

to provide a certain financial statement in response to a request; defining certain terms; making conforming changes; and generally relating to regulation of charitable organizations.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative
Departments

Section 103A, 103B, 103C, 103D, 103E, 103F-2(e), (h), and
(i), 103G, and 103-I

Annotated Code of Maryland
(1982 Replacement Volume and 1984 Supplement)

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

Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative Departments

103A.

(a) The following words, as used in this subtitle, have the meanings indicated unless the context of their use clearly requires otherwise.

(b) (1) "Charitable organization" means [an organization which] A PERSON THAT 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. Fraternal organizations or fire fighters, RESCUE OR AMBULANCE PERSONS, 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 purpose.

(c) "Contribution" means income, and includes the enforceable pledge, payment, or rendition of money, property, or service. Each charitable organization may honor credit cards as payment. The board of directors or executive officer of each charitable organization shall determine which credit cards are acceptable for this purpose. It does not include UNSOLICITED GIFTS, FOUNDATION GRANTS, CORPORATION GRANTS, OR GOVERNMENT GRANTS OR FUNDS, the payment of bona fide membership dues, fines, or assessments, or payments for property sold or services