HOUSE BILL No. 5568

February 11, 1998, Introduced by Reps. Law and Griffin and referred to the Committee on Regulatory Affairs.

A bill to amend 1975 PA 169, entitled "Charitable organizations and solicitations act," by amending the title and sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, and 23 (MCL 400.272, 400.273, 400.274, 400.275, 400.276, 400.277, 400.278, 400.279, 400.280, 400.281, 400.282, 400.283, 400.286, 400.287, 400.288, 400.290, 400.291, and 400.293), section 13 as amended by 1992 PA 299, and by adding sections 3a, 19, 19a, 19b, 19c, 19d, 22a, 23a, and 23b; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

TITLE

An act to regulate organizations and persons soliciting or

collecting contributions for charitable purposes; to require

registration —, AND disclosure of information — and licensing

before solicitation of contributions; to provide for reporting of

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- 1 financial and other information by those -licensed or registered
- 2 and those claiming exemption; to prescribe standards of conduct
- 3 and administration, and to prohibit certain actions; to provide
- 4 for enforcement, investigation, and promulgation of rules by the
- 5 attorney general; to preempt local regulation; to provide penal-
- 6 ties for violations; and to repeal -certain acts and parts of
- 7 acts.
- 8 Sec. 2. As used in this act:
- 9 (a) "Charitable organization" means -a benevolent, educa-
- 10 tional, philanthropic, humane, patriotic, or eleemosynary organi-
- 11 zation of persons which solicits or obtains contributions solic-
- 12 ited from the public for charitable purposes. A chapter, branch,
- 13 area office, or similar affiliate or person soliciting contribu-
- 14 tions within the state for a charitable organization which has
- 15 its principal place of business outside the state is a charitable
- 16 organization. This definition does not include duly constituted
- 17 religious organizations or a group affiliated with and forming an
- 18 integral part of a religious organization no part of the net
- 19 income of which inures to the direct benefit of any individual if
- 20 it has received a declaration of current tax exempt status from
- 21 the United States. The affiliated group shall not be required to
- 22 obtain a declaration if the parent or principal organization has
- 23 obtained tax exempt status. Charitable organization does not
- 24 include a candidate or committee as defined in section 901 of Act
- 25 No. 116 of the Public Acts of 1954, being section 168.901 of the
- 26 Michigan Compiled Laws, or a political party qualified to be on
- 27 the general election ballot pursuant to section 560a of Act

- 1 No. 116 of the Public Acts of 1954, as added, being section
- 2 168.560a of the Michigan Compiled Laws. THE FOLLOWING:
- 3 (i) A TAX EXEMPT ORGANIZATION UNDER SECTION 501(c)(3) OF THE
- 4 INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986.
- 5 (ii) A PERSON WHOSE PURPOSE, STRUCTURE, OR ACTIVITIES ARE
- 6 DESCRIBED UNDER SECTION 501(c)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF
- **7** 1986.
- 8 (iii) CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION DOES NOT INCLUDE A FEDERAL,
- 9 STATE, OR LOCAL UNIT OF GOVERNMENT, A SUBDIVISION, AGENCY, OR
- 10 INSTRUMENTALITY OF FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT, OR A
- 11 RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION INCORPORATED OR ESTABLISHED FOR RELIGIOUS
- 12 PURPOSES.
- 13 (B) "CHARITABLE PURPOSE" MEANS THE FOLLOWING:
- 14 (i) A PURPOSE DESCRIBED IN SECTION 501(c)(3) OF THE INTERNAL
- 15 REVENUE CODE OF 1986.
- 16 (ii) A BENEVOLENT, PHILANTHROPIC, EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC,
- 17 PUBLIC HEALTH, HUMANE, RELIGIOUS, OR OTHER ELEEMOSYNARY
- 18 OBJECTIVE.
- 19 (C) "CHARITABLE SALES PROMOTION" MEANS AN ADVERTISING OR
- 20 SALES CAMPAIGN REPRESENTING THAT PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OR USE OF
- 21 THE GOODS OR SERVICES OFFERED WILL BENEFIT, IN WHOLE OR IN PART,
- 22 A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION OR CHARITABLE PURPOSE, OR THAT THE
- 23 SELLER OR VENDOR WILL MAKE A PAYMENT TO A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION
- 24 OR FOR A CHARITABLE PURPOSE.
- 25 (D) "COMMERCIAL COVENTURER" MEANS A PERSON WHO CONDUCTS
- 26 CHARITABLE SALES PROMOTIONS. A PERSON WHO ENTERS INTO A
- 27 LICENSING ARRANGEMENT IN WHICH A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION ALLOWS

- 1 THE PERSON TO USE THE CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION'S NAME FOR A FEE IS
- 2 A COMMERCIAL COVENTURER.
- 3 (E) $\frac{(b)}{(b)}$ "Contribution" means the promise, grant, or pay-
- 4 ment of money or property of any kind or value, including
- 5 promises THE PROMISE to pay. , except payments by members of an
- 6 organization for membership fees, dues, fines, or assessments, or
- 7 for services rendered to individual members, if membership in the
- 8 organization confers a bona fide right, privilege, professional
- 9 standing, honor, or other direct benefit, other than the right to
- 10 vote, elect officers, or hold offices, and except money or prop-
- 11 erty received from a governmental authority or foundation
- 12 restricted as to use. CONTRIBUTION INCLUDES THAT PORTION OF MEM-
- 13 BERSHIP FEES, DUES, OR ASSESSMENTS THAT EXCEED THE MONETARY VALUE
- 14 OF MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS AVAILABLE TO A DUES PAYER WHETHER OR NOT
- 15 THE MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS ARE USED, AND MEMBERSHIP FEES, DUES, OR
- 16 ASSESSMENTS THAT ARE PAID PRIMARILY TO SUPPORT THE CHARITABLE
- 17 ORGANIZATION'S ACTIVITIES AND NOT TO OBTAIN BENEFITS OF MORE THAN
- 18 NOMINAL MONETARY VALUE. CONTRIBUTION DOES NOT INCLUDE A GRANT OR
- 19 CONTRACT FROM ANY GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY OR A RESTRICTED GRANT FROM
- 20 A FOUNDATION.
- 21 (F) (c) "Person" means an individual, organization, group,
- 22 association, partnership, corporation, trust, or any combination
- 23 of them.
- 24 (G) "PROFESSIONAL FUND-RAISER" MEANS A PERSON, INCLUDING A
- 25 SUBCONTRACTOR, WHO FOR COMPENSATION OR OTHER CONSIDERATION CON-
- 26 DUCTS, MANAGES, OR CARRIES ON A DRIVE OR CAMPAIGN TO SOLICIT
- 27 CONTRIBUTIONS FOR OR ON BEHALF OF A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION,

- 1 RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION, OR ANY OTHER PERSON; OR WHO ENGAGES IN
- 2 THE BUSINESS OF OR HOLDS HIMSELF OR HERSELF OUT AS INDEPENDENTLY
- 3 ENGAGED IN THE BUSINESS OF SOLICITING CONTRIBUTIONS FOR CHARITA-
- 4 BLE PURPOSES. A BONA FIDE OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE OF A CHARITABLE
- 5 ORGANIZATION IS NOT A PROFESSIONAL FUND-RAISER.
- 6 (H) "SOLICIT" AND "SOLICITATION" MEAN THE FOLLOWING:
- 7 (i) A DIRECT OR INDIRECT REQUEST FOR A CONTRIBUTION BASED ON
- 8 THE REPRESENTATION THAT THE CONTRIBUTION WILL OR MAY BE USED FOR
- 9 A CHARITABLE PURPOSE OR TO BENEFIT A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION, AND
- 10 INCLUDES ANY OF THE FOLLOWING METHODS OF SECURING CONTRIBUTIONS:
- 11 (A) AN ORAL OR WRITTEN REQUEST.
- 12 (B) DISTRIBUTING, CIRCULATING, MAILING, POSTING, OR PUBLISH-
- 13 ING A HANDBILL, WRITTEN ADVERTISEMENT, OR OTHER PUBLICATION THAT
- 14 DIRECTLY OR BY IMPLICATION SEEKS TO OBTAIN A CONTRIBUTION.
- 15 (C) AN ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE NEWS MEDIA OR BY RADIO, TELEVI-
- 16 SION, TELEPHONE, TELEGRAPH, FACSIMILE, OR ANY OTHER COMMUNICATION
- 17 DEVICE, CONCERNING AN APPEAL OR CAMPAIGN FOR A CHARITABLE ORGANI-
- 18 ZATION OR PURPOSE.
- 19 (D) THE SALE, ATTEMPTED SALE, OR OFFER TO SELL AN ADVERTISE-
- 20 MENT, ADVERTISING SPACE, A BOOK, A COUPON, A MAGAZINE, A MEMBER-
- 21 SHIP, MERCHANDISE, A SUBSCRIPTION, A TICKET, OR OTHER ITEM IN
- 22 CONNECTION WITH A REQUEST FOR A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION OR
- 23 PURPOSE.
- 24 (E) A RECEPTACLE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS, SUCH AS HONOR BOXES,
- 25 VENDING MACHINES, WISHING WELLS, OR CONTRIBUTION BOXES, WHERE A
- 26 CHARITABLE PURPOSE IS USED, REFERRED TO, OR IMPLIED AS AN
- 27 INDUCEMENT TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION OR PURCHASE.

