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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Local Government - Workplace Giving Campaigns - Employee Choice of**
 3 **Recipient**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring certain local governments to ensure that their
 5 employees are able to designate any organization that meets certain
 6 requirements as the recipient of certain charitable contributions under certain
 7 circumstances; defining certain terms; and generally relating to workplace
 8 giving campaigns of local governments.

9 BY adding to
 10 Article 24 - Political Subdivisions - Miscellaneous Provisions
 11 Section 20-101 to be under the new title "Title 20. Workplace Giving
 12 Campaigns"
 13 Annotated Code of Maryland
 14 (2005 Replacement Volume)

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

17 **Article 24 - Political Subdivisions - Miscellaneous Provisions**

18 **TITLE 20. WORKPLACE GIVING CAMPAIGNS.**

19 20-101.

20 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
 21 INDICATED.

22 (2) "ELIGIBLE CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION" MEANS A NONPROFIT
 23 FEDERATION OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, SOCIAL WELFARE, OR
 24 ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCIES OR ASSOCIATIONS THAT:

25 (1) IS REGISTERED WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE UNDER TITLE
 26 6, SUBTITLE 4 OF THE BUSINESS REGULATION ARTICLE;

1 (II) IS TAX-EXEMPT UNDER § 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE
2 CODE;

3 (III) RECEIVES CONTRIBUTIONS THAT ARE DEDUCTIBLE UNDER §
4 170 OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE;

5 (IV) HAS HAD AN OFFICE IN THE STATE FOR AT LEAST THE LAST 5
6 YEARS;

7 (V) REPRESENTS AT LEAST 10 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
8 SOCIAL WELFARE, OR ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCIES OR ASSOCIATIONS THAT ARE
9 LOCATED IN THE STATE; AND

10 (VI) IS GOVERNED BY AN ACTIVE VOLUNTARY BOARD THAT
11 EXERCISES ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL OVER THE FEDERATION.

12 (3) "WORKPLACE GIVING CAMPAIGN" MEANS A PROGRAM IN WHICH A
13 COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION AUTHORIZES DEDUCTIONS FROM THE
14 SALARIES OR WAGES OF AN EMPLOYEE OF THE COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL
15 CORPORATION OF AN AMOUNT SPECIFIED IN WRITING BY THE EMPLOYEE FOR
16 PAYMENT TO A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION.

17 (B) IF A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION ALLOWS ITS EMPLOYEES TO
18 PARTICIPATE IN A WORKPLACE GIVING CAMPAIGN, THE COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL
19 CORPORATION SHALL ENSURE THAT AN EMPLOYEE SHALL BE ALLOWED TO
20 DESIGNATE ANY ELIGIBLE CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION AS THE RECIPIENT OF
21 CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS AUTHORIZED BY THE EMPLOYEE.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
23 October 1, 2006.