
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON AGING AND YOUTH, AUGUST 1, 1991

AN ACT

1 Providing for hours of solicitation of contributions from senior
2 citizens; and providing for notification of Department of
3 Aging of certain contributions.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Definitions.

7 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
8 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
9 context clearly indicates otherwise:

10 "Contribution." The promise, grant or pledge of money,
11 credit, property, financial assistance or other thing of any
12 kind or value in response to a solicitation, including the
13 payment or promise to pay in consideration of a performance,
14 event or sale of a good or service. Payment by members of an
15 organization for membership fees, dues, fines or assessments or
16 for services rendered to individual members, if the fees, dues,

1 fines or assessments confer a bona fide right, privilege,
2 professional standing, honor or other direct benefit, shall not
3 be deemed contributions, provided that membership is not
4 conferred solely as consideration for making a contribution in
5 response to a solicitation.

6 "Person." Any individual, organization, corporation,
7 association, partnership, trust, foundation or any other entity
8 however styled.

9 "Senior citizen." A person who is 65 years of age or older.

10 Section 2. Hours of solicitation.

11 A senior citizen may not be solicited for contributions at
12 his residence between 9:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. by any person.

13 Section 3. Notification of Department of Aging.

14 A senior citizen who has made a contribution exceeding \$500
15 may notify the Department of Aging within five days that he
16 desires to withdraw his contribution.

17 Section 4. Civil action by Department of Aging.

18 The Department of Aging may bring a civil action on behalf of
19 senior citizens who give notice in accordance with section 3.

20 Section 5. Penalty.

21 Any person who willfully and knowingly violates any
22 provisions of this act commits a misdemeanor of the first degree
23 and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of not
24 more than \$10,000 or to imprisonment for not more than five
25 years, or both.

26 Section 6. Effective date.

27 This act shall take effect in 60 days.