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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 50—COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE)

PREFILED DECEMBER 20, 2014

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Revises provisions concerning the solicitation of contributions. (BDR 7-447)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
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.

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AN ACT relating to solicitation of contributions; requiring certain charitable organizations to register with the Secretary of State before soliciting charitable contributions in this State; requiring the Secretary of State to provide to the public certain information concerning such registered charitable organizations; revising provisions governing the enforcement of certain requirements imposed on certain nonprofit and charitable organizations; revising provisions governing the disclosure of certain information in a solicitation for contributions for or on behalf of a nonprofit or charitable organization; authorizing the imposition of penalties; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

1 Existing law governs the solicitation of charitable contributions within the State  
2 by nonprofit corporations. (NRS 82.382-82.417) **Section 27** of this bill repeals  
3 those provisions of existing law. **Sections 2-22** of this bill reenact and revise those  
4 repealed sections to provide governance of the solicitation of charitable and other  
5 contributions by all charitable organizations and nonprofit organizations in this  
6 State.  
7 **Section 14** requires every charitable organization that intends to solicit tax-  
8 deductible charitable contributions in this State, other than certain types of  
9 charitable organizations exempted by **section 15**, to register with the Secretary of  
10 State by filing certain information and a financial report with the Secretary of State  
11 before the charitable organization first solicits a charitable contribution in this State  
12 or has a charitable contribution solicited in this State on its behalf by another



13 person and annually thereafter. In certain circumstances, **section 14** authorizes a  
14 charitable organization to submit a copy of its Form 990 as filed with the Internal  
15 Revenue Service for the most recent fiscal year as its financial report. **Section 18**  
16 requires the Secretary of State to make available the information and financial  
17 report on the Secretary of State's Internet website.

18 **Section 19** provides that if a charitable organization fails to file the information  
19 and financial report as required for registration on or before the due date, the  
20 Secretary of State will impose a \$50 penalty and notify the organization. If  
21 the charitable organization fails to file the information and financial report and pay  
22 the penalty within 90 days after receiving notice, **section 19** further authorizes the  
23 Secretary of State to impose a civil penalty of not more than \$1,000 and issue a  
24 cease and desist order prohibiting any further solicitation of contributions by the  
25 organization. If the charitable organization fails to pay the penalty or comply with  
26 the cease and desist order, **section 19** authorizes the Secretary of State to: (1) forfeit  
27 the right of the charitable organization to transact business in this State; and (2)  
28 refer the matter to the Attorney General for a determination of whether to institute  
29 the appropriate proceedings in a court of competent jurisdiction.

30 **Section 20** requires the Secretary of State to provide written notice to a person  
31 who is alleged to have violated certain provisions of law governing the solicitation  
32 of charitable contributions if the Secretary of State believes such a violation has  
33 occurred. **Section 20** further authorizes the Secretary of State to refer a violation of  
34 certain provisions of law governing the solicitation of charitable contributions to  
35 the Attorney General for a determination of whether to institute the appropriate  
36 proceedings in a court of competent jurisdiction. Under **section 20**, in such a  
37 proceeding, in addition to any other penalty imposed by law, the Attorney General  
38 may seek an injunction or other equitable relief and a civil penalty of not more than  
39 \$1,000. If the Attorney General prevails in the proceeding, the Attorney General is  
40 entitled to recover the costs of the proceeding, including, without limitation,  
41 investigation costs and reasonable attorney's fees.

42 Existing law requires a person soliciting a contribution for or on behalf of a  
43 charitable organization or nonprofit corporation to make certain disclosures, and  
44 provides that under certain circumstances, a failure to make such disclosures is a  
45 deceptive trade practice. (NRS 598.1305) **Sections 16 and 17** revise the types of  
46 charitable and nonprofit organizations to which this requirement applies and  
47 exempt certain solicitations from this requirement. **Sections 16 and 25** further  
48 provide that a failure to make the required disclosures is no longer a deceptive trade  
49 practice, and transfer primary jurisdiction for enforcing the disclosure requirement  
50 from the Attorney General to the Secretary of State.

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

1 **Section 1.** Title 7 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
2 thereto a new chapter to consist of the provisions set forth as  
3 sections 2 to 22, inclusive, of this act.

