HOUSE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 1528

A bill to amend 1975 PA 169, entitled
"Charitable organizations and solicitations act,"
by amending the title and sections 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 16, 18, 20,
21, and 23 (MCL 400.272, 400.273, 400.275, 400.277, 400.281,
400.283, 400.286, 400.288, 400.290, 400.291, and 400.293), section
2 as amended by 2010 PA 196, section 3 as amended by 2008 PA 424,
and section 13 as amended by 1992 PA 299, and by adding sections
17a, 23a, and 23b; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 TITLE
- 2 An act to regulate CHARITABLE organizations, and PROFESSIONAL
- 3 FUND RAISERS AND OTHER persons soliciting or collecting
- 4 contributions for charitable purposes; to require registration,

- 1 disclosure of information and licensing before solicitation of ON
- 2 BEHALF OF CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS, AND CERTAIN OTHER PERSONS
- 3 INVOLVED IN THE SOLICITATION OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO CHARITABLE
- 4 ORGANIZATIONS; TO REQUIRE CERTAIN CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS AND
- 5 CERTAIN PROFESSIONAL SOLICITORS TO REGISTER AND DISCLOSE CERTAIN
- 6 INFORMATION BEFORE SOLICITING CONTRIBUTIONS; TO REQUIRE CERTAIN
- 7 PROFESSIONAL FUND RAISERS TO OBTAIN A LICENSE AND DISCLOSE CERTAIN
- 8 INFORMATION BEFORE SOLICITING contributions; to provide for
- 9 reporting of financial and other information by those licensed or
- 10 registered and those claiming exemption FROM LICENSING OR
- 11 REGISTRATION; to prescribe standards of conduct and administration
- 12 and to prohibit certain actions IN CONNECTION WITH CHARITABLE
- 13 SOLICITATIONS; to provide for enforcement, investigation, and
- 14 promulgation of rules by POWERS AND DUTIES OF the attorney general
- 15 AND COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS; to preempt local regulation; to
- 16 provide REMEDIES AND penalties for violations; and to repeal
- 17 certain acts and parts of acts.
- 18 Sec. 2. As used in this act:
- (a) "Charitable organization" means a benevolent, educational,
- 20 philanthropic, humane, patriotic, or eleemosynary organization of
- 21 persons that solicits or obtains contributions solicited from the
- 22 public for charitable purposes. A-THE TERM INCLUDES A chapter,
- 23 branch, area office, or similar affiliate or person soliciting
- 24 contributions within the state for a charitable organization that
- 25 has its principal place of business outside the state. is a
- 26 charitable organization. The term does not include a ANY OF THE
- 27 FOLLOWING:

- 1 (i) A duly constituted religious organization or a group
- 2 affiliated with and forming an integral part of a religious
- 3 organization if none of its net income inures to the direct benefit
- 4 of any individual and if it has received a declaration of current
- 5 tax exempt status from the United States if it is a religious
- 6 organization or it or its parent or principal organization has
- 7 obtained tax exempt status if it is an affiliated group. Charitable
- 8 organization does not include a
- 9 (ii) A candidate or a committee as those terms are defined in
- 10 section 3 of the Michigan campaign finance act, 1976 PA 388, MCL
- **11** 169.203. , or a
- 12 (iii) A political party qualified to be on the general election
- 13 ballot under section 560a of the Michigan election law, 1954 PA
- **14** 116, MCL 168.560a.
- 15 (B) "CHARITABLE SALES PROMOTION" MEANS ANY ADVERTISING OR
- 16 SALES ACTIVITIES THAT INCLUDE A STATEMENT OR REPRESENTATION THAT
- 17 THE PURCHASE OR USE OF THE GOODS OR SERVICES OFFERED FOR SALE WILL
- 18 BENEFIT, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION OR
- 19 CHARITABLE PURPOSE.
- 20 (C) (b)—"Clothing donation box" means a receptacle in which a
- 21 person may place clothing or other items of personal property he or
- 22 she intends to donate to a charitable organization and that has a
- 23 capacity of at least 27 cubic feet.
- 24 (D) (c) "Contribution" means a promise, grant, or payment of
- 25 money or property of any kind or value, including a promise to pay,
- 26 except payments by members of an organization for membership fees,
- 27 dues, fines, or assessments, or for services rendered to individual

- 1 members, if membership in the organization confers a bona fide
- 2 right, privilege, professional standing, honor, or other direct
- 3 benefit, other than the right to vote, elect officers, or hold
- 4 offices, and except money or property received from a governmental
- 5 authority or foundation restricted as to use.
- 6 (E) (d) "Person" means an individual, organization, group,
- 7 association, partnership, corporation, limited liability company,
- 8 trust, any other legal entity, or any combination of legal
- 9 entities.
- 10 (F) (e) "Professional fund raiser" means a person who plans,
- 11 conducts, manages, or carries on a drive or campaign of soliciting
- 12 contributions for or on behalf of a charitable organization,
- 13 religious organization, or any other person in exchange for
- 14 compensation or other consideration; or who engages in the business
- of or holds himself or herself out as independently engaged in the
- 16 business of soliciting contributions for those purposes. The term
- 17 does not include a bona fide officer or employee of a charitable
- 18 organization unless his or her salary or other compensation is
- 19 computed on the basis of funds to be raised or actually raised. The
- 20 term includes a person that is not a charitable organization and
- 21 that owns or operates a clothing donation box if any of the
- 22 following are met:
- (i) The person represents or implies to any person that
- 24 personal property placed in the clothing donation box or the
- 25 proceeds of that property will be donated to 1 or more charitable
- 26 organizations.
- (ii) The person represents or implies to any person that he or

- 1 she is using the clothing donation box to solicit contributions on
- 2 behalf of 1 or more charitable organizations.
- 3 (iii) The clothing donation box or any sign near the clothing
- 4 donation box is marked with the name, logo, trademark, or service
- 5 mark of 1 or more charitable organizations or is otherwise marked
- 6 in any manner that represents or implies that personal property
- 7 placed in the donation box or the proceeds of that property will be
- 8 donated to 1 or more charitable organizations.
- 9 (G) (f)—"Professional solicitor" means a person who is
- 10 employed or retained for compensation by a professional fund raiser
- 11 to solicit contributions for charitable purposes.
- 12 (H) (g) "Prohibited transaction" is any dealing, activity,
- 13 conduct, administration, or management of a charitable organization
- 14 or by any of its officers, trustees, personnel, or related persons
- 15 that may be prohibited as constituting activity contrary to proper
- 16 administration of the charitable organization or conduct of a fund
- 17 raising campaign or solicitation by a professional fund raiser,
- 18 professional solicitor, or solicitor.
- 19 (I) (h)—"Soliciting material" means printed or similar
- 20 material used to solicit money from the public, including, but not
- 21 limited to, any labels, posters, television scripts, radio scripts,
- 22 or recordings used for that purpose.
- 23 (J) (i) "Solicitor" means a person who solicits on behalf of a
- 24 charitable organization.
- Sec. 3. (1) Unless BEFORE A SOLICITATION, UNLESS the
- 26 charitable organization is an exempt organization that is exempt
- 27 from licensing REGISTRATION and reporting under section 13, a

