HOUSE BILL 150

By: **Delegate Morhaim** Introduced and read first time: January 28, 2015

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

Secretary of State and Attorney General – Charitable Enforcement and Protection of Charitable Assets – Workgroup Reports – Extension

- FOR the purpose of extending the due date on the final report, and increasing the number
 of interim reports, of the workgroup convened by the Secretary of State and the
 Attorney General to study information that should be reported to the Secretary of
 State by charitable organizations, charitable representatives, and fund-raising
 counsel; and generally relating to charitable enforcement and protection of
 charitable assets.
- 10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 11 Chapter 654 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2014
- 12 Section 2

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13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
 14 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

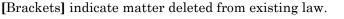
- Chapter 654 of the Acts of 2014
- 16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

17 (a) On or before July 1, 2014, the Secretary of State and the Attorney General, or 18 their designees, shall jointly convene and cochair a workgroup to study:

19 (1) the information that should be reported to the Secretary of State by 20 charitable organizations, charitable representatives, and fund-raising counsel; and

- 21 (2) how the information specified in item (1) of this subsection:
- (i) can be most effectively and efficiently collected without imposing
 an unnecessary burden on those subject to reporting; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.







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$rac{1}{2}$	(ii) should be shared within and among government agencies or made publicly available to promote the goals of:
$\frac{3}{4}$	1. protecting the public from unscrupulous solicitations and fraud; and
$5 \\ 6$	2. facilitating the prevention and correction of any misuse or misapplication of charitable assets.
7	(b) The workgroup shall include representatives of:
8 9	(1) associations of foundations, nonprofit organizations, and professional fund-raisers and fund-raising counsels in the State;
10	(2) the federal Internal Revenue Service;
11	(3) the National Association of State Charities Officials;
12	(4) the Maryland State Bar Association;
13	(5) the Maryland Association of Certified Public Accountants; and
14	(6) the general public.
15 16 17 18 19	(c) The Secretary of State and the Attorney General shall submit [an] interim [report] REPORTS on the workgroup study, including any findings and recommendations, to the Governor and, subject to § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2014, JULY 1, 2015, AND JULY 1, 2016, and a final report on or before [July 1, 2015] DECEMBER 1, 2016 .
$\begin{array}{c} 20\\ 21 \end{array}$	SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2015.

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