

AN ACT concerning

Charitable Organizations - Fire Fighters
or Rescue or Ambulance Persons

FOR the purpose of exempting certain volunteer ~~and professional~~ organizations of fire fighters or rescue or ambulance persons from certain provisions relating to the regulation of charitable organizations.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative
Departments
Section 3-201(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1986 Replacement Volume and 1987 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

3-201.

(b) (1) "Charitable organization" means 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-} AND--VOLUNTEER--OR PROFESSIONAL--ORGANIZATIONS--OF~~ 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 BUT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE PURPOSES--OF RAISING OF FUNDS BY A VOLUNTEER OR PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS OR RESCUE OR AMBULANCE PERSONS FOR ITS FIRE FIGHTING, AMBULANCE, OR RESCUE OPERATIONS.