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PHILLIPS-HILL, WARD, A. HARRIS, GIBBONS, SAYLOR, MOUL AND
ZIMMERMAN, MAY 11, 2016

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MAY 11, 2016

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, for exemptions from registration
10 and for short form registration.

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

13 Section 1. Sections 5(p) and 6(a)(8) of the act of December
14 19, 1990 (P.L.1200, No.202), known as the Solicitation of Funds
15 for Charitable Purposes Act, amended July 9, 1992 (P.L.436,
16 No.92), are amended to read:

17 Section 5. Registration of charitable organizations; financial
18 reports; fees; failure to file.

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20 (p) Annual registration fees.--A charitable organization
21 which submits a short form registration statement pursuant to

1 section 7 or receives contributions of [\$25,000] \$50,000 or less
2 during the immediately preceding fiscal year shall pay an annual
3 registration fee of \$15. A charitable organization which
4 receives contributions in excess of [\$25,000] \$50,000 but less
5 than \$100,000 during the immediately preceding fiscal year shall
6 pay an annual registration fee of \$100. A charitable
7 organization which receives contributions in excess of \$100,000
8 but not exceeding \$500,000 during the immediately preceding
9 fiscal year shall pay an annual registration fee of \$150. A
10 charitable organization which receives contributions in excess
11 of \$500,000 during the immediately preceding fiscal year shall
12 pay an annual registration fee of \$250. A parent organization
13 filing on behalf of one or more affiliates and a federated
14 fundraising organization filing on behalf of its member agencies
15 shall pay a single annual registration fee for itself and such
16 other affiliates or member agencies included in the registration
17 statement.

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19 Section 6. Exemptions from registration.

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

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23 (8) Any charitable organization which receives
24 contributions of [\$25,000] \$50,000 or less annually, provided
25 that such organization does not compensate any person who
26 conducts solicitations. Charitable organizations which
27 receive more than [\$25,000] \$50,000 in contributions shall
28 file the appropriate registration statement within 30 days
29 after the contributions are received.

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1 Section 2. Section 7(a)(3) of the act is amended to read:

2 Section 7. Short form registration.

3 (a) Organizations required to file.--The following
4 charitable organizations shall be required to file short form
5 annual registration statements with the department in lieu of
6 the registration statement required by section 5:

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8 (3) Charitable organizations whose fundraising
9 activities are carried on by volunteers, members, officers or
10 permanent employees and which do not receive contributions in
11 excess of [\$25,000] \$50,000 during a fiscal year, if no part
12 of their assets or income inures to the benefit of or is paid
13 to any officer or member, professional fundraising counsel,
14 professional solicitor or commercial coventurer. Charitable
15 organizations which do not intend to solicit and receive in
16 excess of [\$25,000] \$50,000, but do receive contributions in
17 excess of that amount shall file the financial report
18 required in section 5 within 30 days after contributions are
19 received in excess of that amount.

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21 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.