

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1985.

May 28, 1985

The Honorable Melvin A. Steinberg
President of the Senate
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 558.

This bill provides certain consumer protections for solicitations from the public by charitable organizations.

House Bill 1289, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 21, 1985, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 558.

Sincerely,
Harry Hughes
Governor

Senate Bill No. 558

AN ACT concerning

Consumer Protection - Charitable Organizations

FOR the purpose of promoting informed decision making by the public concerning charitable donations by requiring a certain disclosure statement to be included in certain contribution solicitations and receipts; repealing a certain limitation on expenses for fund-raising activity; altering certain registration requirements for charitable organizations; providing for regulation of certain educational, health, and community charitable organizations; raising the contribution threshold below which certain charitable organizations are exempt from certain regulatory requirements; repealing the requirement for a certain exemption statement; changing the filing fee for charitable organizations; requiring charitable organizations to file annual reports with the Secretary of State under certain conditions and allowing certain documents to be filed in lieu of an annual report; requiring charitable organizations