

SENATE BILL NO. 252—SENATORS PARKS, COPENING,
WOODHOUSE, HORSFORD, WIENER; CARE AND LEE

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Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to solicitations of
charitable donations. (BDR 52-843)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: Increases or Newly
Provides for Term of Imprisonment in County or City
Jail or Detention Facility.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to solicitation of charitable donations; requiring a
person soliciting donations for a charitable, nonprofit or
religious entity to make certain disclosures; and providing
other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

- 1 This bill requires certain disclosures to be made by a person who solicits
- 2 contributions for or on behalf of a charitable, nonprofit or religious organization. If
- 3 the organization benefits law enforcement officers or professional firefighters, the
- 4 person must also disclose the percentage of total contributions that benefits law
- 5 enforcement officers or professional firefighters in this State upon request.



THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 2. Chapter 598 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. A person representing that he is conducting or executing a solicitation for or on behalf of a charitable or nonprofit organization or an organization which is established for and serving bona fide religious purposes shall disclose:

(a) The full, legal name of the organization;

(b) The state in which the organization was formed;

(c) The purpose of the organization;

(d) If applicable, the fact that the person is employed by a company that is in the business of fundraising and the full, legal name and address of that company; and

(e) If the organization represents that it benefits law enforcement officers or professional firefighters, the percentage of total contributions that benefits law enforcement officers or professional firefighters in this State upon request.

2. As used in this section:

(a) "Charitable organization" means any person who:

(1) The Secretary of the Treasury has determined to be tax exempt pursuant to the provisions of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; or

(2) Is, or holds himself out to be, established for a charitable purpose.

↳ The term does not include an organization which is established for and serving bona fide religious purposes.

(b) "Law enforcement officer" means:

(1) Any person upon whom some or all of the powers of a peace officer are conferred pursuant to NRS 289.150 to 289.360, inclusive; and

(2) Any person upon whom powers equivalent to some or all of the powers described in subparagraph (1) are conferred by any other state, a territory or possession of the United States, the District of Columbia or the Federal Government,

↳ whether that person actively exercises those powers or has retired from service.

(c) "Professional firefighter" means any person who is or has been employed as a full-time salaried professional firefighter in this State or any other state, a territory or possession of the United States, the District of Columbia or the Federal Government.

(d) "Solicitation" means a request for a contribution that is made by telephone. The term includes requests which are made



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- 1 *from a location within this State and requests which are made*
- 2 *from a location outside of this State to persons located in this*
- 3 *State.*



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