

HOUSE BILL 273

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HB 102/16 – ENV

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By: **Delegate B. Barnes**

Introduced and read first time: January 25, 2019

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Anne Arundel County – Solicitation of Money or Donations From Occupants of**
3 **Vehicles – Prohibitions and Permit Program**

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

21 BY repealing

22 Article – Transportation

23 Section 21–507(e)

24 Annotated Code of Maryland

25 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

26 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

27 Article – Transportation

28 Section 21–507(f)

29 Annotated Code of Maryland

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(2012 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

BY renumbering

Article – Transportation

Section 21–507(g) through (j), respectively

to be Section 21–507(f) through (i), respectively

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2012 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

Article – Transportation

21–507.

[(e) (1) This subsection applies to Anne Arundel County.

(2) (i) A person may not stand in a highway to:

1. Solicit money or donations of any kind from the occupant
of a vehicle; or

2. Advertise any message.

(ii) “Highway” includes:

1. Rights-of-way, roadway surfaces, roadway subgrades,
shoulders, median dividers, drainage facilities and structures, related stormwater
management facilities and structures, roadway cuts, roadway fills, guardrails, bridges,
highway grade separation structures, railroad grade separations, tunnels, overpasses,
underpasses, interchanges, entrance plazas, approaches, and other structures forming an
integral part of a street, road, or highway, including bicycle and walking paths; and

2. Any other property acquired for the construction,
operation, or use of the highway.]

[(f) (E) (1) This subsection applies only to Allegany County, ANNE
ARUNDEL 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, a person may
not:

(i) Stand in a roadway, median divider, or intersection to solicit

1 money or donations of any kind from the occupant of a vehicle; [or]

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

5 (iii) **IN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, STAND IN A ROADWAY, A**
6 **MEDIAN DIVIDER, OR AN INTERSECTION TO ADVERTISE ANY MESSAGE.**

7 (4) (i) The governing body of a county or the governing body of a
8 municipal corporation in a county may, by appropriate resolution or ordinance, enact a
9 permit program to allow individuals who are at least 18 years old and representatives of
10 qualified organizations who are at least 18 years old to solicit money or donations from the
11 occupant of a vehicle by standing in a roadway, median divider, or intersection in the county
12 or municipal corporation.

13 (ii) If the governing body of a county or of a municipal corporation in
14 the county enacts a resolution or ordinance establishing a permit program authorized by
15 this paragraph, the resolution or ordinance shall:

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

19 **B. IN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, REQUIRE THE PLAN FOR**
20 **SAFELY SOLICITING MONEY OR DONATIONS TO INCLUDE A REQUIREMENT THAT**
21 **EACH INDIVIDUAL WHO WILL SOLICIT MONEY OR DONATIONS RECEIVE TRAFFIC**
22 **SAFETY TRAINING;**

23 2. Provide that a permit is effective for:

24 A. A period of 1 calendar day in Cecil County; [or]

25 B. A period not to exceed 5 calendar days in Allegany County;

26 **OR**

27 **C. A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED 7 CALENDAR DAYS IN ANNE**
28 **ARUNDEL COUNTY; and**

29 3. Allow an individual or a qualified organization to obtain
30 only one permit in the county or municipal corporation per calendar year.

31 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) 21–507(g) through
32 (j), respectively, of Article – Transportation of the Annotated Code of Maryland be
33 renumbered to be Section(s) 21–507(f) through (i), respectively.

1 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 2019.