

establishing a late filing fee for certain charitable organizations; requiring certain organizations and persons to be registered with the Secretary of State prior to entering into a fund-raising agreement; requiring the Governor to budget certain funds for a certain program; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to ~~the requirements of~~ the Maryland Charitable Solicitations Act.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Business Regulation

Section 6-102(c), 6-405(a), and 6-603

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1998 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Business Regulation

Section 6-407(c)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1998 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

Article - Business Regulation

6-102.

(c) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, a charitable organization is exempt from the REGISTRATION AND DISCLOSURE requirements of this title if the charitable organization:

(i) does not employ a professional solicitor; and

(ii) 1. solicits charitable contributions for a named individual and the gross amount is delivered to the individual;

2. A. is a religious organization, a parent organization of a religious organization, or a school affiliated with a religious organization; and

B. has in effect a declaration of tax-exempt status from the government of the United States;

3. solicits charitable contributions only from its members;

4. does not receive more than \$25,000 in charitable contributions from the public during the year for which a registration statement and annual report otherwise would be required; or

5. only receives contributions from for-profit corporations and organizations determined to be private foundations by the government of the United States.