

HOUSE BILL 150

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By: **Delegate Morhaim**

Introduced and read first time: January 28, 2015

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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

4 FOR the purpose of extending the due date on the final report, and increasing the number
5 of interim reports, of the workgroup convened by the Secretary of State and the
6 Attorney General to study information that should be reported to the Secretary of
7 State by charitable organizations, charitable representatives, and fund-raising
8 counsel; and generally relating to charitable enforcement and protection of
9 charitable assets.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Chapter 654 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2014
12 Section 2

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:

22 (i) can be most effectively and efficiently collected without imposing
23 an unnecessary burden on those subject to reporting; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (ii) should be shared within and among government agencies or
2 made publicly available to promote the goals of:

3 1. protecting the public from unscrupulous solicitations and
4 fraud; and

5 2. facilitating the prevention and correction of any misuse or
6 misapplication of charitable assets.

7 (b) The workgroup shall include representatives of:

8 (1) associations of foundations, nonprofit organizations, and professional
9 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 (c) The Secretary of State and the Attorney General shall submit [an] interim
16 [report] **REPORTS** on the workgroup study, including any findings and recommendations,
17 to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General
18 Assembly on or before December 1, 2014, **JULY 1, 2015, AND JULY 1, 2016**, and a final
19 report on or before [July 1, 2015] **DECEMBER 1, 2016**.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
21 1, 2015.