

**Article - Business Regulation**

6-102.

(c) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, a charitable organization is exempt from the requirements of this title if the charitable organization:

(i) does not employ a professional solicitor; and

(ii) 1. solicits charitable contributions for a named individual and the gross amount is delivered to the individual;

2. A. [is exempt from federal tax and] is a religious organization, a parent organization of a religious organization, or a school affiliated with a religious organization; AND

B. HAS IN EFFECT A DECLARATION OF TAX-EXEMPT STATUS FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES;

3. solicits charitable contributions only from its members; or

4. does not receive more than \$25,000 in charitable contributions from the public during the year for which a registration statement and annual report otherwise would be required, if:

A. all its charitable solicitations are done by volunteers; and

B. no part of its assets or income inures to the benefit of or is paid to an officer or member of the charitable organization.

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(c) On referral by the Secretary of State, the Attorney General may sue in the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County for an order that:

(1) restrains further violation of this title;

(2) restrains the defendant from making further charitable solicitations in the State;

(3) RECOVERS FOR THE STATE A CIVIL PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED \$5,000 FOR EACH WILLFUL VIOLATION OF THE ACT;

(4) RECOVERS FOR THE STATE A CIVIL PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED \$3,000 FOR EACH GROSSLY NEGLIGENT VIOLATION OF THE ACT;

[(3)](5) enforces compliance with this title; or

[(4)](6) secures any other appropriate relief, INCLUDING:

(I) REFUNDS TO DONORS; AND