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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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INTRODUCTORY\*

CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL

Introduced by: Councilmember Kraft

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ORDINANCE concerning  
**Street Regulations - Soliciting**

FOR the purpose of extending certain prohibitions involving the solicitation of customers to apply to the solicitation of donations; increasing the penalties for a violation of these prohibitions; repealing certain obsolete or otherwise unnecessary sections involving solicitation activities; and correcting, clarifying, and conforming related language.  
BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments

Article 19 - Police Ordinances  
Subtitle 50, Part 8  
Baltimore City Code  
(Edition 2000)

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That the Laws of Baltimore City read as follows:

Baltimore City Code

Article 19. Police Ordinances

Subtitle 50. Street Regulations

Part 8. Soliciting Customers OR DONATIONS

§ 5056. Obstructing passage prohibited.

[Any] IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR ANY person [who shall be found] in OR ON any [of the streets or highways] STREET or [upon any sidewalks or footways] SIDEWALK [engaged in obstructing the] TO OBSTRUCT passage along [any of said streets or highways or upon any of the said sidewalks or footways] THE STREET OR SIDEWALK by catching hold of or soliciting persons or in any way interfering with their free passage [along said

streets, highways, sidewalks, or footways], for the purpose of inducing or compelling them to buy any article or thing OR TO DONATE ANY MONEY OR THING [from any store or stand, or any livery or sale stable, shall be subject to a fine of \$10 for each and every offense].

[§ 5057. In front of store - soliciting business.

Any person who shall stop, accost, or solicit any person on the pavement, sidewalk, or footway in front of or adjacent to any store or establishment within the corporate limits of the City of Baltimore, where goods are sold at wholesale or retail, for the purpose of enticing away, selling to, or in any manner interfering with such last named person, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined \$10 for each and every offense.]

[§ 5058. In front of store - enticing away.

Any person remaining in front of or entering any store where goods are sold at retail, or any livery or sale stable, for the purpose of enticing away or in any manner interfering with any person or persons who may be in front of or who may have entered therein for the purpose of buying, shall be subject to a fine of \$20 for each and every offense, said fine to be recovered as other fines and penalties are recovered.]

§ 5059. Enforcement by citation.

(a) In general.

In addition to any other civil or criminal remedy or enforcement procedure, § 50-56 OF this [Part] SUBTITLE may be enforced by issuance of a civil citation under City Code Article 1, Subtitle 41 {"Civil Citations"}.

(b) Method not exclusive.

The issuance of a civil citation to enforce § 50-56 OF this [Part] SUBTITLE does not preclude pursuing any other civil or criminal remedy or enforcement action authorized by law.

§ 5060. CRIMINAL PENALTIES.

ANY PERSON WHO VIOLATES A PROVISION OF § 50-56 OF THIS SUBTITLE IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND, ON CONVICTION, IS SUBJECT TO A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$200 FOR EACH OFFENSE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That the catchlines contained in this Ordinance are not law and may not be considered to have been enacted as a part of this or any prior Ordinance.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30th day after the date it is enacted.

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