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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, FEBRUARY 6, 2007

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, further providing for pedestrians soliciting rides
3 or business.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 3545 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 3545. Pedestrians soliciting rides or business.

9 (a) Prohibition.--No person shall:

10 (1) Stand on a roadway for the purpose of soliciting a
11 ride.

12 (2) [Stand] Except as provided in subsection (b), stand
13 on a roadway for the purpose of soliciting employment,
14 business or contributions from the occupant of any vehicle.

15 (3) Stand on or in proximity to a highway for the
16 purpose of soliciting the watching or guarding of any vehicle

1 while parked or about to be parked on a street or highway.

2 (b) Exception.--

3 (1) Subsection (a)(2) shall not apply to a solicitation
4 under paragraph (2) by a bona fide, duly constituted
5 organization of law enforcement personnel, firefighters or
6 other persons who protect the public safety acting under this
7 subsection or to those organizations approved by the
8 political subdivision to solicit for nonprofit purposes.

9 (2) A solicitation may be conducted on behalf of an
10 organization listed under paragraph (1) in accordance with
11 the following:

12 (i) The solicitation shall only occur at a
13 controlled-intersection approach which meets all of the
14 following:

15 (A) Has a stop sign or a traffic signal.

16 (B) Is located on a two-lane roadway having a
17 maximum speed limit of 35 miles per hour or less.

18 (ii) The entities authorized in paragraph (1) shall
19 obtain the written approval of the political subdivision
20 where the solicitation occurs and the written approval of
21 the department or the leadership of the entity. The
22 political subdivision and the department or leadership of
23 the entity may base its decision regarding approval or
24 disapproval on public safety or traffic operations
25 issues. Approval may be revoked if concerns are raised
26 due to unanticipated public safety or traffic operations
27 events.

28 (iii) The political subdivision or department or
29 leadership of the entity shall be permitted to establish
30 limitations on the duration of the solicitation, the time

1 of day when solicitation shall occur, or the number of
2 individuals engaging in solicitation.

3 (iv) Solicitors from entities that are organizations
4 engaged in nonprofit purposes shall adhere to the
5 following:

6 (A) The solicitors shall have liability
7 insurance provided by the organization for which the
8 solicitors are soliciting.

9 (B) The solicitors must be accompanied by an
10 individual trained for emergency situations.

11 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.