organizations and charitable representatives are felonies; altering the statute of limitations for prosecution of certain violations; and generally relating to prosecution for violations of laws relating to charitable organizations and charitable representatives.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article Business Regulation

Section-6-619

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1992 Volume and 1994 Supplement)

FOR the purpose of altering the statute of limitations that is applicable to the prosecution of certain violations of the Maryland Charitable Solicitations Act; and generally relating to the prosecution of crimes involving charitable organizations and representatives.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 5-106

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1989 Replacement Volume and 1994 Supplement)

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

Article Business Regulation

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- (a) A person who commits a willful violation of this title or who causes a person to commit a willful violation of this title is guilty of a misdemeanor and, on conviction, is subject to a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or imprisonment not exceeding 1 year or both.
- (b) A person who commits a grossly negligent violation of this title or who causes a person to commit a grossly negligent violation of this title is guilty of a misdemeanor and, on conviction, is subject to a fine not exceeding \$3,000 or liability for restitution that the court determines or both.
- (C) A-PERSON WHO COMMITS A VIOLATION OF THIS TITLE AFTER BEING CONVICTED OF A PRIOR VIOLATION OF THIS TITLE IS GUILTY OF A FELONY.
- (D) A CRIMINAL PROCEEDING MAY NOT BE BROUGHT MORE THAN 3 YEARS AFTER THE ALLEGED VIOLATION OF THIS TITLE.

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

5-106.

(a) Except as provided by this section, a prosecution for a misdemeanor shall be instituted within one year after the offense was committed.