- 1 charitable organization that solicits or intends to solicit or
- 2 receives or intends to receive contributions from persons by any
- 3 means shall file an application for a license under this act
- 4 REGISTER with the attorney general , on forms prescribed by him or
- 5 her AS PROVIDED IN THIS ACT.
- 6 (2) An application for a license under this act shall include
- 7 the following information A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION DESCRIBED IN
- 8 SUBSECTION (1) SHALL REGISTER UNDER THIS ACT BY SUBMITTING A
- 9 REGISTRATION STATEMENT IN THE FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE ATTORNEY
- 10 GENERAL. TO REGISTER, A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION MUST INCLUDE ALL OF
- 11 THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ABOUT THE CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION IN THE
- 12 REGISTRATION FORM:
- 13 (a) The name of the organization and any name it uses or
- 14 intends to use to solicit contributions.
- 15 (b) The principal address of the organization and the address
- 16 of any EACH office in this state. If the organization does not
- 17 maintain a principal office, the organization shall include the
- 18 name and address of the person that has custody of its financial
- 19 records IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT.
- 20 (c) The names and addresses of the officers, directors,
- 21 trustees, chief executive officer, and state agent of the
- 22 organization.
- 23 (d) Where and when the organization was legally established,
- 24 the form of its organization, and its tax exempt status.
- 25 (e) The purpose for which the organization is organized and
- 26 the purposes for which contributions to be solicited will be used.
- **27** (f) The fiscal year date of the organization.

- (g) Whether the organization is or has ever been enjoined from
 soliciting contributions.
- 3 (h) All methods by which solicitations will be made.
- 4 (i) Copies of contracts between charitable organizations THE
- 5 ORGANIZATION and ANY professional fund raisers relating to
- 6 financial compensation or profit to be derived by the professional
- 7 fund raisers. If a contract described in this subdivision is
- 8 executed after filing of the application REGISTRATION STATEMENT,
- 9 the organization shall file a copy of the contract with the
- 10 attorney general within 10 days of AFTER the date of execution.
- 11 (j) Other information as required by rule.
- 12 (J) (3)—If a—THE charitable organization received
- 13 contributions in its immediately preceding tax year, as reported on
- 14 the charitable organization's internal revenue service form 990,
- 15 990-EZ, 990-PF, or other 990-series return, in the amount of
- 16 \$500,000.00 or more, the charitable organization shall include
- 17 financial statements with its application for license under this
- 18 section, prepared according to generally accepted accounting
- 19 principles and audited by an independent certified public
- 20 accountant. If a THE charitable organization received contributions
- 21 in its immediately preceding tax year, as reported on the
- 22 charitable organization's internal revenue service form 990, 990-
- 23 EZ, 990-PF, or other 990-series return, in the amount of
- 24 \$250,000.00 or more, but less than \$500,000.00, the charitable
- 25 organization shall include financial statements with its
- 26 application for license under this section—that are either reviewed
- 27 or audited by an independent certified public accountant. The

- 1 attorney general may waive this requirement 1 time for a charitable
- 2 organization.
- 3 (K) THE CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION'S INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
- 4 FORM 990, 990-EZ, 990-PF, OR OTHER 990-SERIES RETURN FOR THE
- 5 PRECEDING TAX YEAR.
- 6 (1) ANY OTHER INFORMATION THE ATTORNEY GENERAL REQUIRES BY
- 7 RULE.
- 8 (3) (4) Both of the following apply for purposes of subsection
- 9 $\frac{(3)}{(2)}(2)(J)$:
- 10 (a) For license applications REGISTRATION STATEMENTS submitted
- 11 under this section on or after January 1, 2015 and before January
- 12 1, 2020, the dollar amounts of contributions in subsection $\frac{(3)}{(3)}$
- 13 (2)(J) at which reviewed financial statements and at which audited
- 14 financial statements are required with the application REGISTRATION
- 15 STATEMENT are increased by \$25,000.00. Those dollar amounts are
- increased by an additional \$25,000.00 for every subsequent 5-year
- 17 period, beginning on January 1, 2020.
- 18 (b) "Contributions" means all contributions and support
- 19 reported on a charitable organization's form 990, 990-EZ, 990-PF,
- 20 or other 990-series return. The term includes special fund-raising
- 21 event receipts, net of direct expenses, but does not include
- 22 contributions or grants received from governmental agencies.
- 23 (4) THE ATTORNEY GENERAL MAY SUSPEND A CHARITABLE
- 24 ORGANIZATION'S OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING WITH ITS
- 25 REGISTRATION STATEMENT SUBMITTED UNDER SUBSECTION (2) FOR A
- 26 REASONABLE, SPECIFICALLY DESIGNATED TIME IF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
- 27 RECEIVES A WRITTEN REQUEST TO SUSPEND THAT OBLIGATION AND THE

- 1 ATTORNEY GENERAL DETERMINES, AND NOTIFIES THE CHARITABLE
- 2 ORGANIZATION IN WRITING, THAT THE INTEREST OF THE PUBLIC WILL NOT
- 3 BE PREJUDICED BY SUSPENDING THAT OBLIGATION:
- 4 (A) FINANCIAL STATEMENTS UNDER SUBSECTION (2) (J).
- 5 (B) A TAX RETURN UNDER SUBSECTION (2)(K).
- 6 (C) ANY OTHER INFORMATION THE ORGANIZATION IS OBLIGATED TO
- 7 PROVIDE PURSUANT TO ANY RULE PROMULGATED UNDER SUBSECTION (2) (l).
- 8 Sec. 5. (1) An application THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SHALL EXAMINE
- 9 THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT OF A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION THAT IS
- 10 SUBMITTED in proper form and IS supported by material information
- 11 required shall be examined by the attorney general UNDER THIS ACT.
- 12 If the application REGISTRATION STATEMENT and supporting material
- 13 INFORMATION conforms to the requirements of this act and the ANY
- 14 rules PROMULGATED UNDER THIS ACT, the attorney general shall issue
- 15 a license to the charitable organization within 30 days, except
- 16 where REGISTER THE CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION, UNLESS the organization
- 17 has materially misrepresented or omitted information required or
- 18 the organization has acted or is acting in violation of this act or
- 19 rules promulgated hereunder. IF REGISTERED, THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF
- 20 THE REGISTRATION IS THE DATE THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT WAS
- 21 RECEIVED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.
- 22 (2) The license REGISTRATION OF A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION
- 23 shall be without charge and issued to the charitable organization 7
- 24 OR its agents and representatives for IF the purpose of
- 25 REGISTRATION IS soliciting and receiving contributions and
- 26 donations or to sell—SELLING memberships or otherwise raise moneys
- 27 RAISING MONEY from the public for the specified charitable purpose.