4 **Sec. 2.** *As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise*  
5 *requires, the words and terms defined in sections 3 to 12,*  
6 *inclusive, of this act have the meanings attributed to them in those*  
7 *sections.*

8 **Sec. 3.** *“Alumni association” means an organization whose*  
9 *membership is limited to graduates or former students of a*



1 *particular university, college or school and which raises funds to*  
2 *support its membership and its activities.*

3 **Sec. 4.** *“Charitable contribution” means a contribution that*  
4 *is allowable as a tax deductible contribution pursuant to the*  
5 *provisions of section 170(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986,*  
6 *26 U.S.C. § 170(c), future amendments to that section and the*  
7 *corresponding provisions of future internal revenue laws.*

8 **Sec. 5.** *“Charitable organization” means any person who*  
9 *directly or indirectly, solicits contributions, and who the Secretary*  
10 *of the Treasury has determined to be tax exempt pursuant to the*  
11 *provisions of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, 26*  
12 *U.S.C. § 501(c)(3). The term does not include an organization that*  
13 *is established for and serving bona fide religious purposes.*

14 **Sec. 6.** *“Charitable promotion, service or activity” means an*  
15 *advertising or sales campaign conducted by a for-profit entity or*  
16 *business, which represents that the purchase of goods or services*  
17 *or participation in an activity will benefit, in whole or in part, a*  
18 *charitable organization, nonprofit organization or charitable*  
19 *purpose.*

20 **Sec. 7.** *“Church” means a religious organization which*  
21 *holds property for charitable or religious purposes. The term may*  
22 *include, without limitation, a mosque, synagogue or temple.*

23 **Sec. 8.** *“Contribution” means the promise or grant of any*  
24 *money or property of any kind or value.*

25 **Sec. 9.** *“Corporation for Public Broadcasting” means the*  
26 *corporation established pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 396(b).*

27 **Sec. 10.** *“Form 990” means the Return of Organization*  
28 *Exempt from Income Tax (Form 990) of the Internal Revenue*  
29 *Service of the United States Department of the Treasury, or any*  
30 *equivalent or successor form of the Internal Revenue Service.*

31 **Sec. 11.** *“Nonprofit organization” means an organization*  
32 *which qualifies as tax exempt pursuant to section 501(c) of the*  
33 *Internal Revenue Code.*

34 **Sec. 12.** *“Solicit” means to request a contribution, donation,*  
35 *gift or the like that is made by any means, including, without*  
36 *limitation:*

- 37 1. *Mail;*
- 38 2. *Commercial carrier;*
- 39 3. *Telephone, facsimile, electronic mail or other electronic*  
40 *medium or device;*
- 41 4. *A face-to-face meeting; or*
- 42 5. *A special event or promotion.*

43 **↪** *The term includes, without limitation, requesting a*  
44 *contribution, donation, gift or the like from a location outside of*  
45 *this State to persons located in this State.*



1     **Sec. 13.** *The provisions of this chapter do not apply to a*  
2 *person or other entity that is a unit or an instrumentality of the*  
3 *United States Government.*

4     **Sec. 14. 1.** *Except as otherwise provided in section 15 of*  
5 *this act, a charitable organization shall not solicit charitable*  
6 *contributions in this State, or have charitable contributions*  
7 *solicited in this State on its behalf by another person, unless the*  
8 *charitable organization is registered with the Secretary of State*  
9 *pursuant to this section. Each chapter, branch or affiliate of a*  
10 *charitable organization may register separately.*

11     **2.** *A charitable organization that wishes to register with the*  
12 *Secretary of State as set forth in subsection 1 must file on a form*  
13 *prescribed by the Secretary of State:*

14         **(a)** *The information required by subsection 4; and*

15         **(b)** *A financial report that satisfies the requirements of*  
16 *subsection 5.*

17     **3.** *If a charitable organization is:*

18         **(a)** *An entity required to file an initial or annual list with the*  
19 *Secretary of State pursuant to this title, the charitable organization*  
20 *must file the information and financial report required by*  
21 *subsection 2 at the time of filing the initial list and at the time of*  
22 *filing each annual list. If the charitable organization did not file*  
23 *the information and financial report required by subsection 2 at*  
24 *the time of filing its initial list or at the time of filing its most*  
25 *recent annual list, it must file the information required by*  
26 *subsection 2 before soliciting charitable contributions in this*  
27 *State, or having charitable contributions solicited in this State on*  
28 *its behalf by another person, and thereafter at the time of filing*  
29 *each annual list.*

