

No. 2014-141

AN ACT

HB 359

Amending the act of December 19, 1990 (P.L.1200, No.202), entitled "An act providing for the registration and regulation of solicitations by charitable organizations, professional fundraisers and other solicitors; imposing additional powers on the Department of State and the Office of Attorney General; prescribing civil and criminal penalties; and making a repeal," further providing for registration of charitable organizations, financial reports, fees and failure to file.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Section 5(a) and (k) of the act of December 19, 1990 (P.L.1200, No.202), known as the Solicitation of Funds for Charitable Purposes Act, are amended to read:

Section 5. Registration of charitable organizations; financial reports; fees; failure to file.

(a) Registration and approval required.—A charitable organization, unless exempted from registration requirements pursuant to section 6, shall file a registration statement with the department. This statement must be refiled annually [**within 135 days after**] **by the fifteenth day of the fifth month following** the close of its fiscal year in which the charitable organization was engaged in solicitation activities. The department shall review the statement pursuant to subsection (r). No charitable organization shall solicit contributions or have contributions solicited in its behalf before approval of its registration statement by the department.

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(k) Time extension for filings.—For good cause shown, the department may extend the time for the annual filing of a registration statement or financial report [**for a period not to exceed 180 days**] **to a date not to exceed the fifteenth day of the eleventh month following the close of the fiscal year** during which time the previous registration remains in effect.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

APPROVED—The 14th day of October, A.D. 2014

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