

CHAPTER 657

(House Bill 373)

AN ACT concerning

Charitable Solicitations - Prohibited Acts - Penalties

FOR the purpose of altering and expanding the scope of acts prohibited in connection with certain charitable solicitations; prohibiting certain fraudulent illegal, deceptive, or misleading acts, practices, and uses under certain circumstances; prohibiting the continuation of solicitation under certain circumstances; prohibiting the misapplication of funds under certain circumstances; prohibiting noncompliance with certain regulatory requirements; regulating sweepstakes used in connection with certain charitable solicitations; requiring certain disclosures; establishing certain enforcement procedures; prescribing certain penalties for certain violations, including fines and imprisonment restitution; creating private rights of action for certain persons under certain circumstances; making certain persons fiduciaries in certain situations; prohibiting an officer, director, partner, or trustee of a charitable organization from voting for the authorization, approval, or ratification of a contract or transaction involving a matter certain matters in which the officer, director, partner, or trustee has a certain interest; altering certain definitions; making stylistic changes; making provisions of this Act severable; providing for a delayed effective date for certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to charitable organizations and solicitations by those organizations.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative
Departments
Section 3-201(j), 3-212, and 3-214 to be under the amended
subtitle "Subtitle 2. Charitable Organization
Solicitations"
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1986 Replacement Volume and 1988 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative
Departments
Section 3-215, 3-216, ~~and 3-217~~ 3-217, and 3-218
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1986 Replacement Volume and 1988 Supplement).