30         **(b)** *Not an entity required to file an initial or annual list with*  
31 *the Secretary of State pursuant to this title, the charitable*  
32 *organization must file the information and financial report*  
33 *required by subsection 2 before it solicits charitable contributions*  
34 *in this State, or has charitable contributions solicited in this State*  
35 *on its behalf by another person, and annually thereafter on the*  
36 *last day of the month in which the anniversary date of the initial*  
37 *filing of the information and financial report.*

38     **4.** *The form required by subsection 2 must include, without*  
39 *limitation:*

40         **(a)** *The exact name of the charitable organization as registered*  
41 *with the Internal Revenue Service;*

42         **(b)** *The federal tax identification number of the charitable*  
43 *organization;*

44         **(c)** *The name of the charitable organization as registered with*  
45 *the Secretary of State or, in the case of a foreign charitable*



1 organization, the name of the foreign charitable organization as  
2 filed in its jurisdiction of origin;

3 (d) The name or names under which the charitable  
4 organization intends to solicit charitable contributions;

5 (e) The address and telephone number of the principal place of  
6 business of the charitable organization and the address and  
7 telephone number of any offices of the charitable organization in  
8 this State or, if the charitable organization does not maintain an  
9 office in this State, the name, address and telephone number of  
10 the custodian of the financial records of the charitable  
11 organization;

12 (f) The names and addresses, either residence or business, of  
13 the executive personnel of the charitable organization;

14 (g) The last day of the fiscal year of the charitable  
15 organization;

16 (h) The jurisdiction and date of the formation of the charitable  
17 organization;

18 (i) The tax exempt status of the charitable organization;

19 (j) If the charitable organization does not file with the  
20 Secretary of State articles of incorporation or any other formation  
21 document, including, without limitation, a foreign qualification  
22 document, as defined in NRS 77.090:

23 (1) The purpose for which the charitable organization is  
24 organized; and

25 (2) The names and addresses, either residence or business,  
26 of the officers, directors and trustees of the charitable  
27 organization; and

28 (k) Any other information deemed necessary by the Secretary  
29 of State, as prescribed by regulations adopted by the Secretary of  
30 State pursuant to section 22 of this act.

31 5. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a financial  
32 report must contain the financial information of the charitable  
33 organization for the most recent fiscal year. In the discretion of  
34 the Secretary of State, the financial report may be a copy of the  
35 Form 990 of the charitable organization, with all schedules except  
36 the schedules of donors, for the most recent fiscal year. If a  
37 charitable organization was first formed within the past year and  
38 does not have any financial information or a Form 990 for its  
39 most recent fiscal year, the charitable organization must complete  
40 the financial report on a form prescribed by the Secretary of State  
41 using good faith estimates for its current fiscal year.

42 6. All information and the financial report filed pursuant to  
43 this section are public records. The filing of information pursuant  
44 to this section is not an endorsement of any charitable  
45 organization by the Secretary of State or the State of Nevada.



1     **Sec. 15. 1.** *A charitable organization is not required to be*  
2 *registered with the Secretary of State pursuant to section 14 of this*  
3 *act during any year in which its only solicitations for*  
4 *contributions, donations, gifts or the like are:*

5       (i) *Directed only to a total of fewer than 15 persons annually;*

6       (ii) *Directed only to persons who are related within the third*  
7 *degree of consanguinity or affinity to the officers, directors,*  
8 *trustees or executive personnel of the charitable organization;*

9       (iii) *Conducted by a church or one or more of its integrated*  
10 *auxiliaries or by a convention or association of churches that is*  
11 *exempt from taxation pursuant to section 501(c)(3) of the Internal*  
12 *Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3), and exempt from filing an*  
13 *annual return pursuant to section 6033 of the Internal Revenue*  
14 *Code, 26 U.S.C. § 6033; or*

15       (iv) *Appeals for funds to benefit a particular person or his or*  
16 *her immediate family named in the solicitation, but only if all the*  
17 *proceeds of the solicitation are given to or expended for the direct*  
18 *benefit of the person or his or her immediate family.*