1 (3) A license issued to a professional fund raiser, professional solicitor, or a charitable organization, its agents 2 3 and representatives may be suspended or revoked by the attorney qeneral for violation of this act or rules promulgated hereunder, 4 after reasonable notice and opportunity to be heard. The attorney 5 general may suspend on an emergency basis, without hearing, any 6 license issued to a professional fund raiser, professional 7 solicitor, or a charitable organization when the attorney general 8 9 specifies in the notice of emergency suspension the reasons and grounds indicating a violation of this act or any rule which 10 11 constitutes the emergency. The notice shall set forth that within 12 48 hours, at a designated time and place, a hearing shall be held 13 on whether the license should be permanently suspended or revoked. 14 The professional fund raiser, professional solicitor, or charitable organization may show compliance with the requirements of this act 15 or the rules and shall have the burden of adducing the evidence. 16 17 Sec. 7. The license REGISTRATION of a charitable organization shall expire 1 year AND 7 MONTHS after the END date of issuance THE 18 19 FINANCIAL STATEMENT PROVIDED UNDER SECTION 3(2). A-TO RENEW A 20 REGISTRATION, A charitable organization desiring renewal of a 21 license—shall file with the attorney general a renewal application 22 REGISTRATION STATEMENT and supporting information on or before 30 23 days prior to BEFORE the expiration date OF THE CURRENT 24 REGISTRATION. 25 Sec. 11. (1) An application for a license shall not be 26 accepted THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SHALL NOT ACCEPT A REGISTRATION 27 STATEMENT from a charitable organization located in another state

- 1 or country unless it first designates a resident agent in this
- 2 state for the acceptance of process issued by any court.
- 3 (2) A charitable organization, person, professional fund
- 4 raiser, or professional solicitor, OR OTHER PERSON soliciting
- 5 contributions in this state but not maintaining HAVING an office
- 6 within the IN THIS state shall be IS subject to service of process
- 7 as follows:
- 8 (a) By service on its registered agent within the IN THIS
- 9 state, or if there is no registered agent IN THIS STATE, then upon
- 10 ON the person who has been designated in the application
- 11 REGISTRATION statement, LICENSE APPLICATION, OR REGISTRATION
- 12 APPLICATION as having custody of ITS books and records within this
- 13 state. When service is effected upon the IF A person designated in
- 14 the A registration statement, LICENSE APPLICATION, OR REGISTRATION
- 15 APPLICATION IS SERVED UNDER THIS SUBDIVISION, a copy of the process
- 16 shall be mailed to the charitable organization at its last known
- 17 address.
- 18 (b) When a charitable organization BY SERVICE MADE AS
- 19 OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW OR COURT RULES IF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING
- 20 APPLY:
- 21 (i) IF THE PERSON has solicited contributions in this state,
- 22 but IN THIS STATE does not maintain an office, within the state,
- 23 have HAS a registered agent, within this state and have HAS a
- 24 designated person having THAT HAS custody of its books and records.
- 25 within the state, or when
- 26 (ii) IF a registered agent or person having THAT HAS custody of
- 27 its THE PERSON'S books and records within the IN THIS state cannot

- 1 be found, as shown by the return of the sheriff of the county in
- 2 which the registered agent or person having THAT HAS custody of
- 3 books and records has been represented by the charitable
- 4 organization as maintaining an office. , service may be made as
- 5 otherwise provided by law or court rules.
- 6 (3) Solicitation of a contribution within IN this state, by
- 7 any means, is CONSIDERED the agreement of the charitable
- 8 organization, person, professional fund raiser, or professional
- 9 solicitor, OR OTHER PERSON that any process against it or him which
- 10 THAT PERSON THAT is served in accordance with this section is of
- 11 the same legal force and effect as if served personally.
- 12 Sec. 13. The licensing and financial statement—A CHARITABLE
- 13 ORGANIZATION'S REGISTRATION AND REPORTING requirements of UNDER
- 14 this act do not apply to any of the following:
- 15 (a) A person who—THAT requests a contribution for the relief
- 16 or benefit of an individual, specified by name at the time of the
- 17 solicitation, if the contributions collected are turned over to the
- 18 named beneficiary after deducting reasonable expenses for costs of
- 19 solicitation, if any, and if all fund-raising functions are carried
- 20 on by persons who THAT are unpaid, directly or indirectly, for
- 21 their services.
- 22 (b) A person who CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION THAT does not intend
- 23 to solicit and receive and does not actually receive contributions
- 24 in excess of \$8,000.00 OF MORE THAN \$25,000.00 during any 12-month
- 25 period if all of its fund-raising functions are carried on by
- 26 persons who THAT are unpaid for their services and if the
- 27 organization makes available to its members and the public a

- 1 financial statement of its activities for the ITS most recent
- 2 fiscal year. If the gross contributions received during any 12-
- 3 month period exceed \$8,000.00 \$25,000.00, the person shall file an
- 4 application for license with required supporting information as
- 5 provided in section 3 REGISTER UNDER THIS ACT within 30 days after
- 6 the date it has received ITS total contributions in excess of
- 7 \$8,000.00 THAT FISCAL YEAR EXCEED \$25,000.00.
- 8 (c) An A CHARITABLE organization that does not invite the
- 9 general public to become a member of the organization and confines
- 10 solicitation activities to solicitation drives solely among its
- 11 members, and the members! DIRECTORS, TRUSTEES, OR THEIR immediate
- 12 families. , if the drives are not held more frequently than
- 13 quarterly. "Immediate AS USED IN THIS SUBDIVISION, "IMMEDIATE
- 14 family" means the grandparents, parents, spouse, brothers, sisters,
- 15 children, and grandchildren OF A MEMBER, DIRECTOR, OR TRUSTEE.
- 16 (d) An educational institution certified by the state board of
- 17 education.
- 18 (e) A veterans' organization incorporated under federal law.
- 19 (f) An organization that receives funds from a charitable
- 20 organization licensed REGISTERED under this act that does not
- 21 solicit or intend to solicit or receive or intend to receive
- 22 contributions from persons other than a—THE REGISTERED charitable
- 23 organization, if the organization makes available to its members
- 24 and the public a financial statement of its activities for the ITS
- 25 most recent fiscal year.
- 26 (g) A licensed hospital, hospital-based foundation, and OR
- 27 hospital auxiliary that solicit SOLICITS funds solely for 1 or more

- 1 licensed hospitals.
- 2 (h) A nonprofit service organization that is exempt from
- 3 taxation pursuant to UNDER a provision of the United States
- 4 internal revenue code other than section 501(c)(3), 26 USC
- 5 501(C)(3), whose principal purpose is not charitable, but THAT
- 6 solicits from time to time funds for a charitable purpose by
- 7 members of the organization who THAT are not paid for the
- 8 solicitation. The funds shall FUNDS SOLICITED UNDER THIS
- 9 SUBDIVISION SHALL be wholly used for the charitable purposes for
- 10 which they were solicited, and the organization shall MUST file
- 11 with the attorney general a federal form 990 or 990 AR 990-EZ.
- 12 (i) A nonprofit corporation, whose IF ITS stock is wholly
- 13 owned by a religious or fraternal society that owns and operates
- 14 facilities for the aged and chronically ill in which AND no part of
- 15 the ITS net income from the operation of the corporation FACILITY
- 16 inures to the benefit of a person other than the residents.
- 17 (j) Charitable organizations A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION
- 18 licensed by the department of social HUMAN services that serve
- 19 SERVES children and families.
- 20 (k) A person registered under and complying with the
- 21 requirements of the public safety solicitation act, 1992 PA 298,
- 22 MCL 14.301 TO 14.327.
- 23 Sec. 16. The attorney general may continue under IMPOSE
- 24 conditions ON the license of an organization, professional fund
- 25 raiser, or professional solicitor which REGISTRATION OF A
- 26 CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION THAT fails to comply with this act
- 27 including failure to comply with the rules regarding prohibited

