

HOUSE BILL 150

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By: **Allegany County Delegation**

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CHAPTER _____

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)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



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

3 **Article – Transportation**

4 21–507.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.