

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed House Bill 154 – Harford County – Highways – Prohibition on Use for Solicitation.

This bill prohibits in Harford County a person from standing in a roadway, median divider, or intersection to solicit money or donations of any kind from an occupant of a vehicle.

Senate Bill 197, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 154.

Sincerely,  
Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.  
Governor

### House Bill No. 154

AN ACT concerning

#### **Harford County – Highways – Prohibition on Use for Solicitation**

FOR the purpose of prohibiting, in Harford County, a person from standing in a roadway, median divider, or intersection to solicit money or donations from the occupant of a vehicle; and generally relating to restrictions on the use of highways for solicitation in Harford County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Transportation

Section 21–507

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2002 Replacement Volume)

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

#### **Article – Transportation**

21–507.

(a) Except for the occupant of a disabled vehicle who seeks the aid of another vehicle, a person may not stand in a roadway to solicit a ride, employment, or business from the occupant of any vehicle.

(b) A person may not stand on or near a highway to solicit any other person to watch or guard any vehicle while it is parked or about to be parked on a highway.

(c) In Charles County AND HARFORD 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.