

CHAPTER 642

(House Bill 838)

AN ACT concerning

Solicitation of Elderly Persons Maryland Door-To-Door Solicitations Act

FOR the purpose of regulating the solicitation of certain persons after certain hours of the day for nonpolitical and noncharitable purposes; providing definitions; providing for the filing of certain documents with the Secretary of State; providing for a fee; providing for the rescission of certain transactions; providing for the notification of certain individuals under certain circumstances; establishing requirements for organizations conducting elderly solicitation; providing for the filing of a bond by certain organizations; providing penalties; providing procedures for the Secretary of State and the Attorney General; and generally relating to the solicitation of elderly persons for goods and services, by certain persons at the residence of a consumer; requiring a solicitor to provide the consumer with a pledge form under certain circumstances; providing that the pledge form must contain certain information; providing that a consumer may rescind a pledge made pursuant to a door-to-door solicitation under certain circumstances; providing for the enforceability of the pledge under certain circumstances; providing that a payment, pledge, or promise made in violation of this Act is voidable; providing that a violation of this Act is an unfair and deceptive trade practice; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the rights and responsibilities of solicitors and consumers in door-to-door solicitations.

BY adding to

Article — Business Regulation

Section 19-101 through 19-121, inclusive, to be under the new title "Title 19. Solicitation of the Elderly"

Annotated Code of Maryland

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

BY adding to

Article — Commercial Law

Section 13-301(14)(xvii); and 14-2401 through 14-2403, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 24. Maryland Door-To-Door Solicitations Act"

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1990 Replacement Volume and 1991 Supplement)

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