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"AN ACT PROTECTING EMPLOYEE FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND CONSCIENCE."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Subdivision (3) of subsection (c) of section 9-608 of the
4 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
5 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2019*):

6 (3) In addition to the requirements of subdivision (2) of this
7 subsection, each contributor who makes a contribution to a candidate
8 or exploratory committee for Governor, Lieutenant Governor,
9 Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State, State
10 Treasurer, state senator or state representative, any political committee
11 authorized to make contributions to such candidates or committees,
12 and any party committee that separately, or in the aggregate, exceeds
13 fifty dollars shall provide with the contribution: (A) The name of the
14 contributor's employer, if any; (B) the contributor's status as a

15 communicator lobbyist, as defined in section 1-91, a member of the
16 immediate family of a communicator lobbyist, a state contractor, a
17 prospective state contractor or a principal of a state contractor or
18 prospective state contractor, as defined in section 9-612; [and] (C) a
19 certification that the contributor is not prohibited from making a
20 contribution to such candidate or committee; and (D) the contributor's
21 status as a member of a union. The State Elections Enforcement
22 Commission shall prepare a sample form for such certification by the
23 contributor and shall make it available to treasurers and contributors.
24 Such sample form shall include an explanation of the terms
25 "communicator lobbyist", "principal of a state contractor or prospective
26 state contractor", "immediate family", "state contractor" and
27 "prospective state contractor". The information on such sample form
28 shall be included in any written solicitation conducted by any such
29 committee. If a treasurer receives such a contribution and the
30 contributor has not provided such certification, the treasurer shall: (i)
31 Not later than three business days after receiving the contribution,
32 send a request for the certification to the contributor by certified mail,
33 return receipt requested; (ii) not deposit the contribution until the
34 treasurer obtains the certification from the contributor,
35 notwithstanding the provisions of section 9-606; and (iii) return the
36 contribution to the contributor if the contributor does not provide the
37 certification not later than fourteen days after the treasurer's written
38 request or at the end of the reporting period in which the contribution
39 was received, whichever is later. No treasurer shall be required to
40 obtain and keep more than one certification from each contributor,
41 unless information certified to by the contributor, other than the
42 amount contributed, changes. If a treasurer deposits a contribution
43 based on a certification that is later determined to be false, the
44 treasurer shall have a complete defense to any action, including but
45 not limited to, any complaint investigated by the State Elections
46 Enforcement Commission or any other investigation initiated by said
47 commission, against such treasurer for the receipt of such
48 contribution."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>October 1, 2019</i>	9-608(c)(3)