- 1 (ii) A SOLICITATION OCCURS WHETHER OR NOT THE PERSON MAKING
- 2 THE SOLICITATION RECEIVES A CONTRIBUTION. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS
- 3 ACT, A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION IS CONSIDERED TO HAVE RECEIVED, IN
- 4 ADDITION TO CONTRIBUTIONS SOLICITED FROM THE PUBLIC BY IT, CON-
- 5 TRIBUTIONS SOLICITED FROM THE PUBLIC BY ANY OTHER PERSON AND
- 6 TRANSFERRED TO THAT CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION. A CHARITABLE ORGAN-
- 7 IZATION THAT RECEIVES AN ALLOCATION FROM A COMMUNITY CHEST,
- 8 UNITED FUND, OR SIMILAR ORGANIZATION IS CONSIDERED TO HAVE SOLIC-
- 9 ITED THAT ALLOCATION FROM THE PUBLIC.
- 10 (I) (d) "Soliciting material" means printed or similar
- 11 material, including but not limited to labels, posters, televi-
- 12 sion scripts, radio scripts, or recordings used in soliciting
- 13 funds from the public.
- (J) (e) "Solicitor" means a person who solicits on behalf
- 15 of a charitable organization.
- 16 (f) "Professional fund raiser" means a person who for com-
- 17 pensation or other consideration plans, conducts, manages, or
- 18 carries on a drive or campaign of soliciting contributions for or
- 19 on behalf of a charitable organization, religious organization,
- 20 or any other person; or who engages in the business of or holds
- 21 himself out as independently engaged in the business of solicit-
- 22 ing contributions for such purposes. A bona fide officer or
- 23 employee of a charitable organization is not a professional fund
- 24 raiser unless his salary or other compensation is computed on the
- 25 basis of funds to be raised or actually raised.

- 1 (g) "Professional solicitor" means a person who is employed
- 2 or retained for compensation by a professional fund raiser to
- 3 solicit contributions for charitable purposes.
- 4 (h) "Prohibited transaction" is that dealing, activity, con-
- 5 duct, administration, or management of the charitable organiza-
- 6 tion or by any of its officers, trustees, personnel, or related
- 7 persons which may be prohibited as constituting activity contrary
- 8 to proper administration of the charitable organization or con-
- 9 duct of a fund raising campaign or solicitation by a professional
- 10 fund raiser or solicitor.
- 11 (K) "VENDOR" MEANS A PERSON WHO CONDUCTS CHARITABLE SALES
- 12 PROMOTIONS THROUGH VENDING MACHINES, HONOR BOXES, NOVELTY
- 13 MACHINES, OR SIMILAR DEVICES, THAT REPRESENT THAT THEY BENEFIT A
- 14 CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION OR A CHARITABLE PURPOSE THROUGH A PORTION
- 15 OF THE PROCEEDS, A FIXED DOLLAR AMOUNT, OR ANY OTHER MANNER.
- 16 Sec. 3. (1) Before a solicitation, a A charitable organi-
- 17 zation which THAT is not an exempt organization and which is
- 18 not described in section 13 -, which AND THAT solicits or
- 19 intends to solicit or receives or intends to receive contribu-
- 20 tions from persons by any means whatsoever, shall file HAVE A
- 21 BOARD OF DIRECTORS WITH NOT LESS THAN 2 DIRECTORS AND SHALL
- 22 REGISTER with the attorney general upon forms prescribed by him,
- 23 an application for a license. It THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, TOGETHER
- 24 WITH ALL NECESSARY SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION. THE REGISTRATION
- 25 shall include the following information:

- 1 (a) The name of the organization and the ANY name under
- 2 which it intends USED BY THAT ORGANIZATION to solicit
- 3 contributions.
- 4 (b) The principal address of the organization and the
- 5 address of any office in this state. If the organization does
- 6 not maintain a principal office, the name and address of the
- 7 person having custody of its financial records.
- 8 (c) The names and addresses of the officers, directors,
- 9 trustees, chief executive officer, and state agent.
- 10 (C) $\frac{(d)}{(d)}$ Where and when the organization was legally estab-
- 11 lished —, AND the form of its organization. —, and its tax
- 12 exempt status.
- 13 (D) THE ORGANIZATION'S FEDERAL TAX EXEMPT STATUS AND, WITH
- 14 ITS INITIAL APPLICATION, A COPY OF ITS INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
- 15 DETERMINATION LETTER.
- 16 (e) The A STATEMENT OF THE ORGANIZATION'S purpose for
- 17 which it is organized and the purposes for which contributions
- 18 to be solicited will be used.
- 19 (f) The fiscal year date of the organization METHODS BY
- 20 WHICH SOLICITATIONS WILL BE MADE.
- 21 (g) Whether the organization is or has ever been enjoined
- 22 from soliciting contributions THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ALL
- 23 PROFESSIONAL FUND-RAISERS WITH WHOM THE ORGANIZATION HAS
- 24 CONTRACTED.
- 25 (h) All methods by which solicitations will be made A LIST
- 26 OF THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE ORGANIZATION'S BOARD OF
- 27 DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, AND TRUSTEES.

- 1 (i) Copies of contracts between charitable organizations
- 2 and professional fund raisers relating to financial compensation
- 3 or profit to be derived by the professional fund raisers. When
- 4 the contract is executed after filing of application statement, a
- 5 copy shall be filed within 10 days of the date of execution. IF
- 6 THE PRINCIPAL ADDRESS OF THE ORGANIZATION IS NOT IN THIS STATE,
- 7 THE ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF A RESIDENT AGENT IN THIS
- 8 STATE.
- 9 (j) Other information as required by rule. WHETHER THE
- 10 ORGANIZATION OR ANY OF ITS OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, OR PRINCIPALS IS,
- 11 OR HAS EVER BEEN, ENJOINED, FINED, CONVICTED, OR SUBJECT TO ANY
- 12 OTHER SANCTION OR PENALTY AS A RESULT OF SOLICITING CONTRIBUTIONS
- 13 IN ANY STATE OR COUNTRY, OR WHETHER SUCH PROCEEDINGS ARE
- 14 PENDING.
- 15 (K) FINANCIAL INFORMATION NECESSARY FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
- 16 TO PREPARE REPORTS FOR THE LEGISLATURE OR THE PUBLIC IF THE
- 17 INFORMATION IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE ORGANIZATION'S INTERNAL REVE-
- 18 NUE SERVICE FORM 990, 990EZ, OR 990PF, OR IF THE ORGANIZATION IS
- 19 NOT REQUIRED TO FILE AN INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE FORM 990, 990EZ,
- 20 OR 990PF PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2).
- 21 (2) THE CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION SHALL PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING
- 22 DOCUMENTATION WITH ITS REGISTRATION:
- 23 (A) UNLESS THE ORGANIZATION HAS NOT COMPLETED ITS FIRST
- 24 ACCOUNTING PERIOD, A COPY OF ITS FULLY AND PROPERLY COMPLETED
- 25 INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE FORM 990, 990EZ, OR 990PF FOR THE IMME-
- 26 DIATELY PRECEDING TAX YEAR, OR SUCCESSOR FORMS, INCLUDING ALL
- 27 SCHEDULES, ATTACHMENTS, AND EXHIBITS FILED WITH THE INTERNAL

- 1 REVENUE SERVICE, EXCEPT THE SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTORS. EXCEPT AS
- 2 OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SUBSECTION, IF A CHARITABLE ORGANIZA-
- 3 TION DOES NOT FILE AN INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE FORM 990, 990EZ,
- 4 OR 990PF, IT SHALL PREPARE A PRO FORMA FORM 990, 990EZ, OR 990PF
- 5 RETURN FOR FILING WITH THE REGISTRATION. A PRO FORMA RETURN
- 6 SHALL BE COMPLETED FULLY AND PROPERLY PURSUANT TO INTERNAL REVE-
- 7 NUE SERVICE INSTRUCTIONS AND SHALL INCLUDE ALL REQUIRED INFORMA-
- 8 TION, ATTACHMENTS, SCHEDULES, AND EXHIBITS. IF AN ORGANIZATION
- 9 IS NOT REQUIRED TO FILE FORM 990EZ WITH THE INTERNAL REVENUE
- 10 SERVICE BECAUSE OF INSUFFICIENT GROSS RECEIPTS, THAT ORGANIZATION
- 11 IS NOT REQUIRED TO INCLUDE THAT FORM OR A PRO FORMA RETURN WITH
- 12 ITS REGISTRATION.
- 13 (B) FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PREPARED ACCORDING TO GENERALLY
- 14 ACCEPTED ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES THAT HAVE BEEN AUDITED BY AN INDE-
- 15 PENDENT CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT IF THE AMOUNT OF CONTRIBU-
- 16 TIONS RECEIVED BY THE CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION DURING ITS FISCAL
- 17 YEAR REPORTED ON ITS FEDERAL TAX RETURN IS \$250,000.00 OR MORE.
- 18 IF CONTRIBUTIONS AS REPORTED ON THE CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION'S
- 19 INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE FORM 990, 990EZ, OR 990PF ARE
- 20 \$100,000.00 OR MORE, BUT LESS THAN \$250,000.00, FINANCIAL STATE-
- 21 MENTS EITHER REVIEWED OR AUDITED BY AN INDEPENDENT CERTIFIED
- 22 PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT SHALL BE PROVIDED. THE AMOUNT OF CONTRIBUTIONS
- 23 RECEIVED BY THE ORGANIZATION INCLUDES DIRECT AND INDIRECT PUBLIC
- 24 SUPPORT AS SHOWN ON THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE FORM 990, 990EZ,
- 25 OR 990PF, LESS ANY RESTRICTED GRANTS FROM FOUNDATIONS INCLUDED IN
- 26 THE FEDERAL TAX RETURN, PLUS NET SPECIAL FUND-RAISING EVENTS

