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AN ACT to amend and reenact §29-19-6 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating
 to increasing the monetary threshold for requiring nonprofit organizations to register as a
 charitable organization to be consistent with the United States Internal Revenue Service
 and other states.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 19. SOLICITATION OF CHARITABLE FUNDS ACT.

§29-19-6. Certain persons and organizations exempt from registration.

The following charitable organizations are not required to file an annual registration
 statement with the Secretary of State:

(1) Educational institutions, the curriculums of which, in whole or in part, are registered or
approved by the State Board of Education, either directly or by acceptance of accreditation by an
accrediting body recognized by the State Board of Education; and any auxiliary associations,
foundations and support groups which are directly responsible to the educational institutions;

(2) Persons requesting contributions for the relief of any individual specified by name at
the time of the solicitation when all of the contributions collected without any deductions
whatsoever are turned over to the named beneficiary for his or her use;

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(3) Hospitals and licensed nursing homes which are nonprofit and charitable;

11 (4) Organizations which solicit only within the membership of the organization by the 12 members thereof: Provided, That the term "membership" does not include those persons who are 13 granted a membership upon making a contribution as the result of solicitation. For the purpose of 14 this section, "member" means a person having membership in a nonprofit corporation, or other 15 organization, in accordance with the provisions of its articles of incorporation, bylaws or other 16 instruments creating its form and organization; and having bona fide rights and privileges in the 17 organization, including the right to vote, to elect officers, directors and issues, to hold office or 18 otherwise as ordinarily conferred on members of the organizations;

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(5) Churches, synagogues, associations or conventions of churches, religious orders or
religious organizations that are an integral part of a church which qualifies as tax exempt under
the provisions of 26 U.S.C. §501(c)(3) and which qualifies as being exempt from filing an annual
return under the provisions of 26 U.S.C. §6033;

(6) Any person, firm, corporation or organization that sponsors a single fund-raising event for the benefit of a named charitable organization where all or part of the funds collected are donated to the named charitable organization: *Provided*, That the named charitable organization receiving the funds is registered pursuant to this article, reports each of these donations individually and certifies that no funds were withheld by the organization that solicited the funds; and

(7) (A) Any charitable organization that does not employ a professional solicitor or
fundraiser and does not intend to solicit and receive and does not actually raise or receive
contributions, donations or grants from the public in excess of \$50,000 during a calendar year.

(B) Charitable organizations which do not intend to solicit and receive contributions,
donations or grants in excess of \$50,000, but do receive in excess of that amount from the public,
shall file the annual registration statement within 30 days after contributions are in excess of
\$50,000.

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