

CHAPTER 695

(House Bill 864)

AN ACT concerning

Howard County – Roadside Solicitation of Money or Donations – Prohibition

Ho. Co. 9-09

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from standing in a State highway or the highway right-of-way in Howard County to solicit money or donations from an occupant of a vehicle; making the provisions of this Act severable; and generally relating to restrictions on the use of State highways in Howard County for solicitation.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 11-127 and 21-507(a) and (b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2006 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Transportation
Section 21-507(h)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2006 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

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

Article – Transportation

11-127.

“Highway” means:

(1) The entire width between the boundary lines of any way or thoroughfare of which any part is used by the public for vehicular travel, whether or not the way or thoroughfare has been dedicated to the public and accepted by any proper authority; and

(2) For purposes of the application of State laws, the entire width between the boundary lines of any way or thoroughfare used for purposes of vehicular

travel on any property owned, leased, or controlled by the United States government and located in the State.

21-507.

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

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

(H) IN HOWARD COUNTY, A PERSON MAY NOT STAND IN A STATE HIGHWAY OR THE HIGHWAY RIGHT-OF-WAY TO SOLICIT MONEY OR DONATIONS OF ANY KIND FROM THE OCCUPANT OF A VEHICLE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That if any provision of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason in a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or any other application of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and for this purpose the provisions of this Act are declared severable.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2009.

Approved by the Governor, May 19, 2009.