- 1 REVENUE. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL MAY WAIVE THIS REQUIREMENT 1 TIME
- 2 FOR A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION.
- 3 (3) WITH ITS REGISTRATION, OR RENEWAL OF ITS REGISTRATION AS
- 4 PROVIDED IN SECTION 7, A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION SHALL PAY THE
- 5 FOLLOWING REGISTRATION FEE:
- 6 (A) IF GROSS RECEIPTS FROM ALL SOURCES WERE LESS THAN
- 7 \$25,000.00 IN THE FISCAL YEAR REPORTED ON THE REGISTRATION, THERE
- 8 IS NO FEE.
- 9 (B) IF GROSS RECEIPTS FROM ALL SOURCES WERE MORE THAN
- 10 \$25,000.00 BUT LESS THAN \$100,000.00 IN THE FISCAL YEAR REPORTED
- 11 ON THE REGISTRATION, \$20.00.
- 12 (C) IF GROSS RECEIPTS FROM ALL SOURCES WERE AT LEAST
- 13 \$100,000.00 BUT LESS THAN \$500,000.00 IN THE FISCAL YEAR REPORTED
- 14 ON THE REGISTRATION, \$50.00.
- 15 (D) IF GROSS RECEIPTS FROM ALL SOURCES WERE AT LEAST
- 16 \$500,000.00 BUT LESS THAN \$1,000.000.00 IN THE FISCAL YEAR
- 17 REPORTED ON THE REGISTRATION, \$100.00.
- 18 (E) IF GROSS RECEIPTS FROM ALL SOURCES WERE \$1,000,000.00 OR
- 19 MORE IN THE FISCAL YEAR REPORTED ON THE REGISTRATION, \$200.00.
- 20 (4) A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION'S REGISTRATION IS EFFECTIVE
- 21 IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE INFORMA-
- 22 TION AND FEES REQUIRED UNDER THIS ACT.
- 23 SEC. 3A. (1) THE CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS AND SOLICITATIONS
- 24 FUND IS CREATED WITHIN THE STATE TREASURY.
- 25 (2) THE STATE TREASURER MAY RECEIVE MONEY OR OTHER ASSETS
- 26 FOR DEPOSIT INTO THE CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS AND SOLICITATIONS
- 27 FUND FROM ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

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- 1 (A) REGISTRATION FEES COLLECTED UNDER THIS ACT.
- 2 (B) LATE REGISTRATION FEES COLLECTED UNDER THIS ACT.
- 3 (C) FINES AND PENALTIES ASSESSED AND COLLECTED UNDER THIS
- **4** ACT.
- 5 (D) ANY OTHER SOURCE.
- 6 (3) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL DIRECT THE INVESTMENT OF THE
- 7 CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS AND SOLICITATIONS FUND AND SHALL CREDIT
- 8 TO THE CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS AND SOLICITATIONS FUND INTEREST
- 9 AND EARNINGS FROM CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS AND SOLICITATIONS FUND
- 10 INVESTMENTS.
- 11 (4) MONEY IN THE CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS AND SOLICITATIONS
- 12 FUND AT THE CLOSE OF THE FISCAL YEAR SHALL REMAIN IN THE CHARITA-
- 13 BLE ORGANIZATIONS AND SOLICITATIONS FUND AND SHALL NOT LAPSE TO
- 14 THE GENERAL FUND.
- 15 (5) THE DEPARTMENT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL SHALL EXPEND MONEY
- 16 FROM THE CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS AND SOLICITATIONS FUND, UPON
- 17 APPROPRIATION, ONLY FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THIS ACT.
- 18 Sec. 4. (1) True A TRUE and correct copies COPY of the
- 19 contracts of A CONTRACT WITH A professional fund raisers
- 20 FUND-RAISER shall be kept on file in the offices of the charita-
- 21 ble organization and the professional fund raiser FUND-RAISER
- 22 during the term of -employment THE CONTRACT and for 6 years
- 23 subsequent to the date AFTER the solicitation of contributions
- 24 provided for therein IN THE CONTRACT actually terminates.
- 25 (2) Copies of A CONTRACT WITH A PROFESSIONAL FUND-RAISER,
- 26 VENDOR, OR COMMERCIAL COVENTURER AND all soliciting materials

- 1 shall be supplied TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL upon request. of the
- 2 attorney general.
- 3 (3) A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION SHALL TAKE REASONABLE STEPS TO
- 4 ENSURE THAT A PROFESSIONAL FUND-RAISER WITH WHOM IT HAS CON-
- 5 TRACTED TO SOLICIT FUNDS IN THIS STATE IS REGISTERED IN THIS
- 6 STATE AS A PROFESSIONAL FUND-RAISER.
- 7 Sec. 5. (1) An application THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SHALL
- 8 REVIEW A REGISTRATION THAT IS SUBMITTED in proper form and sup-
- 9 ported by material information TOGETHER WITH THE DOCUMENTATION
- 10 AND REGISTRATION FEE required shall be examined by the attorney
- 11 general UNDER THIS ACT. If the application and REGISTRATION,
- 12 supporting -material conforms DOCUMENTATION, AND REGISTRATION
- 13 FEE CONFORM to the requirements of this act, and the rules, the
- 14 attorney general shall issue a license to REGISTER the charita-
- 15 ble organization, within 30 days, except where PROFESSIONAL
- 16 FUND-RAISER, OR VENDOR UNLESS the CHARITABLE organization, PRO-
- 17 FESSIONAL FUND-RAISER, OR VENDOR has materially misrepresented
- 18 or omitted information required DOCUMENTATION or the CHARITABLE
- 19 organization, PROFESSIONAL FUND-RAISER, OR VENDOR has acted
- 20 VIOLATED or is acting in violation of VIOLATING this act or
- 21 rules promulgated hereunder UNDER THIS ACT.
- 22 (2) The license shall be without charge and issued to the
- 23 charitable organization, its agents and representatives for the
- 24 purpose of soliciting and receiving contributions and donations
- 25 or to sell memberships or otherwise raise moneys from the public
- 26 for the specified charitable purpose.

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        (2) (3) A license issued to a professional fund raiser,
 2 professional solicitor, or a charitable organization, its agents
 3 and representatives may be suspended or revoked by the THE
 4 attorney general MAY SUSPEND OR RESCIND THE REGISTRATION OF A
 5 CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION, PROFESSIONAL FUND-RAISER, OR VENDOR AND
 6 AN AGENT OR REPRESENTATIVE OF A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION, PROFES-
 7 SIONAL FUND-RAISER, OR VENDOR for violation of this act or rules
 8 promulgated hereunder, after reasonable notice and opportunity
 9 to be heard. The attorney general may suspend on an emergency
10 basis, without hearing, any license issued to a professional
11 fund raiser, professional solicitor, or a charitable organization
12 when THE REGISTRATION OF A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION, PROFESSIONAL
13 FUND-RAISER, OR VENDOR IF the attorney general specifies in the
14 notice of emergency suspension the reasons and grounds indicating
15 a violation of this act or any A rule which PROMULGATED UNDER
16 THIS ACT THAT constitutes the emergency. The notice shall set
17 forth that within 48 hours, at a designated time and place, a
18 hearing shall be held on whether the -license REGISTRATION
19 should be permanently suspended or <del>revoked</del> RESCINDED.
20 professional fund raiser, professional solicitor, or charitable
21 organization, PROFESSIONAL FUND-RAISER, OR VENDOR may show com-
22 pliance with the requirements of this act or the rules
23 PROMULGATED UNDER THIS ACT and shall have HAS the burden of
24 adducing the evidence PROOF IN ESTABLISHING THAT COMPLIANCE.
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        Sec. 6. A charitable organization, PROFESSIONAL
26 FUND-RAISER, OR VENDOR shall notify the attorney general within
27 30 days of any change in the information required to be furnished
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- 1 under section 3 THIS ACT. A report shall be filed and signed
- 2 by the president or other authorized officer and the chief fiscal
- 3 officer of the organization.
- 4 Sec. 7. (1) The license of a charitable organization shall
- 5 expire 1 year after the date of issuance. A charitable organiza-
- 6 tion desiring renewal of a license shall file with the attorney
- 7 general a renewal application and supporting information on or
- 8 before 30 days prior to the expiration date. A REGISTERED CHARI-
- 9 TABLE ORGANIZATION SHALL REPORT ON ITS PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR AND
- 10 RENEW ITS REGISTRATION WITHIN 6 MONTHS AFTER THE CLOSE OF ITS
- 11 FISCAL YEAR. A RENEWAL REGISTRATION AND REPORT SHALL BE ON A
- 12 FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND SHALL INCLUDE THE
- 13 INFORMATION, SUPPLEMENTAL DOCUMENTATION, AND ANY FEE REQUIRED
- 14 UNDER THIS ACT.
- 15 (2) A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION'S REGISTRATION SHALL EXPIRE IF
- 16 THE CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION'S RENEWAL REGISTRATION AND REPORT IS
- 17 NOT RECEIVED WITHIN 18 MONTHS AFTER THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR
- 18 REPORTED ON THE ORGANIZATION'S MOST RECENTLY FILED REGISTRATION
- 19 FORM UNLESS THE ATTORNEY GENERAL HAS EXTENDED THE REGISTRATION
- 20 UNDER SUBSECTION (4).
- 21 (3) AN ORGANIZATION PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED UNDER THIS ACT
- 22 THAT IS NO LONGER SUBJECT TO THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF
- 23 THIS ACT SHALL FILE A FINANCIAL REPORT WITHIN 6 MONTHS OF THE
- 24 CLOSE OF THE MOST RECENTLY COMPLETED FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH THE
- 25 ORGANIZATION SOLICITED IN THIS STATE. THE REPORT SHALL INCLUDE
- 26 THE FINANCIAL INFORMATION THAT WOULD BE REQUIRED TO RENEW THE
- 27 ORGANIZATION'S REGISTRATION AND ANY REPORTS ON SOLICITATION

- 1 CAMPAIGNS CONDUCTED BY THE CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION THROUGH A
- 2 PROFESSIONAL FUND RAISER AS REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 17(5). THE
- 3 ATTORNEY GENERAL SHALL EXTEND THE PERIOD FOR FILING THE REPORT
- 4 REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (4).
- 5 (4) IF A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION RECEIVES AN EXTENSION OF
- 6 TIME TO FILE THE CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION'S INTERNAL REVENUE SERV-
- 7 ICE FORM 990, 990EZ, OR 990PF, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SHALL EXTEND
- 8 THE CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION'S REGISTRATION FOR A SIMILAR PERIOD
- 9 OF TIME.
- 10 Sec. 8. (1) Documents required to be filed with the attor-
- 11 ney general shall be open to public inspection. Persons subject
- 12 to this act shall maintain accurate and detailed books and
- 13 records at the office of the resident agent or the principal
- 14 office which shall be open to inspection at all reasonable times
- 15 by the attorney general or his authorized representative. A REG-
- 16 ISTRATION, ANNUAL REPORT, OR OTHER DOCUMENT REQUIRED TO BE FILED
- 17 UNDER THIS ACT IS A PUBLIC RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY
- 18 GENERAL OPEN TO INSPECTION. INVESTIGATIVE DATA OBTAINED BY THE
- 19 ATTORNEY GENERAL IN ANTICIPATION OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH LITIGA-
- 20 TION OR AN ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING IS EXEMPT FROM DISCLOSURE
- 21 UNDER SECTION 13(1)(B) OF THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT, 1976
- 22 PA 442, MCL 15.243.
- 23 (2) A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION, PROFESSIONAL FUND-RAISER, OR
- 24 VENDOR SHALL MAINTAIN FOR NOT LESS THAN 3 YEARS FROM THE DATE
- 25 PREPARED, ACCURATE AND DETAILED RECORDS TO PROVIDE THE INFORMA-
- 26 TION REQUIRED UNDER THIS ACT. ALL RECORDS ARE OPEN TO INSPECTION

