

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 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, of the State government, or of a political subdivision.

(B-1) "CHARITABLE PURPOSE" MEANS A CHARITABLE, BENEVOLENT, PHILANTHROPIC, PATRIOTIC, OR ELEEMOSYNARY PURPOSE FOR RELIGIOUS, HEALTH, EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE, ARTS AND HUMANITIES, CIVIC AND PUBLIC INTERESTS.

(g) "Professional fund-raiser counsel" means any person who for a fee under any agreement plans, conducts, manages, carries on, advises or acts as a consultant, whether directly or indirectly, in connection with soliciting contributions for, on or behalf of, a charitable organization but who does not actually solicit contributions as a part of his services. The following persons shall not be deemed to be a professional fund-raiser counsel by reason of the activities listed:

(1) An attorney who renders professional legal advice;

(2) An attorney, investment counselor, or banker who advises a client or customer to contribute to a charitable organization; and

(3) A bona fide salaried officer or employee of a charitable organization [which maintains a permanent office in the State].

(h) "Professional solicitor" means a person who (1) for a financial consideration solicits contributions for, or on behalf of, a charitable organization, either personally or through agents or employees specifically employed for that purpose, or (2) who plans, manages, carries on, advises, or acts as a consultant to a charitable organization in connection with the solicitation of contributions but does not qualify as professional fund-raiser counsel. The following persons shall not be deemed to be professional solicitors by reason of the activities listed:

(1) An attorney, investment counselor, or banker who advises a client or customer to contribute to a charitable organization, if he does not otherwise perform the functions of a professional fund-raiser counsel or a professional solicitor; or

(2) A bona fide salaried officer or employee of a charitable organization [which maintains a permanent office in the State].