



House of Representatives

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House Bill No. 5222
As Amended by House Amendment
Schedule "A"

Approved by the Legislative Commissioner
March 27, 2009

AN ACT CONCERNING CHARITABLE DONATION BINS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2009*) No person shall place or
2 cause to be placed in a public place a donation bin for the donation of
3 clothing or other articles unless such person has been granted
4 permission to place such donation bin in such public place by the
5 owner of such public place or by such owner's duly authorized agent
6 and unless such bin contains a notice in block letters at least two inches
7 high stating: (1) If the donation is for a charitable purpose, the name of
8 the nonprofit organization that will benefit from the donation and that
9 the public may contact the Department of Consumer Protection for
10 further information, or (2) if not intended for a charitable purpose, that
11 such donation is not for a charitable purpose. Such notice shall be on
12 the same side of the bin where the donation is likely to be made. As
13 used in this section, "public place" means any area that is used or held
14 out for use by the public, whether owned or operated by public or
15 private interests and "donation bin" means a large container commonly
16 placed in a parking lot for the purpose of encouraging individuals to

- 17 donate clothing or other items.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2009</i>	New section

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

House "A" (LCO 5227) is technical and has no fiscal impact.

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 5222 (as amended by House "A")*****AN ACT CONCERNING CHARITABLE DONATION BINS.****SUMMARY:**

This bill prohibits anyone from placing a donation bin in a public place without permission from the place's owner or agent and unless it contains a notice in block letters at least two inches high stating that the donation is (1) for a charitable purpose or (2) not for a charitable purpose. In the former case, the notice must also state (1) the name of the nonprofit organization that will benefit from the donation and (2) that the public may contact the Department of Consumer Protection for more information. The notice must appear on the side of the bin where the donation is made. Under the bill, a "public place" is an area used or held out for use by the public, whether owned or operated by private or public interests. It defines "donation bin" as a large container commonly placed in a parking lot to encourage the donation of clothing or other items.

*House Amendment "A" (1) requires a person placing a donation bin in a public place to obtain permission from the owner of the public place or his or her agent and (2) defines "public place."

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2009

COMMITTEE ACTION

General Law Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 17 Nay 0 (03/03/2009)