

# HOUSE BILL 150

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**By: Allegany County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: January 23, 2012

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Allegany County – Solicitation of Money or Donations from Occupants of**  
3 **Vehicles – Prohibitions and Permit Program**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting, in Allegany County, a person from standing, or  
5 causing, encouraging, allowing, or petitioning another to stand, in a roadway,  
6 median divider, or intersection to solicit money or donations from the occupant  
7 of a vehicle, subject to a certain exception; authorizing the governing body of the  
8 county or of a municipal corporation in the county to enact a certain permit  
9 program to allow individuals who are at least a certain age and representatives  
10 of certain organizations who are at least a certain age to solicit money or  
11 donations from the occupant of a vehicle by standing in a roadway, median  
12 divider, or intersection in the county or municipal corporation; requiring an  
13 applicant for a certain permit to submit proof of a certain plan; requiring that  
14 an application for a certain permit be effective only for a certain period of time;  
15 providing that an individual or a certain organization may obtain only a certain  
16 number of a certain permit per calendar year; and generally relating to the  
17 solicitation of money from occupants of vehicles in Allegany County.

18 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
19 Article – Transportation  
20 Section 21–507(f)  
21 Annotated Code of Maryland  
22 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

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

25 **Article – Transportation**

26 21–507.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (f) (1) This subsection applies only to **ALLEGANY COUNTY AND** Cecil  
2 County.

3 (2) In this subsection, “qualified organization” means a fire company  
4 or bona fide religious, fraternal, civic, war veterans’, or charitable organization.

5 (3) Except as provided in paragraph (4) of this subsection, [in Cecil  
6 County] a person may not:

7 (i) Stand in a roadway, median divider, or intersection to solicit  
8 money or donations of any kind from the occupant of a vehicle; or

9 (ii) Cause, encourage, allow, or petition another to stand in a  
10 roadway, median divider, or intersection to solicit money or donations of any kind from  
11 the occupant of a vehicle.

12 (4) (i) The [County Commissioners] **GOVERNING BODY** of [Cecil  
13 County] **A COUNTY** or the governing body of a municipal corporation in [Cecil County]  
14 **A COUNTY** may, by appropriate resolution or ordinance, enact a permit program to  
15 allow individuals who are at least 18 years old and representatives of qualified  
16 organizations who are at least 18 years old to solicit money or donations from the  
17 occupant of a vehicle by standing in a roadway, median divider, or intersection **IN THE**  
18 **COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.**

19 (ii) If the [county commissioners or the] governing body **OF A**  
20 **COUNTY OR** of a municipal corporation in the county [enact] **ENACTS** a resolution or  
21 ordinance establishing a permit program authorized by this paragraph, the resolution  
22 or ordinance shall:

23 1. Require an applicant for a permit to submit proof that  
24 the individual or qualified organization has a plan for safely soliciting money or  
25 donations from the proposed location;

26 2. Provide that a permit is effective for a period of 1  
27 calendar day; and

28 3. Allow an individual or a qualified organization to  
29 obtain only one permit **IN THE COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION** per calendar  
30 year.

31 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED,** That this Act shall take effect  
32 June 1, 2012.