

contributions from certain corporations and organizations; allowing the Secretary of State to make available for a certain fee a disk containing computerized data to further the Charitable Giving Information Program; ~~clarifying that~~ authorizing the designee of the Secretary of State ~~may to~~ investigate ~~possible~~ alleged violations of the Maryland Charitable Solicitations Act; providing that the Legal Counsel for the Secretary of State may ~~appoint a designee~~ administer oaths and examine an individual under oath for certain purposes; providing that the Secretary of State may take certain actions if the Secretary has reasonable grounds to believe the Maryland Charitable Solicitations Act has been violated; providing that the Secretary of State may enter into a written assurance of voluntary compliance or other agreement with an apparent violator of the Maryland Charitable Solicitations Act; altering the circumstances under which the Secretary may summarily issue a cease and desist order; providing that a professional solicitor that submits a \$25,000 irrevocable letter of credit to the Secretary of State need not submit a \$25,000 surety bond; providing that the bond submitted by a professional solicitor shall cover the activities of certain persons, ~~or the professional solicitor shall obtain separate bonds for those persons~~; clarifying that requiring a person who has acted as a professional solicitor before applying to register as a professional solicitor ~~shall to~~ submit a certain accounting with the application; altering the contents of the financial statement that a charitable organization is required to provide upon request; exempting certain grant applications from a certain disclosure statement requirement; requiring that certain contracts be filed with the Secretary of State; providing immunity from certain liability for certain television or radio broadcasting stations and certain publishers and printers under certain circumstances; altering certain definitions; and generally relating to charitable solicitation.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Business Regulation

Section 6-101(c), (f), and ~~(h)(1)~~ (h), 6-102(c)(1), 6-201, 6-205, 6-303, 6-306, 6-410, ~~6-411~~, and 6-501(a) and (b)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1992 Volume and 1995 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Business Regulation

Section 6-621

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1992 Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

**Article - Business Regulation**

6-101.

(c) (1) "Charitable contribution" means a contribution made on a representation that it will be used for a charitable purpose.