

Annotated Code of Maryland
(1992 Volume and 1996 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article - Business Regulation
Section 6-620

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

Article - Business Regulation

6-101.

(a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

(d) (1) "Charitable organization" means:

(i) a person that:

1. is or holds itself out to be a benevolent, educational, eleemosynary, humane, patriotic, philanthropic, or religious organization; and

2. solicits or receives charitable contributions from the public;

or

(ii) an ambulance, fire fighting, fraternal, rescue, or police or other law enforcement organization when it solicits charitable contributions from the public.

(2) "Charitable organization" includes an area, branch, chapter, office, or similar affiliate that solicits charitable contributions from the public within the State for a charitable organization that is organized or has its principal place of business outside the State.

(3) "Charitable organization" does not include:

(i) an agency of the State government or of a political subdivision; or

(ii) a political club, committee, or party.

6-619.

(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.