

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

Subtitle 2. Charitable [Organizations] ORGANIZATION
SOLICITATIONS

3-201.

(j) "Disclosure statement" means a written statement that a person may obtain on request a copy of the current financial statement of a charitable organization and shall include:

(1) [the] THE name of the charitable organization and the address and telephone number where requests for a copy of the financial statement should be directed; AND

(2) A STATEMENT THAT DOCUMENTS AND INFORMATION FILED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative Departments

Subtitle 2. Charitable [Organizations] ORGANIZATION
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3-212.

(a) A charitable organization, fund-raising counsel, professional solicitor, and solicitor may not use or exploit the fact of registration so as to lead the public to believe that the registration in any manner constitutes an endorsement or approval by the State of Maryland. However, the use of the following statement shall not be deemed a prohibited exploitation: "Registered with the Secretary of State of Maryland as required by law. Registration does not constitute or imply endorsement of a public solicitation for contributions."

(b) A person may not, in connection with the solicitation of contributions for or the sale of goods or services of a person other than a charitable organization, misrepresent to or mislead anyone by any manner, means, practice, or device, to believe that the person on whose behalf the solicitations or sale is being conducted is a charitable organization or that the proceeds of the solicitation or sale will be used for charitable purposes, if that is not the fact.

(c) A person may not in connection with the solicitation of contributions or the sale of goods for charitable purposes