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House Bill 514 – Charitable Organizations – Charitable Donations and Tax-Exempt Status – Revocation (Keeping Charities Nonpartisan Act of 2026)

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House Economic Matters Committee

Letter of Information

The Office of the Secretary of State regulates charitable organizations through the Maryland Solicitations Act. We have a cooperative relationship with the Office of Attorney General to enforce the current statute to ensure the donations of Marylanders to charities go towards the intended purpose. Senate Bill 4 would add to our enforcement duties usually handled at the federal level.

This legislation would apply to charitable organizations that solicit donations from Marylanders. HB 514 would also allow enforcement of the nonpartisanship provisions of this bill for charitable organizations that do not register with our office. These entities might not be registered with our office and do not pay the fees that charities that solicit our office currently pay based on the amount of donations they raise.

Annual fees:

- \$50, if charitable contributions from the public are at least \$25,000 but less than \$50,001;
- \$75, if charitable contributions from the public are at least \$50,001 but less than \$75,001;
- \$100, if charitable contributions from the public are at least \$75,001 but less than \$100,001;
- \$200, if charitable contributions from the public are at least \$100,001 but less than \$500,001;
- \$300, if charitable contributions from the public are at least \$500,001.

We would welcome any questions about the process of charitable enforcement from members of this committee.