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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 632

Session of 2005

INTRODUCED BY HERSHEY, SCHRODER, HENNESSEY, ARMSTRONG, BAKER, BALDWIN, BARRAR, BASTIAN, BELARDI, BROWNE, CAPPELLI, CREIGHTON, DALEY, DENLINGER, FORCIER, GEIST, GEORGE, GINGRICH, HARHART, HARPER, HERMAN, HUTCHINSON, M. KELLER, LEACH, LEH, MAJOR, McGILL, McILHATTAN, R. MILLER, S. MILLER, PALLONE, PHILLIPS, PICKETT, READSHAW, ROHRER, SATHER, SCAVELLO, SEMMEL, SOLOBAY, STERN, THOMAS, WANSACZ, WATSON, WILT, YOUNGBLOOD AND MAITLAND, FEBRUARY 16, 2005

AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, IN SENATE, OCTOBER 16, 2006

AN ACT

Amending the act of December 19, 1990 (P.L.1200, No.202), entitled "An act providing for the registration and 3 regulation of solicitations by charitable organizations, professional fundraisers and other solicitors; imposing 5 additional powers on the Department of State and the Office of Attorney General; prescribing civil and criminal 7 penalties; and making a repeal, "further providing for audit of certain financial reports. The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania 10 hereby enacts as follows: 11 Section 1. Section 5(f) of the act of December 19, 1990 12 (P.L.1200, No.202), known as the Solicitation of Funds for 13 Charitable Purposes Act, amended June 22, 2001 (P.L.588, No.45), 14 is amended to read: 15 Section 5. Registration of charitable organizations; financial 16 reports; fees; failure to file.

- 1 (f) Audit of certain financial reports.--The financial
- 2 report of every charitable organization which receives annual
- 3 contributions of [\$125,000] \$300,000 or more shall be audited by
- 4 an independent certified public accountant or public accountant.
- 5 [Except for the charitable organizations described in section
- 6 6(a)(3), every] <u>Every CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION WHICH RECEIVES</u>
- 7 ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS OF AT LEAST \$100,000, BUT LESS THAN
- 8 \$300,000, SHALL BE REQUIRED TO HAVE A REVIEW OR AUDIT OF THEIR
- 9 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED BY AN INDEPENDENT CERTIFIED
- 10 PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT OR PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT. EVERY charitable
- 11 organization which receives annual contributions of at least
- 12 \$50,000, but less than [\$125,000] $\frac{$300,000}{100,000}$ \$100,000, shall be
- 13 required to have a compilation, review or audit of their
- 14 financial statements performed by an independent certified
- 15 public accountant or public accountant. [An] A compilation,
- 16 audit or review is optional for any charitable organization
- 17 which receives annual contributions of less than \$50,000 [or for
- 18 any charitable organization described in section 6(a)(3) which
- 19 receives annual contributions of less than \$125,000]. Audits
- 20 shall be performed in accordance with GENERALLY ACCEPTED
- 21 <u>AUDITING STANDARDS</u>, <u>INCLUDING</u> the Statements on Auditing
- 22 Standards of the American Institute of Certified Public
- 23 Accountants, whereas reviews shall be performed in accordance
- 24 with the Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review
- 25 Services of the American Institute of Certified Public
- 26 Accountants.
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- 28 SECTION 2. THE AMENDMENT OF SECTION 5(F) OF THE ACT SHALL
- 29 APPLY TO FINANCIAL REPORTS COVERING A PERIOD WHICH CONCLUDES
- 30 AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION.

1 Section $\frac{2}{3}$. This act shall take effect in 60 days.