

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1992.

Approved May 5, 1992.

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CHAPTER 125

(House Bill 208)

AN ACT concerning

**Charitable Fund-Raisers and Charitable Solicitation**

FOR the purpose of altering the fees paid by a professional solicitor and fund-raising counsel for registration and renewal of registration; requiring a professional solicitor to open certain records to the Secretary of State upon reasonable notice; requiring an organization that maintains certain records outside the State to make the records or certified copies of the records available to the Secretary of State upon reasonable notice; ~~requiring a for profit entity soliciting or collecting used personal property for charitable purposes to make a certain disclosure and file a certain contract~~; providing that an applicant for registration as a charitable organization may solicit the public until a court orders it to stop; providing that an applicant for registration as an associate solicitor, professional solicitor, or fund-raising counsel may act as such until a court orders it to stop; providing that an applicant for registration as a charitable organization, professional solicitor, or fund-raising counsel certify that certain taxes have been paid or are under dispute; providing that the Secretary of State has the burden of proof in any proceeding to enjoin a charitable organization from soliciting the public or to enjoin a professional solicitor, an associate solicitor, or fund-raising counsel from acting as such; providing that a court may order a charitable organization to stop soliciting and a professional solicitor, associate solicitor, or fund-raising counsel to stop acting as such, under certain circumstances; ~~requiring charitable organizations to make certain disclosures in solicitations, expend money in a certain way, exercise control over fund raising, and have a valid governing structure~~; requiring charitable organizations to make certain disclosures on the request of a donor; and generally relating to professional solicitors, fund-raising counsel, charitable organizations, associate solicitors, and charitable solicitations.

BY renumbering

Article - Business Regulation

Section 6-406 through 6-416, respectively

to be Section 6-407 through 6-417, respectively

Annotated Code of Maryland:

(As enacted by Chapter \_\_\_\_ (S.B. 1) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1992)

BY adding to