

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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WONDERLING, MARCH 12, 2007

REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION, MARCH 12, 2007

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, authorizing certain charitable organizations to
3 solicit funds on highways.

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

1 (b) Exception.--

2 (1) Subsection (a)(2) shall not apply to a solicitation
3 under paragraph (2) by a bona fide, duly constituted
4 organization of law enforcement personnel, firefighters or
5 other persons who protect the public safety acting under this
6 subsection.

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

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

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

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

16 (ii) The entities authorized under paragraph (1)
17 must obtain the written approval of the political
18 subdivision where the solicitation occurs and, as
19 necessary, the written approval of the department if
20 Federal-aid system highways are involved. The political
21 subdivision and the department may base their decisions
22 regarding approval or disapproval on public safety or
23 traffic operations issues. Approval may be revoked if
24 concerns are raised due to unanticipated public safety or
25 traffic operations events.

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