

(B) A PRINCIPAL OWNER OR EMPLOYEE OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY SOLICITOR MAY NOT WILLFULLY OR IN A GROSSLY NEGLIGENT WAY COMMIT OR CAUSE TO COMMIT A VIOLATION OF THIS SUBTITLE.

6-5A-10.

(A) A PERSON THAT ENGAGES IN SOLICITING PUBLIC SAFETY CONTRIBUTIONS WITHOUT PRIOR APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION AS A PUBLIC SAFETY SOLICITOR IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND, ON CONVICTION, IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING 10 TIMES THE VALUE OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF FUNDS IMPROPERLY SOLICITED OR IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 1 YEAR OR BOTH.

(B) A PERSON CONVICTED OF A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION ~~SHALL~~ MAY:

(1) BE PROHIBITED FROM ACTING AS A PUBLIC SAFETY SOLICITOR FOR A PERIOD UP TO 10 YEARS BEGINNING ON THE DATE OF THE CONVICTION; AND

(2) BE ORDERED TO REFUND ALL IMPROPERLY SOLICITED PUBLIC SAFETY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE DONORS WHO MADE SUCH CONTRIBUTIONS.

6-5A-11.

(A) A PERSON WHO COMMITS A WILLFUL VIOLATION OF THIS SUBTITLE:

(1) IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR;

(2) IS SUBJECT, ON CONVICTION, TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING THREE TIMES THE VALUE OF THE TOTAL GROSS AMOUNT OF FUNDS SOLICITED BY THE PUBLIC SAFETY SOLICITOR OR IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 1 YEAR OR BOTH; AND

(3) SHALL FORFEIT TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE THE BOND REQUIRED IN § 6-5A-03 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(B) A PERSON WHO COMMITS A GROSSLY NEGLIGENT VIOLATION OF THIS SUBTITLE:

(1) IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR;

(2) IS SUBJECT, ON CONVICTION, TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING THE GROSS AMOUNT OF FUNDS SOLICITED BY THE PUBLIC SAFETY SOLICITOR OR LIABILITY FOR RESTITUTION THAT THE COURT DETERMINES OR BOTH; AND

(3) SHALL FORFEIT TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE THE BOND REQUIRED IN § 6-5A-03 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

6-701.

This title is the Maryland [Charitable] Solicitations Act.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2000.

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