

Chapter 73

(House Bill 150)

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.

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

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

Chapter 654 of the Acts of 2014

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

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

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

(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

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

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

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

(b) The workgroup shall include representatives of:

- (1) associations of foundations, nonprofit organizations, and professional fund-raisers and fund-raising counsels in the State;
- (2) the federal Internal Revenue Service;
- (3) the National Association of State Charities Officials;
- (4) the Maryland State Bar Association;
- (5) the Maryland Association of Certified Public Accountants; and
- (6) the general public.

(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~~ **DECEMBER 1, 2015**, and a final report on or before [July 1, 2015] **DECEMBER 1, 2016**.

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

Approved by the Governor, April 14, 2015.