- 1 AT ALL REASONABLE TIMES BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND COPIES OF THE
- 2 RECORDS SHALL BE PROVIDED TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL UPON REQUEST.
- 3 (3) A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION OR PERSON, INCLUDING A VENDOR,
- 4 COMMERCIAL COVENTURER, PROFESSIONAL FUND-RAISER, OR PERSON
- 5 DESCRIBED IN SECTION 23A, THAT SOLICITS CONTRIBUTIONS, RAISES
- 6 FUNDS, OR CONDUCTS SALES PROMOTIONS FOR A CHARITABLE PURPOSE
- 7 SHALL MAINTAIN AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED IN ITS REGISTRATION OR, IF
- 8 NOT A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION, AT ITS PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSI-
- 9 NESS, THE ORIGINAL RECORDS OR TRUE COPIES OF THE RECORDS PERTAIN-
- 10 ING TO ALL MONEY OR OTHER PROPERTY COLLECTED FROM RESIDENTS OF
- 11 THIS STATE AND TO THE DISBURSEMENT OF THAT MONEY OR PROPERTY.
- 12 THE RECORDS SHALL BE PRESERVED FOR NOT LESS THAN 3 YEARS FROM THE
- 13 DATE PREPARED.
- 14 (4) A FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL REGARDING A
- 15 CLOSED ENFORCEMENT ACTION OR A SETTLEMENT IN A CIVIL CASE UNDER
- 16 THIS ACT IS OPEN TO PUBLIC INSPECTION AND COPYING. A PROVISION
- 17 OR REQUIREMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY OR SEALING OF RECORDS AS A CON-
- 18 DITION OF SETTLEMENT OF AN ENFORCEMENT OR CIVIL ACTION UNDER THIS
- 19 ACT IS PROHIBITED.
- Sec. 9. If a local, county, or area division of a charita-
- 21 ble organization is directly supervised and controlled by a
- 22 superior or parent organization -, which THAT is incorporated
- 23 -, AND qualified to do business IN THIS STATE, or IS doing busi-
- 24 ness within this state, the local, county, or area division OF
- 25 THAT CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION is not required to register under
- 26 section 3 if the superior or parent organization files an
- 27 application statement REGISTERS on behalf of the local, county,

- 1 or area division in addition to or as part of its application
- 2 statement. When an application statement has been THE SUPERIOR
- 3 OR PARENT ORGANIZATION'S REGISTRATION. IF A REGISTRATION IS
- 4 filed by a superior or parent organization, it shall file the
- 5 annual report required under sections 14 and 16 THIS ACT on
- 6 behalf of the local, county, or area division in -such THE
- 7 detail as required by the rules ATTORNEY GENERAL.
- 8 Sec. 10. The attorney general may promulgate rules neces-
- 9 sary for the administration of this act -in accordance with and
- 10 subject to Act No. 306 of the Public Acts of 1969, as amended,
- 11 being sections 24.201 to 24.315 of the Michigan Compiled Laws
- 12 UNDER THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT OF 1969, 1969 PA 306,
- 13 MCL 24.201 TO 24.328. Emergency rules may not be promulgated.
- 14 pursuant to this act.
- 15 Sec. 11. (1) An application for a license THE ATTORNEY
- 16 GENERAL shall not be accepted ACCEPT A REGISTRATION from a
- 17 charitable organization, PROFESSIONAL FUND-RAISER, OR VENDOR
- 18 located in another state or country unless -it THAT CHARITABLE
- 19 ORGANIZATION, PROFESSIONAL FUND-RAISER, OR VENDOR first desig-
- 20 nates a resident agent in this state for the acceptance of TO
- 21 ACCEPT process issued by any court.
- 22 (2) A charitable organization, person, VENDOR, OR profes-
- 23 sional fund raiser, or professional solicitor, soliciting con-
- 24 tributions in this state but not maintaining an office within the
- 25 state shall be FUND-RAISER IS subject to service of process as
- 26 follows:

- 1 (a) By service on its registered RESIDENT agent within
- 2 the THIS state or if there is no registered RESIDENT agent,
- 3 then upon the person who has been designated in the
- 4 application statement REGISTRATION as having custody of books
- 5 and records within this state OR UPON AN OFFICER OF THE ORGANIZA-
- 6 TION AT ITS PRINCIPAL OFFICE. When IF service is effected upon
- 7 the person designated in the registration, -statement a copy of
- 8 the process shall be mailed to the charitable organization,
- 9 PERSON, VENDOR, OR PROFESSIONAL FUND-RAISER at its last known
- 10 address.
- 11 (b) When a charitable organization has solicited contribu-
- 12 tions in this state but does not maintain an office within the
- 13 state, have a registered agent within this state and have a des-
- 14 ignated person having custody of its books and records within the
- 15 state, or when a registered agent or person having custody of its
- 16 books and records within the state cannot be found as shown by
- 17 the return of the sheriff of the county in which the registered
- 18 agent or person having custody of books and records has been rep-
- 19 resented by the charitable organization as maintaining an
- 20 office, IF SERVICE CANNOT BE EXECUTED AS PROVIDED BY THIS
- 21 SECTION, service may be made as otherwise provided by law or
- 22 court rules.
- 23 (3) Solicitation of a contribution within this state by any
- 24 means is the agreement of the charitable organization,
- 25 person, VENDOR, OR professional fund raiser, or professional
- 26 solicitor, FUND-RAISER that any SERVICE OF process against it

1 or him which is served in accordance with UNDER this section

- 2 is of the same legal force and effect as if served personally.
- 3 Sec. 12. Upon THE initial filing of an application state-
- 4 ment pursuant to A REGISTRATION UNDER section 3, the attorney
- 5 general may suspend for a reasonable, specifically designated
- 6 time the filing of reports otherwise required by sections 14 and
- 7 15 UNDER THIS ACT as to a particular charitable -corporation,
- 8 trust, or organization, incorporated or established for chari-
- 9 table purposes, upon written application filed with the attorney
- 10 general, and after the attorney general has determined and acqui-
- 11 esced by a written statement that the interest of the the
- 12 public INTEREST will not be prejudiced. thereby.
- 13 Sec. 13. The licensing and financial statement
- 14 REGISTRATION AND REPORTING requirements of this act do not apply
- 15 to any of the following:
- 16 (a) A person who requests a contribution for the relief or
- 17 benefit of an individual, specified by name at the time of the
- 18 solicitation, if the contributions collected are turned over to
- 19 the named beneficiary after deducting reasonable expenses for
- 20 costs of solicitation, if any, and if all fun-raising functions
- 21 are carried on by persons who are unpaid, directly or indirectly,
- 22 for their services.
- 23 (A) (b) A person who CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION THAT does
- 24 not intend to solicit and receive and does not actually receive
- 25 contributions in excess of $\frac{\$8,000.00}{\$25,000.00}$ \$25,000.00 during $\frac{\$8,000.00}{\$25,000.00}$
- 26 12-month period if all of its fund raising functions are carried
- 27 on by persons who are unpaid for their services and if the

- 1 organization makes available to its members and the public a
- 2 financial statement of its activities for the most recent fiscal

- 3 year. If the gross contributions received during any 12-month
- 4 period exceed \$8,000.00, the person shall file an application for
- 5 license with required supporting information as provided in
- 6 section 3 within 30 days after the date it has received total
- 7 contributions in excess of \$8,000.00. ITS FISCAL YEAR. A CHARI-
- 8 TABLE ORGANIZATION SHALL REGISTER AS REQUIRED UNDER THIS ACT
- 9 WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE THE CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION
- 10 RECEIVES TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS OF MORE THAN \$25,000.00. THIS SUB-
- 11 DIVISION ONLY APPLIES IF ALL OF THE CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION'S
- 12 FUND-RAISING FUNCTIONS ARE CARRIED ON BY PERSONS WHO ARE NOT PAID
- 13 FOR THEIR SERVICES.
- 14 (B) (C) An organization that does not invite the general
- 15 public to become a member of the organization and confines solic-
- 16 itation activities to solicitation drives solely among its mem-
- 17 bers and the members' immediate families, if the drives are not
- 18 held more frequently than quarterly. "Immediate family" means
- 19 the grandparents, parents, spouse, brothers, sisters, children,
- 20 and grandchildren. A PRIVATE FOUNDATION AS THAT TERM IS DEFINED
- 21 IN SECTION 509(a) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE THAT DID NOT
- 22 RECEIVE CONTRIBUTIONS FROM MORE THAN 25 PERSONS DURING THE MOST
- 23 RECENT FISCAL YEAR.
- 24 (d) An educational institution certified by the state board
- 25 of education.
- 26 (e) A veterans' organization incorporated under federal
- 27 law.

