

HOUSE BILL 948

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By: **Prince George's County Delegation**
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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's County - Roadside Solicitation - ~~Minors~~ Children**
3 **PG 418-02**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a ~~minor~~ child under a certain age in Prince George's
5 County from standing in a roadway, median divider, or intersection to solicit
6 money or donations of any kind from the occupant of a vehicle; prohibiting an
7 adult in Prince George's County from causing, encouraging, allowing, or
8 petitioning a ~~minor~~ certain child to stand in a roadway, median divider, or
9 intersection to solicit money or donations of any kind from the occupant of a
10 vehicle; providing a certain exception to finding a ~~minor~~ certain child guilty or
11 adjudicating a ~~minor~~ certain child as delinquent for a violation of this Act; and
12 generally relating to roadside solicitation in Prince George's County.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Article - Transportation
15 Section 21-507
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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

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Article - Transportation

2 21-507.

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

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

8 (c) In Charles County, a person may not stand in a roadway, median divider,
9 or intersection to solicit money or donations of any kind from the occupant of a
10 vehicle.

11 (D) (1) IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY:

12 (I) A MINOR CHILD UNDER THE AGE OF 15 YEARS MAY NOT STAND
13 IN A ROADWAY, MEDIAN DIVIDER, OR INTERSECTION TO SOLICIT MONEY OR
14 DONATIONS OF ANY KIND FROM THE OCCUPANT OF A VEHICLE; AND

15 (II) AN ADULT MAY NOT CAUSE, ENCOURAGE, ALLOW, OR PETITION
16 A MINOR CHILD UNDER THE AGE OF 15 YEARS TO STAND IN A ROADWAY, MEDIAN
17 DIVIDER, OR INTERSECTION TO SOLICIT MONEY OR DONATIONS OF ANY KIND FROM
18 THE OCCUPANT OF A VEHICLE.

19 (2) A MINOR CHILD UNDER THE AGE OF 15 YEARS MAY NOT BE FOUND
20 GUILTY OR ADJUDICATED DELINQUENT FOR A VIOLATION OF PARAGRAPH (1)(I) OF
21 THIS SUBSECTION IF AN ADULT CAUSED, ENCOURAGED, ALLOWED, OR PETITIONED
22 THE MINOR CHILD IN VIOLATION OF PARAGRAPH (1)(II) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
24 October 1, 2002.