
By: **Delegates Hutchins, Linton, and Mitchell**
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the State Highway Administration or a local
4 authority to prohibit the use of a controlled access highway by a person soliciting
5 money, donations, employment, business, or a ride from an occupant of a vehicle
6 on the controlled access highway; prohibiting, except under certain
7 circumstances, a person from standing in a roadway to solicit money or
8 donations from an occupant of a vehicle; and generally relating to restrictions on
9 the use of highways for solicitation.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
11 Article - Transportation
12 Section 21-101(d)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (1999 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
16 Article - Transportation
17 Section 21-313 and 21-507
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (1999 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

22 **Article - Transportation**

23 21-101.

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

1 21-313.

2 (a) The State Highway Administration, by order, or any local authority, by
3 ordinance, may prohibit the use of any controlled access highway in its jurisdiction by
4 parades, funeral processions, bicycles, or other nonmotorized traffic [or], by any
5 person operating a motorcycle, OR BY ANY PERSON TO SOLICIT MONEY, DONATIONS
6 OF ANY KIND, EMPLOYMENT, BUSINESS, OR A RIDE FROM THE OCCUPANT OF ANY
7 VEHICLE ON THE CONTROLLED ACCESS HIGHWAY.

8 (b) The State Highway Administration or the local authority adopting any
9 prohibition under subsection (a) of this section shall place and maintain signs on the
10 controlled access highway to which the prohibition is applicable. If signs are so
11 placed, a person may not disobey the restrictions stated on them.

12 21-507.

13 (a) Except for the occupant of a disabled vehicle who seeks the aid of another
14 vehicle, a person may not stand in a roadway to solicit a ride, employment, [or]
15 business, MONEY, OR DONATIONS OF ANY KIND from the occupant of any vehicle.

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

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