

information filed by a charitable organization, ~~professional~~ [fund-raiser] FUND-RAISING counsel, [or] professional solicitor, OR SOLICITOR with the appropriate authority of another state in lieu of the information required to be filed in accordance with the provisions of this subtitle, if the information is substantially similar to the information required under this subtitle. The Secretary of State may also grant an exemption from the requirement for the filing of an annual registration statement to charitable organizations organized under the laws of another state and having their principal place of business outside the State, whose funds are derived principally from sources outside the State, and which have been granted an exemption from the filing of registration statements by the state under whose laws they are organized, if that state has a statute similar in substance to the provisions of this subtitle.

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(a) A charitable organization, ~~professional~~ [fund-raiser] FUND-RAISING counsel, [and] professional solicitor, AND SOLICITOR may not use or exploit the fact of registration so as to lead the public to believe that the registration in any manner constitutes an endorsement or approval by the State of Maryland. However, the use of the following statement shall not be deemed a prohibited exploitation: "Registered with the Secretary of State of Maryland as required by law. Registration does not constitute or imply endorsement of a public solicitation for contributions."

(d) A person may not make any representation that [he is soliciting contributions] A SOLICITATION CONTRIBUTION IS BEING REQUESTED for or on behalf of a charitable organization or use or display any emblem, device, or printed matter belonging to or associated with a charitable organization for the purpose of soliciting or inducing contributions from the public without first being authorized to do so by the charitable organization.

(e) A professional solicitor OR SOLICITOR may not solicit in the name of or on behalf of any charitable organization [unless the solicitor has] WITHOUT:

(1) Written authorization of two officers of the charitable organization, a copy of which is filed with the Secretary of State. The written authorization shall bear the signature of the professional solicitor and shall expressly state on its face the period for which it is valid; and

(2) A copy of the authorization [with him when he makes solicitations] and exhibits it and personal identification on request to persons solicited.

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