

It shall not constitute any defense or ground of suspension of judgment, sentence or punishment on behalf of any person prosecuted under this section, that any of his fellow conspirators has been acquitted, has not been arrested or convicted, is not amenable to justice or has been pardoned or otherwise discharged before or after conviction.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1967.

Approved March 24, 1967.

CHAPTER 44

(Senate Bill 61)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 103B(a) of Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume and 1966 Supplement), title "Governor-Executive and Administrative Departments," subtitle "The Executive Department," subheading "Charitable Organizations," correcting an error in the laws regulating the solicitation of funds by charitable organizations in this State.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 103B(a) of Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume and 1966 Supplement), title "Governor-Executive and Administrative Departments," subtitle "The Executive Department," subheading "Charitable Organizations," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

103B.

(a) No charitable organization shall solicit contributions from persons in this State by any means whatsoever until such charitable organization shall have provided certain information concerning such solicitation, as required by this subtitle, on forms to be provided by the department and shall have filed such information with the department. The information so filed shall be available to the general public as a matter of public record. The forms containing such information shall be sworn to and shall include, but not be limited to, (1) the identity of the charitable organization by or for whom the solicitation is to be conducted; (2) the address thereof; (3) the purpose or purposes for which the contributions solicited are to be used; (4) the individual or officer who will have custody of the contributions; (5) the individuals responsible for the distribution thereof; (6) the period of time during which such solicitation is to be conducted; (7) a description of the method or methods of solicitation in such detail as may from *time* to time be determined by the department; (8) whether such solicitation is to be conducted by voluntary unpaid solicitors, by paid solicitors, or both; and (9) if in whole or in part by paid solicitors, the name and address of each professional fund raiser supplying such solicitors, the basis of payment and the nature of the arrangement.