19     **2.** *A charitable organization that believes it is exempt from*  
20 *registration pursuant to this section must, before it solicits a*  
21 *charitable contribution in this State or has a charitable*  
22 *contribution solicited in this State on its behalf by another person,*  
23 *and annually thereafter, file a declaration of exemption on a form*  
24 *prescribed by the Secretary of State.*

25     **Sec. 16. 1.** *Except as otherwise provided in this section and*  
26 *section 17 of this act, any solicitation for a contribution by, for or*  
27 *on behalf of a charitable organization or nonprofit organization,*  
28 *including, without limitation, a solicitation by means of electronic*  
29 *mail or other electronic medium or device, must provide a*  
30 *disclosure which contains:*

31       (i) *The full legal name of the charitable organization or*  
32 *nonprofit organization as registered with the Secretary of State*  
33 *pursuant to this title;*

34       (ii) *If the charitable organization or nonprofit organization is*  
35 *not registered or not required to be registered with the Secretary of*  
36 *State pursuant to this title, the full legal name and the jurisdiction*  
37 *where the charitable organization or nonprofit organization is*  
38 *organized or was formed;*

39       (iii) *A published phone number or Internet address of a website*  
40 *for the charitable organization or nonprofit organization;*

41       (iv) *A statement or description of the purpose of the charitable*  
42 *organization or nonprofit organization; and*

43       (v) *A statement that the contribution:*



1           (1) *May be tax deductible pursuant to the provisions of*  
2 *section 170(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, 26 U.S.C. §*  
3 *170(c); or*

4           (2) *Does not qualify for such a federal tax deduction.*

5           2. *A solicitation or pledge drive conducted by a charitable*  
6 *organization or nonprofit organization as part of a broadcast*  
7 *telethon, radiothon, webcast or any similar form of broadcast*  
8 *communication is not required to provide the verbal or printed*  
9 *disclosure required by this section throughout the broadcast event,*  
10 *but must provide the disclosure to a prospective donor before the*  
11 *donor commits or pledges to make a contribution.*

12           3. *A disclosure statement provided in connection with an*  
13 *appeal for funds to benefit a particular person or his or her*  
14 *immediate family must contain:*

15           (a) *The name of the particular person or family members who*  
16 *are to benefit from the appeal; and*

17           (b) *A statement that a contribution in response to the appeal*  
18 *may not qualify for a federal tax deduction.*

19           4. *Except as provided in this subsection, a disclosure*  
20 *statement required by this section must be conspicuously displayed*  
21 *on any written, printed or electronic document, including, without*  
22 *limitation, an image that appears on an Internet website, that*  
23 *constitutes a part of the solicitation. If the solicitation materials*  
24 *consist of more than one piece, the disclosure statement must be*  
25 *displayed on a prominent piece of the solicitation materials.*

26           **Sec. 17.** *The requirement to provide a disclosure statement*  
27 *set forth in section 16 of this act does not apply to a solicitation*  
28 *that is:*

29           1. *Directed only to a total of fewer than 15 persons annually;*

30           2. *Directed to persons who are related within the third degree*  
31 *of consanguinity or affinity to the officers, directors, trustees or*  
32 *executive personnel of the charitable organization or nonprofit*  
33 *organization;*

34           3. *Conducted by an alumni association of an accredited*  
35 *institution which solicits only persons who have an established*  
36 *affiliation with the institution, including, without limitation,*  
37 *current and former students, members of the faculty or staff, or*  
38 *persons who are within the third degree of consanguinity or*  
39 *affinity of such persons;*

40           4. *Conducted by a public broadcast organization which meets*  
41 *the eligibility requirements established by the Corporation for*  
42 *Public Broadcasting;*

43           5. *Conducted by a church or one or more of its integrated*  
44 *auxiliaries or by a convention or association of churches that is*  
45 *exempt from taxation pursuant to section 501(c)(3) of the Internal*



1 *Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3), and exempt from filing an*  
2 *annual return pursuant to section 6033 of the Internal Revenue*  
3 *Code, 26 U.S.C. § 6033;*

4 *6. A charitable promotion, service or activity conducted or*  
5 *facilitated by a for-profit entity or business located in this State if:*

6 *(a) The sale of the goods, services or participation by the for-*  
7 *profit entity or business is incidental to the ordinary transaction of*  
8 *its business; and*

9 *(b) The value of the goods, services or participation acquired*  
10 *by the purchaser or participant is de minimis;*