- 1 transactions, standards of solicitation, conduct, or administration
- 2 OR RULES PROMULGATED UNDER THIS ACT.
- 3 SEC. 17A. (1) AFTER NOTICE AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD, THE
- 4 ATTORNEY GENERAL MAY SUSPEND OR REVOKE THE LICENSE OF A
- 5 PROFESSIONAL FUND RAISER OR THE REGISTRATION OF A CHARITABLE
- 6 ORGANIZATION OR PROFESSIONAL SOLICITOR THAT HAS VIOLATED OR IS
- 7 VIOLATING THIS ACT OR RULES PROMULGATED UNDER THIS ACT.
- 8 (2) THE ATTORNEY GENERAL MAY SUSPEND THE LICENSE OF A
- 9 PROFESSIONAL FUND RAISER OR THE REGISTRATION OF A CHARITABLE
- 10 ORGANIZATION OR PROFESSIONAL SOLICITOR, ON AN EMERGENCY BASIS
- 11 WITHOUT A HEARING, IF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL ISSUES A NOTICE OF
- 12 EMERGENCY SUSPENSION CONTAINING BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING:
- 13 (A) A DESCRIPTION OF THE CONDUCT IN VIOLATION OF THIS ACT OR A
- 14 RULE PROMULGATED UNDER THIS ACT THAT CONSTITUTES THE EMERGENCY.
- 15 (B) A STATEMENT THAT THE PROFESSIONAL FUND RAISER, CHARITABLE
- 16 ORGANIZATION, OR PROFESSIONAL SOLICITOR HAS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A
- 17 HEARING AT A DESIGNATED TIME, DATE, AND PLACE, WITHIN 48 HOURS
- 18 AFTER THE NOTICE OF EMERGENCY SUSPENSION IS ISSUED, OR AT A LATER
- 19 TIME AGREED TO IN WRITING BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND THE
- 20 PROFESSIONAL FUND RAISER, CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION, OR PROFESSIONAL
- 21 SOLICITOR, ON WHETHER THE LICENSE OR REGISTRATION SHOULD BE
- 22 PERMANENTLY SUSPENDED OR REVOKED. AT A HEARING HELD UNDER THIS
- 23 SUBDIVISION, THE PROFESSIONAL FUND RAISER, CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION,
- 24 OR PROFESSIONAL SOLICITOR SHALL HAVE A REASONABLE OPPORTUNITY TO
- 25 SHOW ITS COMPLIANCE WITH THIS ACT OR THE RULES PROMULGATED UNDER
- 26 THIS ACT AND HAS THE BURDEN OF PROOF OF ESTABLISHING THAT
- 27 COMPLIANCE.

- 1 (3) IN ADDITION TO HIS OR HER AUTHORITY TO SUSPEND OR REVOKE A
- 2 LICENSE OR REGISTRATION UNDER THIS SECTION, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
- 3 MAY IMPOSE CONDITIONS ON THE LICENSE OF A PROFESSIONAL FUND RAISER
- 4 OR THE REGISTRATION OF A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION OR PROFESSIONAL
- 5 SOLICITOR THAT FAILS TO COMPLY WITH THIS ACT OR RULES PROMULGATED
- 6 UNDER THIS ACT.
- 7 Sec. 18. (1) A person shall not use for the purpose of
- 8 soliciting contributions the name of another person, except that of
- 9 an officer, director, or trustee of the charitable organization by
- 10 or for which contributions are solicited, without the consent of
- 11 such other person. A PERSON SUBJECT TO THIS ACT, OR AN EMPLOYEE OR
- 12 AGENT OF A PERSON SUBJECT TO THIS ACT, SHALL NOT DO ANY OF THE
- 13 FOLLOWING:
- 14 (A) ENGAGE IN A METHOD, ACT, OR PRACTICE IN VIOLATION OF THIS
- 15 ACT OR A RULE PROMULGATED UNDER THIS ACT; ANY RESTRICTION,
- 16 CONDITION, OR LIMITATION PLACED ON A REGISTRATION OR LICENSE; OR
- 17 ANY ORDER ISSUED UNDER THIS ACT.
- 18 (B) REPRESENT OR IMPLY THAT A PERSON SOLICITING CONTRIBUTIONS
- 19 OR OTHER FUNDS FOR A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION HAS A SPONSORSHIP,
- 20 APPROVAL, STATUS, AFFILIATION, OR OTHER CONNECTION WITH A
- 21 CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION OR CHARITABLE PURPOSE THAT THE PERSON DOES
- 22 NOT HAVE.
- 23 (C) REPRESENT OR IMPLY THAT A CONTRIBUTION IS FOR OR ON BEHALF
- 24 OF A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION, OR USING AN EMBLEM, DEVICE, OR
- 25 PRINTED MATERIAL BELONGING TO OR ASSOCIATED WITH A CHARITABLE
- 26 ORGANIZATION, WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION FROM
- 27 THAT CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION.

