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By: **Senator Baker**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Charitable Solicitations - Professional Solicitors**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the definition of "professional solicitor" under the
4 Maryland Charitable Solicitations Act to include certain persons who solicit or
5 receive contributions for certain organizations; and generally relating to
6 professional solicitors.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article - Business Regulation
9 Section 6-101(i)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1992 Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

14 **Article - Business Regulation**

15 6-101.

16 (i) (1) "Professional solicitor" means a person who, for pay:

17 (i) advises a charitable organization about a charitable solicitation;

18 (ii) holds, plans, or manages a charitable solicitation; [or]

19 (iii) solicits or receives charitable contributions for a charitable
20 organization, personally or through an associate solicitor; OR

21 (IV) SOLICITS OR RECEIVES CONTRIBUTIONS FOR AN AMBULANCE,
22 FIRE FIGHTING, FRATERNAL, RESCUE, OR POLICE OR OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT
23 ORGANIZATION, PERSONALLY OR THROUGH AN ASSOCIATE SOLICITOR.

24 (2) "Professional solicitor" does not include:

1 (i) an attorney, investment counselor, or banker because of
2 advising a client or customer to contribute to a charitable organization;

3 (ii) a salaried officer or employee of a charitable organization that
4 keeps a permanent office in the State; or

5 (iii) a person who solicits, receives, or collects used personal
6 property, including household goods, furniture, appliances, or clothing, if the property
7 is displayed or resold to the public at a retail establishment.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
9 October 1, 1998.