

Chapter 586

(House Bill 263)

AN ACT concerning

Frederick County – Roadside Solicitation of Money or Donations – Permit Program

FOR the purpose of authorizing Frederick County or a municipal corporation in Frederick County under certain conditions to enact a permit program allowing a person to stand in a roadway, median divider, or intersection to solicit money or donations from the occupant of a vehicle; requiring a permit application to include certain information; requiring the county or municipal corporation to approve or deny an application within a certain period; authorizing the county or municipal corporation to impose conditions on the solicitation; and generally relating to a permit program for roadside solicitation of money and donations in Frederick County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 21–507(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2009 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Transportation
Section 21–507(k)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2009 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

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

Article – Transportation

21–507.

(c) In Carroll County, Charles County, [Frederick County,] Harford County, and Washington County, a person may not stand in a roadway, median divider, or intersection to solicit money or donations of any kind from the occupant of a vehicle.

(K) (1) THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES ONLY IN FREDERICK COUNTY.

(2) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A PERSON MAY NOT STAND IN A ROADWAY, A MEDIAN DIVIDER, OR AN INTERSECTION TO SOLICIT MONEY OR DONATIONS FROM THE OCCUPANT OF A VEHICLE.

(3) THE COUNTY OR A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION IN THE COUNTY MAY BY ORDINANCE ENACT A PERMIT PROGRAM TO ALLOW A PERSON TO STAND IN A ROADWAY, A MEDIAN DIVIDER, OR AN INTERSECTION TO SOLICIT MONEY OR DONATIONS FROM THE OCCUPANT OF A VEHICLE IF THE SOLICITATION OCCURS COMPLETELY IN THE COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.

(4) IF THE COUNTY OR A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION ENACTS AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A PERMIT PROGRAM, THE ORDINANCE SHALL REQUIRE A PERSON SEEKING A PERMIT TO FILE AN APPLICATION CONTAINING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

(I) THE DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION OF THE SOLICITATION;

(II) THE MANNER AND CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THE SOLICITATION IS TO OCCUR; AND

(III) THE NAME, ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF A CONTACT PERSON OF THE EMPLOYING OR SPONSORING PERSON, AGENCY, OR ENTITY ON WHOSE BEHALF THE SOLICITATION IS TO BE MADE, WHO WILL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO THE COUNTY, MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, OR THE DESIGNEE OF THE COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.

(5) THE COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION:

(I) WITHIN 5 DAYS AFTER THE APPLICATION IS FILED, SHALL APPROVE OR DENY THE APPLICATION; AND

(II) MAY IMPOSE CONDITIONS ON THE SOLICITATION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2011.

Approved by the Governor, May 19, 2011.