- 1 (D) USE A NAME, SYMBOL, OR STATEMENT SO CLOSELY RELATED OR
- 2 SIMILAR TO A NAME, SYMBOL, OR STATEMENT USED BY ANOTHER CHARITABLE
- 3 ORGANIZATION OR GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY THAT USE OF THAT NAME, SYMBOL,
- 4 OR STATEMENT WOULD TEND TO CONFUSE OR MISLEAD A SOLICITED PERSON.
- 5 (E) USE A FICTITIOUS OR FALSE NAME, ADDRESS, OR TELEPHONE
- 6 NUMBER IN ANY SOLICITATION.
- 7 (F) MAKE A MISREPRESENTATION TO A PERSON BY ANY MANNER THAT
- 8 WOULD LEAD THAT PERSON TO BELIEVE THAT ANOTHER PERSON, ON WHOSE
- 9 BEHALF A SOLICITATION EFFORT IS CONDUCTED, IS A CHARITABLE
- 10 ORGANIZATION OR THAT ALL OR ANY PART OF THE PROCEEDS OF A
- 11 SOLICITATION EFFORT ARE FOR CHARITABLE PURPOSES.
- 12 (G) MAKE A MISREPRESENTATION TO A PERSON BY ANY MANNER THAT
- 13 WOULD LEAD THAT PERSON TO BELIEVE THAT ANOTHER PERSON SPONSORS,
- 14 ENDORSES, OR APPROVES A SOLICITATION EFFORT IF THAT OTHER PERSON
- 15 HAS NOT GIVEN WRITTEN CONSENT TO THE USE OF HIS OR HER NAME FOR
- 16 THAT PURPOSE.
- 17 (H) MAKE A MISREPRESENTATION TO A PERSON BY ANY MANNER THAT
- 18 WOULD LEAD THAT PERSON TO BELIEVE THAT REGISTRATION OR LICENSURE
- 19 UNDER THIS ACT CONSTITUTES ENDORSEMENT OR APPROVAL BY A DEPARTMENT
- 20 OR AGENCY OF ANY STATE OR THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.
- 21 (I) REPRESENT OR IMPLY THAT THE AMOUNT OR PERCENTAGE OF A
- 22 CONTRIBUTION THAT A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION WILL RECEIVE FOR A
- 23 CHARITABLE PROGRAM AFTER COSTS OF SOLICITATION ARE PAID IS GREATER
- 24 THAN THE AMOUNT OR PERCENTAGE OF A CONTRIBUTION THE CHARITABLE
- 25 ORGANIZATION WILL ACTUALLY RECEIVE.
- 26 (J) DIVERT OR MISDIRECT CONTRIBUTIONS TO A PURPOSE OR
- 27 ORGANIZATION OTHER THAN THAT FOR WHICH THE FUNDS WERE CONTRIBUTED

- 1 OR SOLICITED.
- 2 (K) FALSELY REPRESENT OR IMPLY THAT A DONOR WILL RECEIVE
- 3 SPECIAL BENEFITS OR TREATMENT OR THAT FAILURE TO MAKE A
- 4 CONTRIBUTION WILL RESULT IN UNFAVORABLE TREATMENT.
- 5 (1) MAKE A MISREPRESENTATION TO A PERSON BY ANY MANNER THAT
- 6 WOULD LEAD THAT PERSON TO BELIEVE THAT A CONTRIBUTION IS ELIGIBLE
- 7 FOR TAX ADVANTAGES UNLESS THAT CONTRIBUTION QUALIFIES FOR THOSE TAX
- 8 ADVANTAGES AND ALL DISCLOSURES REQUIRED BY LAW ARE MADE.
- 9 (M) FALSELY REPRESENT OR IMPLY THAT A PERSON BEING SOLICITED,
- 10 OR A FAMILY MEMBER OR ASSOCIATE OF A PERSON BEING SOLICITED, HAS
- 11 PREVIOUSLY MADE OR AGREED TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION.
- 12 (N) EMPLOY ANY DEVICE, SCHEME, OR ARTIFICE TO DEFRAUD OR
- 13 OBTAIN MONEY OR PROPERTY FROM A PERSON BY MEANS OF A FALSE,
- 14 DECEPTIVE, OR MISLEADING PRETENSE, REPRESENTATION, OR PROMISE.
- 15 (O) REPRESENT THAT FUNDS SOLICITED WILL BE USED FOR A
- 16 PARTICULAR CHARITABLE PURPOSE IF THOSE FUNDS ARE NOT USED FOR THE
- 17 REPRESENTED PURPOSE.
- 18 (P) SOLICIT CONTRIBUTIONS, CONDUCT A CHARITABLE SALES
- 19 PROMOTION, OR OTHERWISE OPERATE IN THIS STATE AS A CHARITABLE
- 20 ORGANIZATION PROFESSIONAL FUND RAISER, OR PROFESSIONAL SOLICITOR,
- 21 EXCEPT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THIS ACT.
- 22 (Q) AID, ABET, OR OTHERWISE PERMIT A PERSON TO SOLICIT
- 23 CONTRIBUTIONS OR CONDUCT A CHARITABLE SALES PROMOTION IN THIS STATE
- 24 UNLESS THE PERSON SOLICITING CONTRIBUTIONS OR CONDUCTING THE
- 25 CHARITABLE SALES PROMOTION COMPLIES WITH THIS ACT.
- 26 (R) FAIL TO FILE ANY INFORMATION OR REPORTS REQUIRED UNDER
- 27 THIS ACT.

- 1 (S) FAIL TO COMPLY WITH A PERSON'S REQUEST TO REMOVE, OR NOT
- 2 TO SHARE, THE PERSON'S PERSONAL INFORMATION, INCLUDING, BUT NOT
- 3 LIMITED TO, THE PERSON'S NAME, ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBER, OR
- 4 FINANCIAL ACCOUNT INFORMATION, FROM ANY LIST UTILIZED BY A
- 5 CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION OR PROFESSIONAL FUND RAISER FOR
- 6 SOLICITATION PURPOSES; OR SELLING, LEASING, LICENSING, SHARING, OR
- 7 OTHERWISE ALLOWING ANY THIRD-PARTY ACCESS TO ANY OF THE PERSON'S
- 8 PERSONAL INFORMATION, EXCEPT AS SPECIFICALLY REQUIRED BY LAW OR
- 9 COURT ORDER.
- 10 (T) SOLICIT OR RECEIVE A CONTRIBUTION OR CONDUCT A CHARITABLE
- 11 SALES PROMOTION FOR, OR SELL MEMBERSHIPS IN, A CHARITABLE
- 12 ORGANIZATION SUBJECT TO THIS ACT IF THAT CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION IS
- 13 NOT REGISTERED UNDER THIS ACT.
- 14 (U) SUBMIT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL:
- 15 (i) A DOCUMENT OR STATEMENT THAT PURPORTS TO BE SIGNED,
- 16 CERTIFIED, ATTESTED TO, APPROVED BY, OR ENDORSED BY A PERSON IF
- 17 THAT SIGNATURE, CERTIFICATION, ATTESTATION, APPROVAL, OR
- 18 ENDORSEMENT IS NOT GENUINE OR WAS NOT GIVEN BY THAT PERSON.
- 19 (ii) A DOCUMENT CONTAINING ANY MATERIALLY FALSE STATEMENT.
- 20 (V) VIOLATE THE TERMS OF AN ASSURANCE OF DISCONTINUANCE OR
- 21 SIMILAR AGREEMENT ACCEPTED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND FILED WITH
- 22 THE COURT UNDER THIS ACT.
- 23 (W) FOR A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION, FAIL TO VERIFY THAT ALL
- 24 PROFESSIONAL FUND RAISERS WITH WHICH THE ORGANIZATION HAS
- 25 CONTRACTED FOR FUND-RAISING SERVICES ARE CURRENTLY LICENSED UNDER
- 26 THIS ACT.
- 27 (X) FOR A PROFESSIONAL FUND RAISER, FAIL TO PROVIDE