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(f) An organization that receives funds from a charitable
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 2 organization licensed under this act that does not solicit or
 3 intend to solicit or receive or intend to receive contributions
 4 from persons other than a charitable organization, if the organi-
 5 zation makes available to its members and the public a financial
 6 statement of its activities for the most recent fiscal year.
        (g) A licensed hospital, hospital based foundation, and hos-
 7
 8 pital auxiliary that solicit funds solely for 1 or more licensed
 9 hospitals.
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        (h) A nonprofit service organization that is exempt from
11 taxation pursuant to a provision of the United States internal
12 revenue code other than section 501(c)(3), whose principal pur-
13 pose is not charitable, but solicits from time to time funds for
14 a charitable purpose by members of the organization who are not
15 paid for the solicitation. The funds shall be wholly used for
16 the charitable purposes for which they were solicited, and the
17 organization shall file with the attorney general a federal form
18 990 or 990 AR.
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        (i) A nonprofit corporation whose stock is wholly owned by a
20 religious or fraternal society that owns and operates facilities
21 for the aged and chronically ill in which no part of the net
22 income from the operation of the corporation inures to the bene-
23 fit of a person other than the residents.
        (j) Charitable organizations licensed by the department of
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25 social services that serve children and families.

- 23 (C) $\frac{(k)}{(k)}$ A person registered under and complying with the 1 2 requirements of the public safety solicitation act, 1992 PA 298, 3 MCL 14.301 TO 14.327. Sec. 16. The attorney general may CONDITIONALLY continue 5 under conditions the license REGISTRATION of an A 6 CHARITABLE organization, professional -fund raiser, or profes-7 sional solicitor which FUND-RAISER, OR VENDOR THAT fails to 8 comply with this act including failure to comply with the rules 9 regarding prohibited transactions, standards of solicitation, 10 conduct, or administration OR RULES PROMULGATED UNDER THIS ACT. 11 Sec. 17. (1) A person shall not act as a professional fund 12 raiser for a charitable organization or charitable purpose before 13 he has filed an application for a license with the attorney gen-14 eral or after the expiration or cancellation of a license or 15 renewal thereof. Applications for license shall be in writing, 16 under oath, in the form prescribed by the attorney general. The 17 applicant when making application, shall file with and have 18 approved by the attorney general a bond in which the applicant 19 shall be the principal obligor, in the sum of \$10,000.00. The 20 bond shall run to the people of the state and to any person 21 including charitable organizations who may have a cause of action
- 22 against the obligor of the bond for any malfeasance or misfeas-
- 23 ance in the conduct of the solicitation. The aggregate limit of
- 24 liability of the surety to the state and to all the persons shall
- 25 not exceed the sum of the bond. Application for renewal of
- 26 licenses when effected shall be for a period of 1 year, or a part
- 27 thereof, expiring on June 30, and may be renewed for additional

- 1 1-year periods upon written application, under oath, in the form
- 2 prescribed by the attorney general and the filing of the bond. A
- 3 PROFESSIONAL FUND-RAISER SHALL NOT SOLICIT OR RECEIVE DONATIONS
- 4 FOR A CHARITABLE PURPOSE OR ON BEHALF OF A CHARITABLE ORGANIZA-
- 5 TION OR RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION, BEFORE REGISTERING WITH THE
- 6 ATTORNEY GENERAL OR AFTER THE EXPIRATION, SUSPENSION, REVOCATION,
- 7 OR DENIAL OF A REGISTRATION.
- 8 (2) A person shall not act as a professional solicitor in
- 9 the employ of a professional fund raiser required to be licensed
- 10 before he has registered with the attorney general or after the
- 11 expiration or cancellation of registration. Application for THE
- 12 registration or reregistration OF A PROFESSIONAL FUND-RAISER
- 13 shall be in writing -, under oath, in the ON A form prescribed
- 14 by the attorney general . Registration or reregistration when
- 15 effected shall be for a period of 1 year, or a part thereof,
- 16 expiring on June 30, and may be renewed upon written application,
- 17 under oath, in the form prescribed by the attorney general for
- 18 additional 1-year periods. AND SHALL BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PAYMENT
- 19 OF A \$200.00 FEE. INFORMATION PROVIDED TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
- 20 ON THE REGISTRATION FORM SHALL INCLUDE ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:
- 21 (A) ALL NAMES CURRENTLY USED BY THE PROFESSIONAL
- 22 FUND-RAISER.
- 23 (B) THE ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE PRINCIPAL OFFICE
- 24 OF THE PROFESSIONAL FUND-RAISER AND OF EACH OFFICE IT MAINTAINS
- 25 IN THIS STATE.

- 1 (C) IF THE PRINCIPAL ADDRESS OF THE PROFESSIONAL FUND-RAISER
- 2 IS NOT IN THIS STATE, THE ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF A
- 3 RESIDENT AGENT IN THIS STATE.
- 4 (D) WHERE AND WHEN THE PROFESSIONAL FUND-RAISER WAS LEGALLY
- 5 ESTABLISHED AND THE FORM OF ITS ORGANIZATION. IF A PROFESSIONAL
- 6 FUND-RAISER IS INCORPORATED, THE NAME AND BUSINESS OR HOME
- 7 ADDRESS OF ALL OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS. IF A PROFESSIONAL
- 8 FUND-RAISER IS A SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP OR PARTNERSHIP, THE NAME AND
- 9 BUSINESS OR HOME ADDRESS OF THE OWNER AND ALL PARTNERS.
- 10 (E) THE NAME, ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF ANYONE WITH
- 11 DIRECT RESPONSIBILITY FOR SOLICITATION ACTIVITY IN THIS STATE.
- 12 (F) WHETHER THE PROFESSIONAL FUND-RAISER OR ANY OF ITS OFFI-
- 13 CERS, DIRECTORS, OR PRINCIPALS IS, OR HAS EVER BEEN, ENJOINED,
- 14 FINED, CONVICTED, OR SUBJECT TO ANY OTHER SANCTION OR PENALTY AS
- 15 A RESULT OF SOLICITING CONTRIBUTIONS IN ANY STATE OR COUNTRY.
- 16 (G) A CONCISE DESCRIPTION OF THE PRINCIPAL METHODS BY WHICH
- 17 THE PROFESSIONAL FUND-RAISER IS, OR WILL BE, SOLICITING
- 18 CONTRIBUTIONS.
- 19 (H) THE NAME, ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF ANY CHARITA-
- 20 BLE ORGANIZATION WITH WHICH THE PROFESSIONAL FUND-RAISER IS UNDER
- 21 CONTRACT TO SOLICIT FUNDS IN THIS STATE.
- 22 (I) A COMPLETE COPY OF ANY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PROFES-
- 23 SIONAL FUND-RAISER AND A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION.
- 24 (J) A COMPLETE COPY OF ANY SUBCONTRACT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
- 25 PROFESSIONAL FUND-RAISER AND A PERSON THAT WILL ACT AS A PROFES-
- 26 SIONAL FUND-RAISER ON BEHALF OF A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION,

- 1 RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION, OR ANY OTHER PERSON SOLICITING FOR A
- 2 CHARITABLE PURPOSE.
- 3 (3) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (4), THE REG-
- 4 ISTRATION OF A PROFESSIONAL FUND-RAISER THAT RECEIVES, HAS CUS-
- 5 TODY OF, OR ACCESS TO FUNDS SOLICITED IN THIS STATE FOR A CHARI-
- 6 TABLE ORGANIZATION SHALL BE ACCOMPANIED BY A \$25,000.00 BOND, IN
- 7 WHICH THE PROFESSIONAL FUND-RAISER IS THE PRINCIPAL OBLIGOR. THE
- 8 BOND SHALL RUN TO THE PEOPLE OF THIS STATE AND TO ANY PERSON,
- 9 INCLUDING CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS, THAT MAY HAVE A CAUSE OF
- 10 ACTION AGAINST THE PROFESSIONAL FUND-RAISER AS A RESULT OF THE
- 11 PROFESSIONAL FUND-RAISER'S CONDUCT OF ANY ACTIVITY SUBJECT TO
- 12 THIS ACT. THE BOND SHALL BE OBTAINED AND SUBMITTED ON A FORM
- 13 PRESCRIBED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL. THE BOND SHALL BE ISSUED BY
- 14 A COMPANY AUTHORIZED TO ENGAGE IN INSURANCE ACTIVITY IN THIS
- 15 STATE. THE BOND SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT FOR A PERIOD OF AT LEAST
- 16 1 YEAR AFTER THE PROFESSIONAL FUND-RAISER'S REGISTRATION
- 17 EXPIRES.
- 18 (4) THE ATTORNEY GENERAL MAY ACCEPT AN IRREVOCABLE LETTER OF
- 19 CREDIT IN LIEU OF A BOND. AN IRREVOCABLE LETTER OF CREDIT SHALL
- 20 BE ISSUED BY A FINANCIAL INSTITUTION THAT IS AUTHORIZED TO TRANS-
- 21 ACT BUSINESS IN THIS STATE AND THAT IS INSURED BY THE FEDERAL
- 22 DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION, THE FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN
- 23 INSURANCE CORPORATION, OR THE NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ASSOCIATION.
- 24 AN IRREVOCABLE LETTER OF CREDIT SHALL BE SUBMITTED ON A FORM PRE-
- 25 SCRIBED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND SHALL EXPIRE NOT LESS THAN 1
- 26 YEAR AFTER THE PROFESSIONAL FUND-RAISER'S REGISTRATION EXPIRES.

