
By: **Senator Middleton**

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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; prohibiting a person from standing in a
9 median divider or intersection to solicit a ride, employment, business, money, or
10 donations from an occupant of a vehicle; and generally relating to restrictions on
11 the use of highways for solicitation.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
13 Article - Transportation
14 Section 21-101(d)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
18 Article - Transportation
19 Section 21-313 and 21-507
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

24 **Article - Transportation**

25 21-101.

26 (d) "Controlled access highway" means a highway or roadway to or from which
27 persons, including the owners or occupants of abutting lands, have no right of access

1 except at the points and in the manner determined by the public authority with
2 jurisdiction over the highway or roadway.

3 21-313.

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

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

14 21-507.

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

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

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
22 October 1, 2001.