- 1 VERIFICATION OF CURRENT LICENSING STATUS AND INFORM ANY CHARITABLE
- 2 ORGANIZATION WITH WHICH IT HAS CONTRACTED FOR FUND-RAISING SERVICES
- 3 OF ANY CHANGES AFFECTING ITS LICENSING OR BONDING, IN WRITING,
- 4 WITHIN 14 DAYS OF THE CHANGE.
- 5 (Y) FOR A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION, SUBMIT FINANCIAL
- 6 STATEMENTS, INCLUDING IRS FORM 990, 990-EZ, 990-PF, OR OTHER 990
- 7 SERIES INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE RETURN, OR ANY OTHER FINANCIAL
- 8 REPORT REQUIRED UNDER THIS ACT, THAT CONTAIN ANY MISREPRESENTATION
- 9 WITH RESPECT TO THE ORGANIZATION'S ACTIVITIES, OPERATIONS, OR USE
- 10 OF CHARITABLE ASSETS.
- 11 (Z) WEAR A LAW ENFORCEMENT OR PUBLIC SAFETY UNIFORM OR
- 12 CLOTHING SIMILAR TO A LAW ENFORCEMENT OR PUBLIC SAFETY UNIFORM WHEN
- 13 MAKING A FACE-TO-FACE SOLICITATION OR COLLECTION OF CONTRIBUTIONS.
- 14 (2) A person has used the name of another person for the
- 15 purpose of soliciting contributions if the latter person's name is
- 16 listed on stationery, an advertisement, brochure, or in
- 17 correspondence by which a contribution is solicited by or on behalf
- 18 of a charitable organization or the name is listed or referred to
- 19 in connection with a request for a contribution as one who has
- 20 contributed to, sponsored, or indorsed the organization or its
- 21 activities.
- 22 (2) (3)—This section does not prevent the publication of names
- 23 of contributors without their written consent in an annual or other
- 24 periodic report issued by a charitable organization for the purpose
- 25 of reporting on its operations and affairs to its membership or for
- 26 the purpose of reporting contributions to contributors.
- 27 (4) A charitable organization or professional fund raiser

- 1 soliciting contributions shall not use a name, symbol, or statement
- 2 so closely related or similar to that used by another charitable
- 3 organization or governmental agency that would tend to confuse or
- 4 mislead the public.
- 5 (3) (5) A charitable organization, whether OR NOT exempt or
- 6 not from this act, shall supply to each solicitor and each
- 7 solicitor shall have in HIS OR HER immediate possession
- 8 identification which THAT sets forth the name of the solicitor and
- 9 the name of the charitable organization on whose behalf the
- 10 solicitation is conducted.
- 11 Sec. 20. (1) The attorney general may institute IN ADDITION TO
- 12 ANY OTHER ACTION AUTHORIZED BY LAW, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL MAY BRING
- 13 an action in any circuit court to enjoin preliminarily or
- 14 permanently a charitable organization, professional fund raiser,
- 15 solicitor, or other person who: (a) Engages in a method, act, or
- 16 practice in violation of this act or any of the rules promulgated
- 17 hereunder. (b) Employs or uses in a solicitation or collection of
- 18 contributions for a charitable organization on behalf of any other
- 19 person for a charitable purpose a device, scheme, or artifice to
- 20 defraud, or for obtaining money or property by means of any false
- 21 pretense, deception, representation, or promise. AN ACT OR PRACTICE
- 22 PROHIBITED UNDER THIS ACT. AFTER FINDING THAT A PERSON HAS ENGAGED
- 23 IN OR IS ENGAGING IN A PROHIBITED ACT OR PRACTICE, A COURT MAY
- 24 ENTER ANY APPROPRIATE ORDER OR JUDGMENT, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED
- 25 TO, AN INJUNCTION, AN ORDER OF RESTITUTION, OR AN AWARD OF
- 26 REASONABLE ATTORNEY FEES AND COSTS. A COURT MAY AWARD TO THIS STATE
- 27 A CIVIL FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$10,000.00 FOR EACH VIOLATION OF THIS

- 1 ACT AGAINST A PERSON THAT IS SUBJECT TO THIS ACT; AGAINST AN
- 2 OFFICER, DIRECTOR, SHAREHOLDER, OR CONTROLLING MEMBER OF A PERSON
- 3 SUBJECT TO THIS ACT; AGAINST ANY OTHER PERSON THAT DIRECTLY ENGAGED
- 4 IN, AUTHORIZED, OR WAS OTHERWISE LEGALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE
- 5 PROHIBITED ACT OR PRACTICE; OR AGAINST ANY COMBINATION OF THOSE
- 6 PERSONS. A COURT MAY ORDER AN INJUNCTION UNDER THIS SUBSECTION IF
- 7 IT FINDS THAT A VIOLATION OF THIS ACT HAS OCCURRED, OR FINDS THAT
- 8 AN INJUNCTION WOULD PROMOTE THE PUBLIC INTEREST, WITHOUT A FINDING
- 9 OF IRREPARABLE HARM.
- 10 (2) In addition to any relief afforded under this section, the
- 11 attorney general may exercise the authority to suspend or revoke a
- 12 license issued pursuant to this act. IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER
- 13 REMEDY, A PERSON THAT VIOLATES AN INJUNCTION OR OTHER ORDER ENTERED
- 14 UNDER SUBSECTION (1) SHALL PAY TO THIS STATE A CIVIL FINE OF NOT
- 15 MORE THAN \$10,000.00 FOR EACH VIOLATION, WHICH MAY BE RECOVERED IN
- 16 A CIVIL ACTION BROUGHT BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.
- 17 (3) The attorney general may exercise the authority granted in
- 18 this section against a charitable organization or person which or
- 19 who THAT operates under the guise or pretense of being an A
- 20 CHARITABLE organization or OTHER person exempted by THAT IS EXEMPT
- 21 FROM this act and is not in fact an A CHARITABLE organization or
- 22 person entitled to such an THAT exemption.
- 23 (4) IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER ACTION AUTHORIZED BY LAW, THE
- 24 ATTORNEY GENERAL MAY ISSUE A CEASE AND DESIST ORDER, ISSUE A NOTICE
- 25 OF INTENDED ACTION, OR TAKE OTHER ACTION IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST.
- 26 THE ATTORNEY GENERAL MAY ACCEPT AN ASSURANCE OF DISCONTINUANCE OF
- 27 ANY METHOD, ACT, OR PRACTICE THAT VIOLATES THIS ACT FROM ANY PERSON

