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General Assembly

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Senate Bill No. 780

Senate, March 3, 2009

The Committee on General Law reported through SEN. COLAPIETRO of the 31st Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE SOLICITATION OF CHARITABLE FUNDS ACT.

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

1 Section 1. Section 21a-190c of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):

3 (a) Every charitable organization required to register pursuant to
4 section 21a-190b shall annually file with the department, as part of
5 such organization's application for registration, a financial report for
6 its most recently completed fiscal year, which report shall include a
7 financial statement and such other information as the commissioner
8 may require and shall be signed by two authorized officers of the
9 organization, one of whom shall be the chief fiscal officer of the
10 organization. The information contained in such report shall be
11 available to the public. Such officers shall certify that such report is
12 true and correct to the best of their knowledge. The commissioner shall
13 prescribe the form of the report and may prescribe standards for its
14 completion. The commissioner may accept, under such conditions as

15 said commissioner may prescribe, a copy or duplicate original of
 16 financial statements, reports or returns filed by the charitable
 17 organization with the Internal Revenue Service or another state having
 18 requirements similar to the provisions of sections 21a-190a to 21a-190l,
 19 inclusive.

20 (b) A charitable organization with gross revenue in excess of [two]
 21 five hundred thousand dollars in the year covered by the report shall
 22 include with its financial statement an audit report of a certified public
 23 accountant. For purposes of this section, gross revenue shall not
 24 include grants or fees from government agencies or the revenue
 25 derived from funds held in trust for the benefit of the organization.

26 (c) Every charitable organization required to file an annual report
 27 and every charitable organization subject to the provisions of
 28 subdivision (6) of section 21a-190d shall keep true fiscal records which
 29 shall be available to the department for inspection upon request. Such
 30 organization shall retain such records for no less than three years after
 31 the end of the fiscal year to which they relate.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2009</i>	21a-190c

GL *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 780*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE SOLICITATION OF CHARITABLE FUNDS ACT.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill increases, from \$200,000 to \$500,000, the minimum gross receipt threshold for charitable organizations required to include an audit report with their annual financial statements. By law, all charitable organizations registered with the Department of Consumer Protection must annually file a financial report with the department, and organizations with gross revenues over \$200,000 must also file an audit report prepared by a certified public accountant.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2009

COMMITTEE ACTION

General Law Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 19 Nay 0 (02/19/2009)