

BY adding to

Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative
Departments
Section 103A(k), 103F-1, 103F-2, and 103F-3
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1982 Replacement Volume and 1983 Supplement)

BY repealing

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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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103A.

(b) (1) "Charitable organization" means an organization which is or holds itself out to be a CHARITABLE, benevolent, educational, HEALTH, philanthropic, humane, patriotic, FRATERNAL, religious, ENVIRONMENTAL,--PUBLIC--OR--SOCIAL--ADVOCACY,--ART-AND HUMANITIES,--CIVIL--OR--PUBLIC--INTEREST,--POLICE--OR--OTHER--LAW ENFORCEMENT,--FIRE--FIGHTERS, or eleemosynary organization and WHICH 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. THE CHARITABLE NATURE OF AN ORGANIZATION MAY BE DETERMINED BY THE ACTIVITIES THE ORGANIZATION CONDUCTS AS WELL AS BY THE GOVERNING INSTRUMENT. FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS OR FIRE FIGHTERS, POLICE, OR OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT ORGANIZATIONS ARE NOT INCLUDED AS A "CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION" UNLESS THE FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION OR LAW ENFORCEMENT ORGANIZATION IS SOLICITING FOR CHARITABLE PURPOSES.

(2) "CHARITABLE PURPOSES" MEANS ANY CHARITABLE-- OR BENEVOLENT,--OR FRATERNAL PURPOSE AND--INCLUDES--THE--RELIEF--OF POVERTY,--ADVANCEMENT--OF--EDUCATION,--CULTURE--OR--RELIGION,--PROMOTION OF--HEALTH,--GOVERNMENTAL--OR--MUNICIPAL--PURPOSES,--OR--OTHER--PURPOSES THE ACCOMPLISHMENT--OF--WHICH--IS--BENEFICIAL--TO--THE--COMMUNITY,--OR PROMOTES--THE--WELFARE--OF--HUMANKIND--AT--LARGE.