- 1 (5) WITHIN 90 DAYS AFTER A SOLICITATION CAMPAIGN IS
- 2 COMPLETED, OR ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE COMMENCEMENT OF A
- 3 SOLICITATION CAMPAIGN LASTING MORE THAN 1 YEAR, A PROFESSIONAL
- 4 FUND-RAISER THAT SOLICITED CONTRIBUTIONS IN THIS STATE IN CON-
- 5 JUNCTION WITH A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION SHALL FILE WITH THE
- 6 ATTORNEY GENERAL A FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE CAMPAIGN, INCLUDING
- 7 GROSS REVENUE AND AN ITEMIZATION OF ALL EXPENSES INCURRED ON
- 8 BEHALF OF THE CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION. THE REPORT SHALL BE SUB-
- 9 MITTED ON A FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL. THE REPORT
- 10 SHALL BE SIGNED BY AN AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL OF THE PROFESSIONAL
- 11 FUND-RAISER AND AN AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL OF THE CHARITABLE ORGANI-
- 12 ZATION, WHO SHALL CERTIFY, UNDER OATH, THAT THE REPORT IS TRUE TO
- 13 THE BEST OF HIS OR HER KNOWLEDGE.
- 14 (6) A PROFESSIONAL FUND-RAISER'S REGISTRATION IS EFFECTIVE
- 15 IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE INFORMA-
- 16 TION AND FEES REQUIRED UNDER THIS ACT. THE REGISTRATION SHALL
- 17 EXPIRE 1 YEAR AFTER THE REGISTRATION IS EFFECTIVE. A PROFES-
- 18 SIONAL FUND-RAISER'S REGISTRATION IS RENEWABLE BY FILING A
- 19 RENEWAL REGISTRATION AND PAYING A \$200.00 FEE.
- Sec. 18. (1) A person shall not use for the purpose of
- 21 soliciting contributions the name of another person, except that
- 22 of an officer, director, or trustee of the charitable organiza-
- 23 tion by or for which contributions are solicited, without the
- 24 consent of such other person. A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION, PROFES-
- 25 SIONAL FUND-RAISER, COMMERCIAL COVENTURER, VENDOR, PERSON
- 26 DESCRIBED IN SECTION 23A, OR AN EMPLOYEE OR AGENT OF A CHARITABLE
- 27 ORGANIZATION, PROFESSIONAL FUND-RAISER, COMMERCIAL COVENTURER,

- 1 VENDOR, OR PERSON DESCRIBED IN SECTION 23A SHALL NOT ENGAGE IN
- 2 ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:
- 3 (A) A METHOD, ACT, OR PRACTICE IN VIOLATION OF THIS ACT OR A
- 4 RULE PROMULGATED UNDER THIS ACT, ANY RESTRICTION, CONDITION, OR
- 5 LIMITATION PLACED ON A REGISTRATION, OR A FINAL ORDER OR CEASE
- 6 AND DESIST ORDER.
- 7 (B) REPRESENTING OR IMPLYING THAT A PERSON SOLICITING CON-
- 8 TRIBUTIONS OR OTHER FUNDS FOR A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION HAS A
- 9 SPONSORSHIP, APPROVAL, STATUS, AFFILIATION, OR OTHER CONNECTION
- 10 WITH A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION OR CHARITABLE PURPOSE THAT THE
- 11 PERSON DOES NOT HAVE.
- 12 (C) REPRESENTING OR IMPLYING THAT A CONTRIBUTION IS FOR OR
- 13 ON BEHALF OF A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION, OR USING AN EMBLEM,
- 14 DEVICE, OR PRINTED MATERIAL BELONGING TO OR ASSOCIATED WITH A
- 15 CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION, WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING WRITTEN AUTHORI-
- 16 ZATION FROM THAT CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION.
- 17 (D) USING A NAME, SYMBOL, OR STATEMENT SO CLOSELY RELATED OR
- 18 SIMILAR TO A NAME, SYMBOL, OR STATEMENT USED BY ANOTHER CHARITA-
- 19 BLE ORGANIZATION THAT USE OF THAT NAME, SYMBOL, OR STATEMENT
- 20 WOULD TEND TO CONFUSE OR MISLEAD A SOLICITED PERSON.
- 21 (E) USING A BOGUS, FICTITIOUS, OR NONEXISTENT ORGANIZATION,
- 22 ADDRESS, OR TELEPHONE NUMBER IN ANY SOLICITATION.
- 23 (F) MISREPRESENTING OR MISLEADING ANY PERSON IN ANY MANNER
- 24 TO BELIEVE THAT A PERSON ON WHOSE BEHALF A SOLICITATION EFFORT IS
- 25 CONDUCTED IS A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION OR THAT THE PROCEEDS OF A
- 26 SOLICITATION EFFORT ARE FOR CHARITABLE PURPOSES.

- 1 (G) MISREPRESENTING OR MISLEADING ANY PERSON IN ANY MANNER
- 2 TO BELIEVE THAT A PERSON SPONSORS, ENDORSES, OR APPROVES A
- 3 SOLICITATION EFFORT IF THAT PERSON HAS NOT GIVEN WRITTEN CONSENT
- 4 TO THE USE OF HIS OR HER NAME FOR THAT PURPOSE.
- 5 (H) MISREPRESENTING OR MISLEADING ANY PERSON IN ANY MANNER
- 6 TO BELIEVE THAT REGISTRATION UNDER THIS ACT CONSTITUTES ENDORSE-
- 7 MENT OR APPROVAL BY THIS STATE OR A DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY OF THIS
- 8 STATE.
- 9 (I) REPRESENTING OR IMPLYING THAT THE AMOUNT OR PERCENTAGE
- 10 OF A CONTRIBUTION THAT A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION WILL RECEIVE FOR
- 11 A CHARITABLE PROGRAM AFTER COSTS OF SOLICITATION ARE PAID IS
- 12 GREATER THAN THE AMOUNT OR PERCENTAGE OF A CONTRIBUTION THE CHAR-
- 13 ITABLE ORGANIZATION WILL ACTUALLY RECEIVE.
- 14 (J) DIVERTING OR MISDIRECTING CONTRIBUTIONS TO A PURPOSE OR
- 15 ORGANIZATION OTHER THAN THAT FOR WHICH THE FUNDS WERE CONTRIBUTED
- 16 OR SOLICITED.
- 17 (K) FALSELY REPRESENTING OR IMPLYING THAT DONORS WILL
- 18 RECEIVE SPECIAL BENEFITS OR TREATMENT OR THAT FAILURE TO MAKE A
- 19 CONTRIBUTION WILL RESULT IN UNFAVORABLE TREATMENT.
- 20 (1) MISREPRESENTING OR MISLEADING ANY PERSON IN ANY MANNER
- 21 TO BELIEVE THAT A CONTRIBUTION IS ELIGIBLE FOR TAX ADVANTAGES
- 22 UNLESS THAT PERSON QUALIFIES FOR THOSE TAX ADVANTAGES AND ALL
- 23 DISCLOSURES REQUIRED BY LAW ARE MADE.
- 24 (M) FALSELY REPRESENTING OR IMPLYING THAT THE PERSON BEING
- 25 SOLICITED OR A FAMILY MEMBER OR ASSOCIATE OF THE PERSON BEING
- 26 SOLICITED HAS PREVIOUSLY MADE OR AGREED TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION.

- 1 (N) EMPLOYING ANY DEVICE, SCHEME, OR ARTIFICE TO DEFRAUD OR
- 2 OBTAIN MONEY OR PROPERTY FROM A PERSON BY MEANS OF A FALSE,
- 3 DECEPTIVE, OR MISLEADING PRETENSE, REPRESENTATION, OR PROMISE.
- 4 (O) REPRESENTING THAT FUNDS SOLICITED WILL BE USED FOR A
- 5 PARTICULAR CHARITABLE PURPOSE IF THOSE FUNDS ARE NOT USED FOR THE
- 6 REPRESENTED PURPOSE.
- 7 (P) SOLICITING CONTRIBUTIONS, CONDUCTING A SALES PROMOTION,
- 8 OR OTHERWISE OPERATING IN THIS STATE AS A CHARITABLE ORGANIZA-
- 9 TION, PROFESSIONAL FUND-RAISER, OR VENDOR UNLESS THE INFORMATION
- 10 REQUIRED UNDER THIS ACT IS FILED WITH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AS
- 11 REQUIRED UNDER THIS ACT.
- 12 (O) AIDING, ABETTING, OR OTHERWISE PERMITTING A PERSON TO
- 13 SOLICIT CONTRIBUTIONS OR CONDUCT A SALES PROMOTION IN THIS STATE
- 14 UNLESS THE PERSON SOLICITING CONTRIBUTIONS OR CONDUCTING THE
- 15 SALES PROMOTION HAS COMPLIED WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS ACT.
- 16 (R) FAILING TO FILE THE INFORMATION AND REPORTS REQUIRED
- 17 UNDER THIS ACT OR FAILING TO PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION REQUESTED BY
- 18 THE ATTORNEY GENERAL IN A TIMELY MANNER.
- 19 (S) FAILING TO REMOVE A PERSON'S NAME FROM ANY DONOR OR MAIL
- 20 LIST UTILIZED BY A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION OR PROFESSIONAL
- 21 FUND-RAISER FOR SOLICITATION PURPOSES IF THAT PERSON REQUESTS
- 22 THAT HIS OR HER NAME BE REMOVED FROM THAT LIST.
- 23 (2) A person has used the name of another person for the
- 24 purpose of soliciting contributions if the latter person's name
- 25 is listed on stationery, an advertisement, brochure, or in corre-
- 26 spondence by which a contribution is solicited by or on behalf of
- 27 a charitable organization or the name is listed or referred to in

- 1 connection with a request for a contribution as one who has
- 2 contributed to, sponsored, or indorsed the organization or its
- 3 activities. IN ADDITION TO THE PENALTIES PROVIDED IN SECTION 20,
- 4 A PERSON WHO ENGAGES IN ANY UNFAIR, UNCONSCIONABLE, OR DECEPTIVE
- 5 METHOD, ACT, OR PRACTICE IN A SOLICITATION FOR CONTRIBUTIONS IN
- 6 VIOLATION OF THIS ACT OR RULES PROMULGATED UNDER THIS ACT HAS
- 7 ENGAGED IN A PROHIBITED ACT IN VIOLATION OF THE MICHIGAN CONSUMER
- 8 PROTECTION ACT, 1976 PA 331, MCL 445.901 TO 445.922, AND IS
- 9 SUBJECT TO THE PENALTIES AND REMEDIES PROVIDED IN THE MICHIGAN
- 10 CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT, 1976 PA 331, MCL 445.901 TO 445.922.
- 11 (3) This section does not prevent the publication of names
- 12 of contributors without their written consent in an annual or
- 13 other periodic report issued by a charitable organization for the
- 14 purpose of reporting on its operations and affairs to its member-
- 15 ship or for the purpose of reporting contributions to
- 16 contributors.
- 17 (4) A charitable organization or professional fund raiser
- 18 soliciting contributions shall not use a name, symbol, or state-
- 19 ment so closely related or similar to that used by another chari-
- 20 table organization or governmental agency that would tend to con-
- 21 fuse or mislead the public.
- 22 (4) $\frac{(5)}{(5)}$ A charitable organization, whether exempt or not
- 23 from this act, shall supply to each solicitor and each solicitor
- 24 shall have in immediate possession identification which THAT
- 25 sets forth the name of the solicitor and the name of the charita-
- 26 ble organization on whose behalf the solicitation is conducted.

