING
4 SPACE, BARRIER, OR CLEARLY INDICATED DIVIDING SECTION DESIGNED TO IMPEDE
5 VEHICULAR TRAFFIC BETWEEN TWO ROADWAYS.

6 (2) A MINOR MAY NOT STAND IN A ROADWAY OR ON A LANE DIVIDER TO
7 SOLICIT FOR CHARITABLE PURPOSES ANY PURPOSE.

8 (3) AN ADULT MAY NOT CAUSE, ENCOURAGE, PERMIT, OR PETITION A
9 MINOR TO STAND IN A ROADWAY OR ON A LANE DIVIDER TO SOLICIT FOR ANY
10 PURPOSE.

11 (4) A MINOR MAY NOT BE FOUND GUILTY OR ADJUDICATED
12 DELINQUENT UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION IF AN ADULT CAUSED,
13 ENCOURAGED, PERMITTED, OR PETITIONED THE MINOR TO STAND IN A ROADWAY OR
14 ON A LANE DIVIDER TO SOLICIT IN VIOLATION OF PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS
15 SUBSECTION.

16 (5) THE PROHIBITIONS UNDER THIS SUBSECTION MAY NOT BE
17 CONSTRUED AS TO PROHIBIT A MINOR DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN AN EMERGENCY
18 SITUATION FROM STANDING IN A ROADWAY OR ON A LANE DIVIDER.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
20 October 1, 2000.