

By: **Chairman, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request -
Departmental - Secretary of State)**

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Rules suspended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Secretary of State - Solicitations Disclosure Statement**

3 FOR the purpose of allowing an applicant for registration as a charitable organization
4 to solicit the public only on the approval of the Secretary of State; requiring a
5 written charitable solicitation of the public for a charitable contribution to
6 contain a disclosure statement; and generally relating to charitable solicitations.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article - Business Regulation
9 Section 6-406(a) and 6-411(b)(1)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2004 Replacement Volume)

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 6-406.

16 (a) A person who has applied to register as a charitable organization may
17 solicit the public ON THE APPROVAL OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE unless and until
18 the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County or other court of competent jurisdiction
19 orders the applicant to stop.

20 6-411.

21 (b) (1) A charitable solicitation that is a specific written request to the
22 public for [money] A CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTION shall contain a disclosure
23 statement.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
25 effect October 1, 2005.