- 1 SEC. 19. (1) BEFORE CONDUCTING A SALES CAMPAIGN, A VENDOR
- 2 SHALL REGISTER WITH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL ON A FORM PRESCRIBED BY
- 3 THE ATTORNEY GENERAL. THE REGISTRATION SHALL INCLUDE, BUT IS NOT
- 4 LIMITED TO, THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:
- 5 (A) THE NAME OF THE VENDOR AND ANY OTHER CORPORATE, BUSI-
- 6 NESS, OR TRADE NAMES USED BY THE VENDOR.
- 7 (B) THE ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE PRINCIPAL OFFICE
- 8 OF THE VENDOR.
- 9 (C) IF THE VENDOR IS NOT A SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP, WHERE AND
- 10 WHEN THE VENDOR WAS LEGALLY ESTABLISHED AND THE FORM OF ITS
- 11 ORGANIZATION.
- 12 (D) A CONCISE DESCRIPTION OF THE PRINCIPAL METHODS BY WHICH
- 13 THE VENDOR INTENDS TO CONDUCT ITS SALES OR SOLICITATION CAMPAIGN
- **14** IN MICHIGAN.
- 15 (E) THE NAME, ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF EACH CHARITA-
- 16 BLE ORGANIZATION WITH WHICH THE VENDOR HAS CONTRACTED.
- 17 (F) A COMPLETE COPY OF ANY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VENDOR AND
- 18 A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION.
- 19 (2) A VENDOR SHALL PAY A FEE OF \$50.00 WITH ITS
- 20 REGISTRATION.
- 21 (3) A VENDOR'S REGISTRATION IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON
- 22 THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S RECEIPT OF THE INFORMATION AND FEES
- 23 REQUIRED UNDER THIS ACT.
- 24 (4) A VENDOR'S REGISTRATION SHALL EXPIRE 1 YEAR AFTER ITS
- 25 REGISTRATION IS EFFECTIVE.

- 1 (5) A VENDOR SHALL NOT CONDUCT A CHARITABLE SALES PROMOTION
- 2 IN WHICH IT USES THE NAME OF A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION THAT IS
- 3 NOT REGISTERED IN THIS STATE.
- 4 SEC. 19A. A VENDOR SHALL REPORT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL THE
- 5 TOTAL DOLLAR SALES OF EACH CAMPAIGN CONDUCTED IN THIS STATE AND
- 6 THE AMOUNT PAID TO EACH CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION WITH ITS RENEWAL
- 7 REGISTRATION OR WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF A SALES
- 8 CAMPAIGN IN THIS STATE IF NO FURTHER CAMPAIGN IS INTENDED.
- 9 SEC. 19B. A VENDOR SHALL PROMINENTLY DISPLAY THE FOLLOWING
- 10 INFORMATION ON EACH VENDING MACHINE, HONOR BOX, NOVELTY MACHINE,
- 11 OR SIMILAR DEVICE THROUGH WHICH THAT VENDOR CONDUCTS A CHARITABLE
- 12 SALES PROMOTION:
- 13 (A) THE NAME OF THE VENDOR AND THE FACT THAT THE VENDOR OWNS
- 14 THE VENDING MACHINE, HONOR BOX, NOVELTY MACHINE, OR SIMILAR
- 15 DEVICE.
- 16 (B) THE PERCENTAGE OF SALES, IF ANY, THAT A CHARITABLE
- 17 ORGANIZATION WILL RECEIVE.
- 18 (C) THE AMOUNT THAT A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION WILL RECEIVE
- 19 REGARDLESS OF SALES, IF ANY.
- 20 SEC. 19C. (1) BEFORE MAKING AN ORAL REQUEST FOR A CONTRIBU-
- 21 TION AND CONTEMPORANEOUSLY WITH A WRITTEN REQUEST FOR A CONTRIBU-
- 22 TION, THE CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION, PROFESSIONAL FUND-RAISER, OR
- 23 VENDOR SOLICITING THE CONTRIBUTION SHALL DISCLOSE THE NAME AND
- 24 LOCATION BY CITY AND STATE OF EACH CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION ON
- 25 BEHALF OF WHICH THE SOLICITATION IS MADE. IF A SOLICITATION IS
- 26 MADE BY DIRECT PERSONAL CONTACT, THE INFORMATION REQUIRED UNDER
- 27 THIS SECTION SHALL ALSO BE DISCLOSED PROMINENTLY ON ANY WRITTEN

- 1 DOCUMENT EXHIBITED TO THE PERSON SOLICITED. IF A SOLICITATION IS
- 2 MADE BY RADIO, TELEVISION, LETTER, TELEPHONE, OR ANY OTHER MEANS
- 3 NOT INVOLVING PERSONAL CONTACT, THE INFORMATION REQUIRED UNDER
- 4 THIS SECTION SHALL BE DISCLOSED PROMINENTLY IN THE SOLICITATION.
- 5 THE INFORMATION REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL ALSO BE DIS-
- 6 CLOSED PROMINENTLY ON ANY INVOICES, BILLS, FULFILLMENT REQUESTS,
- 7 LETTERS, PAMPHLETS, OR BROCHURES USED TO OBTAIN PAYMENT OF A
- 8 PLEDGE OR PROMISE TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION.
- 9 (2) IN ADDITION TO THE INFORMATION REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION
- 10 (1), A PROFESSIONAL FUND-RAISER THAT ORALLY SOLICITS CONTRIBU-
- 11 TIONS IN THIS STATE SHALL ALSO DISCLOSE THE PROFESSIONAL
- 12 FUND-RAISER'S NAME AS FILED WITH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND A
- 13 STATEMENT THAT THE SOLICITATION IS BEING CONDUCTED BY A PROFES-
- 14 SIONAL FUND-RAISER. THE INFORMATION REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBSEC-
- 15 TION SHALL BE PROVIDED IN THE SAME MANNER AS THE INFORMATION
- 16 REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (1).
- 17 SEC. 19D. A PERSON REQUIRED TO REGISTER UNDER THIS ACT IS
- 18 SUBJECT TO A LATE FEE OF \$1.00 PER DAY UP TO A MAXIMUM LATE FEE
- 19 OF \$100.00 IF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING OCCUR:
- 20 (A) A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION FAILS TO FILE A REPORT ON OR
- 21 BEFORE THE DATE ITS REGISTRATION EXPIRES AS PROVIDED IN SECTION
- 22 7(1) UNLESS AN EXTENSION HAS BEEN GRANTED UNDER SECTION 7(4).
- 23 (B) A PROFESSIONAL FUND-RAISER FAILS TO FILE A REPORT AS
- 24 REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 17(5).
- 25 (C) A VENDOR FAILS TO FILE A CAMPAIGN FINANCIAL REPORT OR
- 26 CAMPAIGN SALES REPORT AS REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 19A.

1 (D) A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION, PROFESSIONAL FUND-RAISER, OR

- 2 VENDOR FAILS TO CURE A DEFECT IN ITS REGISTRATION OR ANNUAL
- 3 REPORT WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER NOTICE BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL THAT A
- 4 CORRECTION OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS REQUIRED.
- 5 Sec. 20. (1) The attorney general may, institute IN ADDI-
- 6 TION TO ANY OTHER ACTION AUTHORIZED BY LAW, BRING an action -in
- 7 any circuit court to enjoin preliminarily or permanently a
- 8 charitable organization, professional fund raiser, solicitor, or
- 9 other person who: (a) Engages in a method, act, or practice in
- 10 violation of this act or any of the rules promulgated hereunder.
- 11 (b) Employs or uses in a solicitation or collection of contribu-
- 12 tions for a charitable organization on behalf of any other person
- 13 for a charitable purpose a device, scheme, or artifice to
- 14 defraud, or for obtaining money or property by means of any false
- 15 pretense, deception, representation, or promise. AN ACT OR PRAC-
- 16 TICE PROHIBITED UNDER THIS ACT. AFTER FINDING THAT A PERSON HAS
- 17 ENGAGED IN OR IS ENGAGING IN A PROHIBITED ACT OR PRACTICE, A
- 18 COURT MAY ENTER ANY NECESSARY ORDER OR JUDGMENT, INCLUDING, BUT
- 19 NOT LIMITED TO, AN INJUNCTION, AN ORDER OF RESTITUTION, AN AWARD
- 20 OF REASONABLE ATTORNEY FEES AND COSTS. A COURT MAY AWARD TO THIS
- 21 STATE A CIVIL PENALTY OF \$10,000.00 OR LESS FOR EACH VIOLATION OF
- 22 THIS ACT. A COURT NEED NOT FIND IRREPARABLE HARM TO ENTER AN
- 23 INJUNCTION, BUT NEED ONLY FIND A VIOLATION OF THIS ACT OR FIND
- 24 THAT AN INJUNCTION WOULD PROMOTE THE PUBLIC INTEREST.
- 25 (2) In addition to any relief afforded under this section,
- 26 the attorney general may exercise the authority to suspend or
- 27 revoke a license issued pursuant to this act. A CHARITABLE