- 1 ALLEGED TO BE ENGAGED IN OR TO HAVE BEEN ENGAGED IN THAT METHOD,
- 2 ACT, OR PRACTICE. AN ASSURANCE OF DISCONTINUANCE MAY INCLUDE A
- 3 STIPULATION FOR THE VOLUNTARY PAYMENT OF THE COSTS OF
- 4 INVESTIGATION, FOR AN AMOUNT TO BE HELD IN ESCROW PENDING THE
- 5 OUTCOME OF AN ACTION OR AS RESTITUTION TO AN AGGRIEVED PERSON, OR
- 6 FOR THE VOLUNTARY PAYMENT TO ANOTHER PERSON IF IN THE PUBLIC
- 7 INTEREST. AN ASSURANCE OF DISCONTINUANCE SHALL BE IN WRITING AND
- 8 SHALL BE FILED WITH THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR INGHAM COUNTY. AN ACTION
- 9 RESOLVED BY AN ASSURANCE OF DISCONTINUANCE MAY BE REOPENED BY THE
- 10 ATTORNEY GENERAL AT ANY TIME FOR ENFORCEMENT BY A COURT OR FOR
- 11 FURTHER PROCEEDINGS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST. EVIDENCE OF A VIOLATION
- 12 OF AN ASSURANCE OF DISCONTINUANCE IS PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE OF A
- 13 VIOLATION OF THIS ACT IN ANY SUBSEQUENT PROCEEDING BROUGHT BY THE
- 14 ATTORNEY GENERAL.
- 15 Sec. 21. (1) The attorney general may investigate the
- 16 operations or conduct of charitable organizations, professional
- 17 fund raisers, or professional solicitors subject to this act. He
- 18 may require a person, corporation, institution, or association, and
- 19 the officers, members, and employees and agents thereof, to appear
- 20 at a named time and place in the county designated by the attorney
- 21 general or where the person resides or is found, to give
- 22 information under oath and to produce books, memoranda, papers,
- 23 records, documents of title, evidence of assets, liabilities,
- 24 receipts, or disbursements in the possession or control of the
- 25 person ordered to appear. A COMPLAINT FROM ANY PERSON IN WHATEVER
- 26 MANNER THE ATTORNEY GENERAL CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE AND MAY
- 27 INVESTIGATE ON HIS OR HER OWN INITIATIVE ANY PERSON THAT IS SUBJECT

- 1 TO THIS ACT. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL MAY REQUIRE A PERSON OR AN
- 2 OFFICER, MEMBER, EMPLOYEE, OR AGENT OF A PERSON TO APPEAR AT A TIME
- 3 AND PLACE SPECIFIED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO GIVE INFORMATION
- 4 UNDER OATH AND TO PRODUCE BOOKS, MEMORANDA, PAPERS, RECORDS,
- 5 DOCUMENTS, OR OTHER RELEVANT EVIDENCE IN THE POSSESSION OF THE
- 6 PERSON ORDERED TO APPEAR.
- 7 (2) When REQUIRING THE ATTENDANCE OF A PERSON OR THE
- 8 PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS UNDER SUBSECTION (1), the attorney general
- 9 requires the attendance of a person, he shall issue an order
- 10 setting forth the time when and the place where attendance OR
- 11 PRODUCTION is required and shall cause the same to be served SERVE
- 12 THE ORDER upon the person in the manner provided for service of
- 13 process in civil cases at least 5 days before the date fixed for
- 14 attendance OR PRODUCTION. The order shall have the same force and
- 15 effect as a subpoena and, upon application of the attorney general,
- 16 obedience to the order may be enforced by a court having
- 17 jurisdiction over the person —OR the circuit court for the county
- 18 of Ingham —or for the county where the person receiving it—THE
- 19 ORDER resides or is found, in the same manner as though the notice
- 20 were a subpoena. In case of contumacy IF A PERSON FAILS or refusal
- 21 REFUSES to obey the order issued by the attorney general, the court
- 22 may issue an order requiring the person to appear before the court,
- 23 or to produce documentary evidence, if so ordered, or to give
- 24 evidence touching TESTIMONY CONCERNING the matter in question.
- 25 Failure to obey the order of the court shall be punished IS
- 26 PUNISHABLE by that court as a—contempt. The investigation may be
- 27 made CONDUCTED by or before an assistant attorney general OR OTHER

- 1 PERSON designated in writing by the attorney general. to conduct
- 2 the investigation. The attorney general or the assistant attorney
- 3 general acting in his behalf OTHER DESIGNATED PERSON may administer
- 4 the necessary oath or affirmation to witnesses.
- 5 Sec. 23. (1) A person who THAT does any of the following is
- 6 guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE
- 7 THAN 6 MONTHS OR a fine of not more than \$500.00, or imprisonment
- 8 for not more than 6 months \$5,000.00, or both, FOR EACH VIOLATION:
- 9 (a) Violates this act.
- 10 (b) Solicits and receives public donations, or sells
- 11 memberships in this state for and on behalf of any organization,
- 12 institution, or association subject to the provisions of this act
- 13 and which is not duly licensed pursuant to this act.
- 14 (c) Solicits funds under a license and thereafter diverts the
- 15 same to purposes other than that for which the funds were
- 16 contributed.
- 17 (A) KNOWINGLY MISREPRESENTS OR MISLEADS ANY PERSON IN ANY
- 18 MANNER TO BELIEVE THAT A PERSON ON WHOSE BEHALF A SOLICITATION
- 19 EFFORT IS CONDUCTED IS A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION OR THAT THE
- 20 PROCEEDS OF A SOLICITATION EFFORT ARE FOR CHARITABLE PURPOSES.
- 21 (B) KNOWINGLY DIVERTS OR MISDIRECTS CONTRIBUTIONS TO A PURPOSE
- 22 OR ORGANIZATION OTHER THAN FOR WHICH THE FUNDS WERE CONTRIBUTED OR
- 23 SOLICITED.
- 24 (C) KNOWINGLY MISREPRESENTS THAT FUNDS SOLICITED OR
- 25 CONTRIBUTED WILL BE USED FOR A SPECIFIC CHARITABLE PURPOSE.
- 26 (D) KNOWINGLY MISREPRESENTS THAT A DONOR WILL RECEIVE SPECIAL
- 27 BENEFITS OR TREATMENT OR THAT FAILURE TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION WILL

- 1 RESULT IN UNFAVORABLE TREATMENT.
- 2 (E) EMPLOYS ANY DEVICE, SCHEME, OR ARTIFICE TO DEFRAUD OR
- 3 OBTAIN MONEY OR PROPERTY FROM A PERSON BY MEANS OF A FALSE,
- 4 DECEPTIVE, OR MISLEADING PRETENSE, REPRESENTATION, OR PROMISE.
- 5 (F) KNOWINGLY FAILS TO FILE ANY MATERIALS, INFORMATION, OR
- 6 REPORT REQUIRED UNDER THIS ACT.
- 7 (G) ENGAGES IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING PRACTICES AND WRONGFULLY
- 8 OBTAINS MORE THAN \$1,000.00 AND LESS THAN \$5,000.00, IN THE
- 9 AGGREGATE, AS A RESULT OF THE PRACTICE OR PRACTICES:
- 10 (i) KNOWINGLY MISREPRESENTS THAT A PERSON SOLICITING
- 11 CONTRIBUTIONS OR OTHER FUNDS FOR A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION HAS A
- 12 SPONSORSHIP, APPROVAL, STATUS, AFFILIATION, OR OTHER CONNECTION
- 13 WITH A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION OR CHARITABLE PURPOSE THAT THE
- 14 PERSON DOES NOT HAVE.
- 15 (ii) KNOWINGLY USES A NAME, SYMBOL, OR STATEMENT SO CLOSELY
- 16 RELATED OR SIMILAR TO A NAME, SYMBOL, OR STATEMENT USED BY ANOTHER
- 17 CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION OR GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY THAT USE OF THAT
- 18 NAME, SYMBOL, OR STATEMENT IS CONFUSING OR MISLEADING.
- 19 (iii) KNOWINGLY USES A BOGUS, FICTITIOUS, OR NONEXISTENT
- 20 ORGANIZATION, ADDRESS, OR TELEPHONE NUMBER IN ANY SOLICITATION.
- 21 (iv) KNOWINGLY MISREPRESENTS OR MISLEADS ANY PERSON IN ANY
- 22 MANNER TO BELIEVE THAT A PERSON OR GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY SPONSORS,
- 23 ENDORSES, OR APPROVES A SOLICITATION EFFORT IF THAT PERSON OR
- 24 AGENCY HAS NOT GIVEN WRITTEN CONSENT TO THE USE OF THE PERSON'S OR
- 25 AGENCY'S NAME FOR THAT PURPOSE.
- 26 (v) KNOWINGLY MISREPRESENTS THAT THE AMOUNT OR PERCENTAGE OF A
- 27 CONTRIBUTION THAT A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION WILL RECEIVE FOR A

