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By: **Delegates Bates, Krebs, McDonough, and Miller**  
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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Highways - Prohibition on Use for Solicitation**

3 FOR the purpose of making statewide a prohibition against standing in a roadway,  
4 median divider, or intersection to solicit money or donations from the occupant  
5 of a vehicle; repealing certain provisions applicable in Prince George's County as  
6 redundant in light of the statewide application of this Act and certain other  
7 provisions of law; and generally relating to restrictions on the use of highways  
8 for solicitation.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article - Transportation  
11 Section 21-507  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

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

16 **Article - Transportation**

17 21-507.

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

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

23 (c) [In Charles County, Harford County, and Washington County, a] A person  
24 may not stand in a roadway, median divider, or intersection to solicit money or  
25 donations of any kind from the occupant of a vehicle.

26 (d) [(1)] In Prince George's County[:

1 (i) A child under the age of 15 years may not stand in a roadway,  
2 median divider, or intersection to solicit money or donations of any kind from the  
3 occupant of a vehicle; and

4 (ii) An adult may not cause, encourage, allow, or petition a child  
5 under the age of 15 years to stand in a roadway, median divider, or intersection to  
6 solicit money or donations of any kind from the occupant of a vehicle.

7 (2) A] A child under the age of 15 years may not be found guilty or  
8 adjudicated delinquent for a violation of [paragraph (1)(i) of this subsection] THIS  
9 SECTION if an adult caused, encouraged, allowed, or petitioned the child [in violation  
10 of paragraph (1)(ii) of this subsection.] TO SOLICIT MONEY OR DONATIONS OF ANY  
11 KIND FROM THE OCCUPANT OF A VEHICLE.

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
13 October 1, 2004.