11 *7. Direct sales of tangible goods, items or services by a*  
12 *charitable organization or nonprofit organization in which the*  
13 *amount paid for the good, item or service is reasonably*  
14 *proportionate to the current market or face value of the good, item*  
15 *or service; or*

16 *8. An application or request for a grant, contract or similar*  
17 *funding from a foundation, corporation, nonprofit organization,*  
18 *governmental agency or similar entity which has an established*  
19 *application and review procedure for consideration of such*  
20 *applications or requests.*

21 **Sec. 18.** *The Secretary of State shall make available to the*  
22 *public and post on the official Internet website of the Secretary of*  
23 *State the information and financial report filed by each charitable*  
24 *organization pursuant to sections 14 and 15 of this act.*

25 **Sec. 19.** *1. If the Secretary of State finds that a charitable*  
26 *organization which is required to file the information and*  
27 *financial report required for registration pursuant to subsection 2*  
28 *of section 14 of this act is soliciting charitable contributions in this*  
29 *State, or is having charitable contributions solicited in this State*  
30 *on its behalf by another person, without having filed the*  
31 *information and financial report required for registration on or*  
32 *before the due date for the filing established pursuant to*  
33 *subsection 3 of section 14 of this act, the Secretary of State shall:*

34 *(a) If the charitable organization is required to file an annual*  
35 *list with the Secretary of State pursuant to this title, impose the*  
36 *penalty for default in the filing of an annual list set forth in the*  
37 *provisions of this title applicable to the charitable organization*  
38 *and notify the charitable organization of the violation by providing*  
39 *written notice to its registered agent. The notice:*

40 *(1) Must include a statement that the charitable*  
41 *organization is required to file the information and financial*  
42 *statement required for registration by subsection 2 of section 14 of*  
43 *this act and pay the penalty for default in the filing of an annual*  
44 *list set forth in the provisions of this title applicable to the*  
45 *charitable organization; and*





1           (2) *May be provided electronically.*

2           (b) *If the charitable organization is not required to file an*  
3 *annual list with the Secretary of State pursuant to this title, impose*  
4 *a penalty in the amount of \$50 for the failure of the charitable*  
5 *organization to file the information and financial report required*  
6 *for registration as required pursuant to subsection 2 of section 14*  
7 *of this act and notify the charitable organization of the violation*  
8 *by providing written notice to the charitable organization. The*  
9 *notice:*

10           (1) *Must include a statement indicating that the charitable*  
11 *organization is required to file the information and financial*  
12 *report required for registration by subsection 2 of section 14 of*  
13 *this act and pay the penalty as set forth in this paragraph; and*

14           (2) *May be provided electronically.*

15           2. *If a charitable organization fails to file the information*  
16 *and financial report required by subsection 2 of section 14 of this*  
17 *act and pay the penalty for default as set forth in this section*  
18 *within 90 days after the charitable organization or its registered*  
19 *agent receives the written notice provided pursuant to subsection*  
20 *1, the Secretary of State may, in addition to imposing the penalty*  
21 *for default as set forth in this section, take any or all of the*  
22 *following actions:*

23           (a) *Impose a civil penalty of not more than \$1,000.*

24           (b) *Issue an order to cease and desist soliciting charitable*  
25 *contributions or having charitable contributions solicited on*  
26 *behalf of the charitable organization by another person.*

27           3. *An action taken pursuant to subsection 2 is a final decision*  
28 *for the purposes of judicial review pursuant to chapter 233B of*  
29 *NRS.*

30           4. *If a charitable organization fails to pay a civil penalty*  
31 *imposed by the Secretary of State pursuant to subsection 2 or*  
32 *comply with an order to cease and desist issued by the Secretary of*  
33 *State pursuant to subsection 2, the Secretary of State may:*

34           (a) *If the charitable organization is organized pursuant to this*  
35 *title, revoke the charter of the charitable organization. If the*  
36 *charter of the charitable organization is revoked pursuant to this*  
37 *paragraph, the charitable organization forfeits its right to transact*  
38 *business in this State.*

39           (b) *If the charitable organization is a foreign nonprofit*  
40 *charitable organization, forfeit the right of the foreign nonprofit*  
41 *charitable organization to transact business in this State.*

42           (c) *Refer the matter to the Attorney General for a*  
43 *determination of whether to institute proceedings pursuant to*  
44 *section 20 of this act.*



