

HOUSE BILL 320

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HB 1312/24 – ENT

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CF SB 101

By: **Delegates Beauchamp, Adams, Hartman, Hutchinson, Otto, and Sample-Hughes**

Introduced and read first time: January 10, 2025

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

House action: Adopted

Read second time: March 21, 2025

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Wicomico County – Vehicle Laws – Prohibition on Roadway Solicitations**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person in Wicomico County from standing in a roadway,
4 median divider, or intersection to solicit in an aggressive manner money or donations
5 from the occupant of a vehicle; and generally relating to roadway solicitations in
6 Wicomico County.

7 BY ~~repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~ adding to

8 Article – Transportation

9 Section ~~21-507(e)~~ 21-507.1

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Transportation**

15 ~~21-507.~~

16 ~~(e) In Calvert County, Carroll County, Charles County, Harford County, [and]~~
17 ~~Washington County, AND WICOMICO COUNTY, a person may not stand in a roadway,~~
18 ~~median divider, or intersection to solicit money or donations of any kind from the occupant~~
19 ~~of a vehicle.~~

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 **21-507.1.**

2 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, "AGGRESSIVE MANNER" MEANS:**

3 **(1) INTENTIONALLY BLOCKING OR INTERFERING WITH THE SAFE OR**
4 **FREE PASSAGE OF A PEDESTRIAN OR VEHICLE BY ANY MEANS, INCLUDING BY**
5 **UNREASONABLY CAUSING A PEDESTRIAN OR DRIVER TO TAKE EVASIVE ACTION TO**
6 **AVOID PHYSICAL CONTACT; OR**

7 **(2) USING VIOLENT OR THREATENING GESTURES TOWARD AN**
8 **INDIVIDUAL.**

9 **(B) IN WICOMICO COUNTY, A PERSON MAY NOT STAND IN A ROADWAY,**
10 **MEDIAN DIVIDER, OR INTERSECTION TO SOLICIT IN AN AGGRESSIVE MANNER**
11 **MONEY OR DONATIONS OF ANY KIND FROM AN OCCUPANT OF A VEHICLE.**

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
13 ~~October~~ June 1, 2025.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.