

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 359 Session of 2013

INTRODUCED BY REED, V. BROWN, M. K. KELLER, GINGRICH, MACKENZIE, PICKETT, MAJOR, KAUFFMAN, KNOWLES, BOBACK, R. BROWN, FLECK, AUMENT, DAVIS, KORTZ, CUTLER, MARSHALL, O'NEILL, COX, ROCK, HESS, C. HARRIS, GROVE, READSHAW, MILLARD, SIMMONS, SWANGER, LAWRENCE, DENLINGER, OBERLANDER, MILNE, YOUNGBLOOD, BENNINGHOFF, ROSS, MURT, GILLEN, GRELL AND FARRY, JANUARY 29, 2013

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JANUARY 29, 2013

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of December 19, 1990 (P.L.1200, No.202),  
2 entitled "An act providing for the registration and  
3 regulation of solicitations by charitable organizations,  
4 professional fundraisers and other solicitors; imposing  
5 additional powers on the Department of State and the Office  
6 of Attorney General; prescribing civil and criminal  
7 penalties; and making a repeal," further providing for  
8 registration of charitable organizations, financial reports,  
9 fees and failure to file.

10 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
11 hereby enacts as follows:

12 Section 1. Section 5(a) of the act of December 19, 1990  
13 (P.L.1200, No.202), known as the Solicitation of Funds for  
14 Charitable Purposes Act, is amended to read:

15 Section 5. Registration of charitable organizations; financial  
16 reports; fees; failure to file.

17 (a) Registration and approval required.--A charitable  
18 organization, unless exempted from registration requirements  
19 pursuant to section 6, shall file a registration statement with

1 the department. This statement must be refiled annually [within  
2 135 days after] by the fifteenth day of the fifth month  
3 following the close of its fiscal year in which the charitable  
4 organization was engaged in solicitation activities. The  
5 department shall review the statement pursuant to subsection  
6 (r). No charitable organization shall solicit contributions or  
7 have contributions solicited in its behalf before approval of  
8 its registration statement by the department.

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10 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.