- 1 CHARITABLE PROGRAM AFTER COSTS OF SOLICITATION ARE PAID IS GREATER
- 2 THAN THE AMOUNT OR PERCENTAGE OF THE CONTRIBUTION THE CHARITABLE
- 3 ORGANIZATION WILL ACTUALLY RECEIVE.
- 4 (vi) KNOWINGLY SOLICITS CONTRIBUTIONS, CONDUCTS A CHARITABLE
- 5 SALES PROMOTION, OR OTHERWISE OPERATES IN THIS STATE AS A
- 6 CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION OR PROFESSIONAL FUND RAISER UNLESS THE
- 7 INFORMATION REQUIRED UNDER THIS ACT IS FILED WITH THE ATTORNEY
- 8 GENERAL AS REQUIRED UNDER THIS ACT.
- 9 (vii) AIDS, ABETS, OR OTHERWISE PERMITS A PERSON TO SOLICIT
- 10 CONTRIBUTIONS OR CONDUCT A CHARITABLE SALES PROMOTION IN THIS STATE
- 11 UNLESS THE PERSON SOLICITING CONTRIBUTIONS OR CONDUCTING THE
- 12 CHARITABLE SALES PROMOTION HAS COMPLIED WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF
- 13 THIS ACT.
- 14 (viii) KNOWINGLY SOLICITS OR RECEIVES A CONTRIBUTION, CONDUCTS A
- 15 CHARITABLE SALES PROMOTION, OR SELLS MEMBERSHIPS IN THIS STATE FOR
- 16 OR ON BEHALF OF ANY CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION SUBJECT TO THE
- 17 PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT THAT IS NOT REGISTERED UNDER THIS ACT.
- 18 (2) A PERSON THAT DOES ANY OF THE FOLLOWING IS GUILTY OF A
- 19 FELONY PUNISHABLE BY IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN 5 YEARS OR A
- 20 FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$20,000.00, OR BOTH, FOR EACH VIOLATION:
- 21 (A) ENGAGES IN ANY PRACTICE OR PRACTICES DESCRIBED IN
- 22 SUBSECTION (1)(A), (B), (C), (D), OR (E) IF THE AMOUNT OF MONEY
- 23 FRAUDULENTLY COLLECTED OR WRONGFULLY DIVERTED FROM THE CHARITABLE
- 24 PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE MONEY WAS SOLICITED EXCEEDS, IN THE
- 25 AGGREGATE, \$1,000.00.
- 26 (B) ENGAGES IN ANY PRACTICE OR PRACTICES DESCRIBED IN
- 27 SUBSECTION (1)(G) AND WRONGFULLY OBTAINS MORE THAN \$5,000.00, IN

- 1 THE AGGREGATE, AS A RESULT OF THE PRACTICE OR PRACTICES.
- 2 (C) KNOWINGLY SUBMITS ANY OF THE FOLLOWING IN MATERIALS OR
- 3 STATEMENTS REQUIRED UNDER THIS ACT OR REQUESTED BY THE ATTORNEY
- 4 GENERAL:
- 5 (i) ANY DOCUMENT OR STATEMENT PURPORTING TO HAVE BEEN SIGNED,
- 6 CERTIFIED, ATTESTED TO, APPROVED BY, OR ENDORSED BY A PERSON IF THE
- 7 SIGNATURE, CERTIFICATION, ATTESTATION, APPROVAL, OR ENDORSEMENT IS
- 8 NOT GENUINE OR HAS NOT BEEN GIVEN BY THAT PERSON.
- 9 (ii) ANY DOCUMENT CONTAINING ANY MATERIALLY FALSE STATEMENT.
- 10 (3) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, A PERSON IS PRESUMED TO HAVE
- 11 COMMITTED A VIOLATION KNOWINGLY IF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL PROVIDED
- 12 WRITTEN NOTICE IDENTIFYING ALLEGED VIOLATIONS TO THE PERSON BEFORE
- 13 THE ACTS OR OMISSIONS IN VIOLATION OF SUBSECTION (1) OR (2)
- 14 OCCURRED.
- 15 (4) IN ADDITION TO PURSUING A CRIMINAL ACTION UNDER THIS
- 16 SECTION, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL MAY BRING A CIVIL ACTION FOR DAMAGES
- 17 OR EQUITABLE RELIEF TO ENFORCE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT.
- 18 (5) (2)—This section shall—DOES not be construed to—limit or
- 19 restrict prosecution under the general criminal statutes of the
- 20 THIS state.
- 21 SEC. 23A. (1) A PERSON THAT IS NOT A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION,
- 22 A PROFESSIONAL FUND RAISER, OR A VOLUNTEER SUPERVISED BY A
- 23 CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION, BUT THAT SOLICITS CONTRIBUTIONS, CONDUCTS
- 24 A FUND-RAISING EVENT, OR CONDUCTS A CHARITABLE SALES PROMOTION FOR
- 25 A CHARITABLE PURPOSE IS SUBJECT TO THIS ACT.
- 26 (2) A PERSON SUBJECT TO THIS ACT UNDER SUBSECTION (1) IS NOT
- 27 REQUIRED TO REGISTER OR FILE REPORTS REQUIRED UNDER THIS ACT.

- 1 SEC. 23B. THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY FOR A COUNTY MAY PROSECUTE
- 2 A PERSON SUBJECT TO THIS ACT IN THE SAME MANNER AS THE ATTORNEY
- 3 GENERAL. A COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY SHALL NOTIFY THE ATTORNEY
- 4 GENERAL WHEN HE OR SHE BEGINS A PROSECUTION UNDER THIS SECTION AND
- 5 PROVIDE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL WITH A COPY OF THE FINAL JUDGMENT IN
- 6 THAT ACTION.
- 7 Enacting section 1. Sections 12 and 14 of the charitable
- 8 organizations and solicitations act, 1975 PA 169, MCL 400.282 and
- **9** 400.284, are repealed.