

Chapter 104

(House Bill 150)

AN ACT concerning

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

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

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

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

Article – Transportation

21–507.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Approved by the Governor, April 10, 2012.