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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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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 exemptions from registration.

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

11 Section 1. Section 6(a)(3) 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 July 9, 1992 (P.L.436, No.92),  
14 is amended to read:

15 Section 6. Exemptions from registration.

16 (a) General rule.--The following charitable organizations  
17 shall be exempt from the registration requirements of this act:

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19 (3) A local post, camp, chapter or similarly designated  
20 element or a county unit of such elements of:

21 (i) any veterans' organization chartered under

1 Federal law and any service foundation recognized in the  
2 bylaws of such organization;

3 (ii) a bona fide organization of volunteer firemen;

4 (iii) a bona fide ambulance association;

5 (iv) a bona fide rescue squad association; or

6 (v) a bona fide auxiliary or affiliate of any  
7 organization or association under subparagraph (i), (ii),  
8 (iii) or (iv);

9 provided that all fundraising activities of an organization  
10 or association under subparagraph (i), (ii), (iii), (iv) or  
11 (v) are carried on by volunteers, members or an auxiliary or  
12 affiliate thereof, and those volunteers, members or  
13 affiliates receive no compensation directly or indirectly for  
14 the fundraising activities.

15 For the purpose of this paragraph, the term "fundraising  
16 activities" does not include any of the following:

17 (i) Copying and printing camera-ready materials.

18 (ii) Folding solicitations and inserting  
19 solicitations in envelopes.

20 (iii) Addressing envelopes, including printing and  
21 affixing address labels.

22 (iv) Mailing or delivering envelopes to a post  
23 office for mailing.

24 (v) Using computer software to process mail and apply  
25 postal discounts or bar codes.

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27 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.