- 1 ORGANIZATION, PROFESSIONAL FUND-RAISER, OR ANY OTHER PERSON WHO
- 2 VIOLATES AN INJUNCTION OR OTHER ORDER ENTERED UNDER SUBSECTION
- 3 (1) SHALL, IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER REMEDY, PAY TO THIS STATE A
- 4 CIVIL PENALTY OF NOT MORE THAN \$10,000.00 FOR EACH VIOLATION,
- 5 WHICH MAY BE RECOVERED IN A CIVIL ACTION BROUGHT BY THE ATTORNEY
- 6 GENERAL.
- 7 (3) The attorney general may, exercise the authority
- 8 granted in this section against a charitable organization or
- 9 person which or who operates under the guise or pretense of being
- 10 an organization or person exempted by this act and is not in fact
- 11 an organization or person entitled to such an exemption. IN
- 12 ADDITION TO ANY OTHER ACTION AUTHORIZED BY LAW, ISSUE A CEASE AND
- 13 DESIST ORDER, ISSUE A NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION, OR TAKE OTHER
- 14 ACTION IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL MAY ACCEPT
- 15 AN ASSURANCE OF DISCONTINUANCE OF ANY METHOD, ACT, OR PRACTICE IN
- 16 VIOLATION OF THIS ACT FROM ANY PERSON ALLEGED TO BE ENGAGED IN OR
- 17 TO HAVE BEEN ENGAGED IN THAT METHOD, ACT, OR PRACTICE. AN ASSUR-
- 18 ANCE OF DISCONTINUANCE MAY INCLUDE A STIPULATION FOR THE VOLUN-
- 19 TARY PAYMENT OF THE COSTS OF INVESTIGATION, FOR AN AMOUNT TO BE
- 20 HELD IN ESCROW PENDING THE OUTCOME OF AN ACTION OR AS RESTITUTION
- 21 TO AN AGGRIEVED PERSON, OR FOR THE VOLUNTARY PAYMENT TO ANOTHER
- 22 PERSON IF IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST. AN ASSURANCE OF DISCONTINUANCE
- 23 SHALL BE IN WRITING AND SHALL BE FILED WITH THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR
- 24 INGHAM COUNTY. AN ACTION RESOLVED BY AN ASSURANCE OF DISCONTINU-
- 25 ANCE MAY BE REOPENED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AT ANY TIME FOR
- 26 ENFORCEMENT BY A COURT OR FOR FURTHER PROCEEDINGS IN THE PUBLIC
- 27 INTEREST. EVIDENCE OF A VIOLATION OF AN ASSURANCE OF

- 1 DISCONTINUANCE IS PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE OF A VIOLATION OF THIS ACT
- 2 IN ANY SUBSEQUENT PROCEEDING BROUGHT BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.
- 3 (4) A PERSON WHO HAS VIOLATED SECTION 18 IS SUBJECT TO 1 OR
- 4 MORE OF THE FOLLOWING PENALTIES:
- 5 (A) PLACEMENT OF A RESTRICTION OR CONDITION ON THE PERSON'S
- 6 REGISTRATION.
- 7 (B) DENIAL, SUSPENSION, OR REVOCATION OF A REGISTRATION.
- 8 (C) A CIVIL FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$10,000.00 TO BE PAID TO
- 9 THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.
- 10 (D) A REQUIREMENT TO TAKE SOME TYPE OF AFFIRMATIVE ACTION,
- 11 INCLUDING THE PAYMENT OF RESTITUTION.
- 12 (5) THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SHALL, BEFORE SUSPENDING OR REVOK-
- 13 ING A REGISTRATION, ASSESSING A CIVIL FINE, OR ORDERING RESTITU-
- 14 TION, PROVIDE THE PERSON AGAINST WHOM THE PENALTY IS TO BE
- 15 IMPOSED AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A HEARING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
- 16 ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT OF 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 TO
- **17** 24.328.
- 18 (6) A PERSON WHO SUFFERS A LOSS AS A RESULT OF A VIOLATION
- 19 OF THIS ACT MAY EXERCISE ANY RIGHT OR REMEDY CREATED UNDER SEC-
- 20 TION 11 OF THE MICHIGAN CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT, 1976 PA 331,
- **21** MCL 445.911.
- 22 Sec. 21. (1) The attorney general may investigate the
- 23 operations or conduct of charitable organizations, professional
- 24 fund raisers, or professional solicitors subject to this act. He
- 25 may require a person, corporation, institution, or association,
- 26 and the officers, members, and employees and agents thereof, to
- 27 appear at a named time and place in the county designated by the

- 1 attorney general or where the person resides or is found, to give
- 2 information under oath and to produce books, memoranda, papers,
- 3 records, documents of title, evidence of assets, liabilities,
- 4 receipts, or disbursements in the possession or control of the
- 5 person ordered to appear. A COMPLAINT FROM ANY PERSON IN WHAT-
- 6 EVER MANNER THE ATTORNEY GENERAL CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE AND MAY
- 7 INVESTIGATE ON HIS OR HER OWN INITIATIVE A CHARITABLE ORGANIZA-
- 8 TION, PROFESSIONAL FUND-RAISER, VENDOR, COMMERCIAL COVENTURER, OR
- 9 PERSON DESCRIBED IN SECTION 23A. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL MAY
- 10 REQUIRE A PERSON, CORPORATION, INSTITUTION, OR ASSOCIATION OR AN
- 11 OFFICER, MEMBER, EMPLOYEE, OR AGENT OF A CORPORATION, INSTITU-
- 12 TION, OR ASSOCIATION TO APPEAR AT A TIME AND PLACE SPECIFIED BY
- 13 THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO GIVE INFORMATION UNDER OATH AND TO
- 14 PRODUCE BOOKS, MEMORANDA, PAPERS, RECORDS, DOCUMENTS, OR EVIDENCE
- 15 OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, RECEIPTS, OR DISBURSEMENTS IN THE POSSES-
- 16 SION OF THE PERSON ORDERED TO APPEAR.
- 17 (2) When REQUIRING THE ATTENDANCE OF A PERSON, the attorney
- 18 general requires the attendance of a person, he shall issue an
- 19 order setting forth the time when and the place where attendance
- 20 is required and shall cause the same to be served SERVE THE
- 21 ORDER upon the person in the manner provided for service of pro-
- 22 cess in civil cases at least 5 days before the date fixed for
- 23 attendance. The order shall have the same force and effect as a
- 24 subpoena and, upon application of the attorney general,
- 25 obedience to the order may be enforced by a court having juris-
- 26 diction over the person —, OR the circuit court for the county
- **27** of Ingham —, or for the county where the person receiving —it—

- 1 THE ORDER resides or is found, in the same manner as though the
- 2 notice were a subpoena. In case of -contumacy FAILURE or
- 3 refusal to obey the order issued by the attorney general, the
- 4 court may issue an order requiring the person to appear before
- 5 the court, or to produce documentary evidence, if so ordered,
- **6** or to give evidence touching CONCERNING the matter in
- 7 question. Failure to obey the order of the court -shall be
- 8 punished IS PUNISHABLE by that court as a contempt. The
- 9 investigation may be -made CONDUCTED by -or before an assistant
- 10 attorney general OR OTHER PERSON designated -in writing by the
- 11 attorney general. to conduct the investigation. The attorney
- 12 general or the assistant attorney general acting in his behalf
- 13 OTHER DESIGNATED PERSON may administer the necessary oath or
- 14 affirmation to witnesses.
- 15 (3) THIS ACT DOES NOT LIMIT OR RESTRICT THE POWERS OR DUTIES
- 16 OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL THAT ARE AUTHORIZED UNDER ANY OTHER PRO-
- 17 VISION OF LAW.
- 18 SEC. 22A. IF AN ORAL PLEDGE OR PROMISE TO MAKE A CONTRIBU-
- 19 TION IS THE RESULT OF A TELEPHONE OR DOOR-TO-DOOR SOLICITATION,
- 20 THAT PLEDGE OR PROMISE TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION IS UNENFORCEABLE.
- 21 Sec. 23. (1) A person who does any of the following is
- 22 guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than
- 23 \pm 500.00 \$5,000.00, or imprisonment for not more than 6 months,
- 24 or both:
- 25 (a) Violates this act.
- **26** (b) Solicits and OR receives public donations, or sells
- 27 memberships in this state for and OR on behalf of any

- 1 organization, institution, or association subject to the
- 2 provisions of this act and which THAT is not duly licensed
- 3 pursuant to REGISTERED UNDER this act.
- 4 (c) Solicits funds under a license REGISTRATION and
- 5 thereafter diverts the same FUNDS to purposes other than that
- 6 for which the funds were contributed.
- 7 (2) This section shall DOES not be construed to limit or
- 8 restrict prosecution under the general criminal statutes of the
- 9 THIS state.
- 10 SEC. 23A. (1) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION
- 11 (2), A PERSON WHO IS NOT A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION BUT WHO SOLIC-
- 12 ITS CONTRIBUTIONS, CONDUCTS A FUND-RAISING EVENT, OR CONDUCTS A
- 13 SALES PROMOTION FOR A CHARITABLE PURPOSE IS SUBJECT TO THIS ACT.
- 14 (2) A PERSON SUBJECT TO THIS ACT UNDER SUBSECTION (1) IS NOT
- 15 REQUIRED TO REGISTER OR FILE REPORTS AS REQUIRED UNDER THIS ACT.
- 16 SEC. 23B. (1) THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SHALL PREPARE A REPORT
- 17 TO THE SENATE AND TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES PROVIDING IN
- 18 DETAIL THE MEANS TO BE IMPLEMENTED TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC REGARD-
- 19 ING CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS AND PROFESSIONAL FUND-RAISERS OPER-
- 20 ATING IN OR SOLICITING CONTRIBUTIONS IN THIS STATE.
- 21 (2) THE REPORT SHALL INCLUDE A DESCRIPTION OF THE INFORMA-
- 22 TION TO BE DISSEMINATED TO THE PUBLIC AND SHALL INCLUDE A PLAN TO
- 23 DISSEMINATE THE INFORMATION.
- 24 (3) THE REPORT SHALL BE PRESENTED TO THE SENATE AND TO THE
- 25 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES NOT LATER THAN 1 YEAR AFTER THE EFFEC-
- 26 TIVE DATE OF THE AMENDATORY ACT THAT ADDED THIS SECTION.

- 1 Enacting section 1. Sections 14 and 22 of the charitable
- 2 organizations and solicitations act, 1975 PA 169, MCL 400.284 and
- **3** 400.292, are repealed.