

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, FARRY, GIBBONS, CLYMER, QUINN, EVERETT AND SCHLOSSBERG, JANUARY 29, 2013

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, FEBRUARY 4, 2014

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:~~ SECTION 5(A) AND <--
15 (K) OF THE ACT OF DECEMBER 19, 1990 (P.L.1200, NO.202), KNOWN AS
16 THE SOLICITATION OF FUNDS FOR CHARITABLE PURPOSES ACT, ARE
17 AMENDED TO READ:

18 Section 5. Registration of charitable organizations; financial

1 reports; fees; failure to file.

2 (a) Registration and approval required.--A charitable
3 organization, unless exempted from registration requirements
4 pursuant to section 6, shall file a registration statement with
5 the department. This statement must be refiled annually [within
6 135 days after] by the fifteenth day of the fifth month
7 following the close of its fiscal year in which the charitable
8 organization was engaged in solicitation activities. The
9 department shall review the statement pursuant to subsection
10 (r). No charitable organization shall solicit contributions or
11 have contributions solicited in its behalf before approval of
12 its registration statement by the department.

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14 (K) TIME EXTENSION FOR FILINGS.--FOR GOOD CAUSE SHOWN, THE <--
15 DEPARTMENT MAY EXTEND THE TIME FOR THE ANNUAL FILING OF A
16 REGISTRATION STATEMENT OR FINANCIAL REPORT [FOR A PERIOD NOT TO
17 EXCEED 180 DAYS] TO A DATE NOT TO EXCEED THE FIFTEENTH DAY OF
18 THE ELEVENTH MONTH FOLLOWING THE CLOSE OF THE FISCAL YEAR DURING
19 WHICH TIME THE PREVIOUS REGISTRATION REMAINS IN EFFECT.

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