

487) in their unamended form. These bills as introduced by the Administration were nearly identical to the "Model For State Legislation Regulating Charitable Organizations" and endorsed by the numerous National Voluntary Health Agencies.

We have made several changes in the bill which we feel will provide a more workable and effective regulation over public solicitation and assure that contributions will be used to benefit the intended purpose. It is important to note however, that it is the intention of the Constitutional and Administrative Law Committee to continue to review the entire gamut of activities relating to charitable organizations during the 1976 summer interim.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Sections 103A through 103E of Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative Departments, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement) be and they are hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Sections 282 through 289 of Article 56 - Licenses, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement) be and they are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That new Sections 103A through 103L be and they are hereby added to Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative Departments, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article 41 - Governor - Executive and  
Administrative Departments

103A. DEFINITIONS.

(A) THE FOLLOWING WORDS, AS USED IN THIS SUBTITLE, HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED UNLESS THE CONTEXT OF THEIR USE CLEARLY REQUIRES OTHERWISE.

(B) "CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION" MEANS AN ORGANIZATION WHICH IS OR HOLDS ITSELF OUT TO BE A BENEVOLENT, EDUCATIONAL, PHILANTHROPIC, HUMANE, PATRIOTIC, RELIGIOUS, OR ELEEMOSYNARY ORGANIZATION AND SOLICITS OR OBTAINS CONTRIBUTIONS SOLICITED FROM THE PUBLIC FOR CHARITABLE PURPOSES. IT INCLUDES A CHAPTER, BRANCH, AREA, OFFICE, OR SIMILAR AFFILIATE SOLICITING CONTRIBUTIONS WITHIN THE STATE OF MARYLAND FOR A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION WHICH HAS ITS PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS OUTSIDE THE STATE. IT DOES NOT INCLUDE A POLITICAL PARTY, POLITICAL COMMITTEE, POLITICAL CLUB, OR AN AGENCY OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT, OR OF A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION.

(C) "CONTRIBUTION" MEANS INCOME, AND INCLUDES THE