1       **Sec. 20. 1.** *If the Secretary of State believes that a person*  
2 *has violated any provision of this chapter, NRS 598.1305 or any*  
3 *other provision of the laws of this State governing the solicitation*  
4 *of charitable contributions, the Secretary of State shall notify the*  
5 *person in writing of the alleged violation.*

6       **2.** *The Secretary of State may refer an alleged violation of*  
7 *any provision of this chapter, NRS 598.1305 or any other*  
8 *provision of the laws of this State governing the solicitation of*  
9 *charitable contributions to the Attorney General for a*  
10 *determination of whether to institute proceedings in a court of*  
11 *competent jurisdiction to enforce the provisions of this chapter,*  
12 *NRS 598.1305 or any other provision of the laws of this State*  
13 *governing the solicitation of charitable contributions. The*  
14 *Attorney General may institute and prosecute the appropriate*  
15 *proceedings to enforce the provisions of this chapter, NRS*  
16 *598.1305 or any other provision of the laws of this State governing*  
17 *the solicitation of charitable contributions.*

18       **3.** *In addition to any other penalty imposed by law, in a*  
19 *proceeding instituted by the Attorney General pursuant to*  
20 *subsection 2, the Attorney General may seek an injunction or*  
21 *other equitable relief and may recover a civil penalty of not more*  
22 *than \$1,000 for each violation. If the Attorney General prevails in*  
23 *such a proceeding, the Attorney General is entitled to recover the*  
24 *costs of the proceeding, including, without limitation, the cost of*  
25 *any investigation and reasonable attorney's fees.*

26       **Sec. 21.** *The powers and duties of the Secretary of State and*  
27 *the Attorney General pursuant to the provisions of this chapter are*  
28 *in addition to other powers and duties of the Secretary of State and*  
29 *Attorney General with respect to charitable organizations and*  
30 *nonprofit organizations.*

31       **Sec. 22.** *The Secretary of State may adopt regulations to*  
32 *administer the provisions of this chapter.*

33       **Sec. 23.** NRS 82.131 is hereby amended to read as follows:

34       82.131 Subject to such limitations, if any, as may be contained  
35 in its articles, and except as otherwise provided in ~~NRS 82.392,~~  
36 *section 14 of this act*, every corporation may:

37       1. Borrow money and contract debts when necessary for the  
38 transaction of its business, or for the exercise of its corporate rights,  
39 privileges or franchises, or for any other lawful purpose of its  
40 incorporation, issue bonds, promissory notes, drafts, debentures and  
41 other obligations and evidences of indebtedness, payable at a  
42 specified time or times, or payable upon the happening of a  
43 specified event or events, whether secured by mortgage, pledge or  
44 other security, or unsecured, for money borrowed, or in payment for  
45 property purchased or acquired, or for any other lawful object.



1 2. Guarantee, purchase, hold, take, obtain, receive, subscribe  
2 for, own, use, dispose of, sell, exchange, lease, lend, assign,  
3 mortgage, pledge or otherwise acquire, transfer or deal in or with  
4 bonds or obligations of, or shares, securities or interests in or issued  
5 by any person, government, governmental agency or political  
6 subdivision of government, and exercise all the rights, powers and  
7 privileges of ownership of such an interest, including the right to  
8 vote, if any.

9 3. Issue certificates evidencing membership and issue identity  
10 cards.

11 4. Make donations for the public welfare or for community  
12 funds, hospital, charitable, educational, scientific, civil, religious or  
13 similar purposes.

14 5. Levy dues, assessments and fees.

15 6. Purchase, take, receive, lease, take by gift, devise or bequest,  
16 or otherwise acquire, own, improve, use and otherwise deal in and  
17 with real or personal property, or any interest therein, wherever  
18 situated.

19 7. Carry on a business for profit and apply any profit that  
20 results from the business to any activity in which it may lawfully  
21 engage.

22 8. Participate with others in any partnership, joint venture or  
23 other association, transaction or arrangement of any kind, whether  
24 or not participation involves sharing or delegation of control with or  
25 to others.

26 9. Act as trustee under any trust incidental to the principal  
27 objects of the corporation, and receive, hold, administer, exchange  
28 and expend funds and property subject to the trust.

29 10. Pay reasonable compensation to officers, directors and  
30 employees, pay pensions, retirement allowances and compensation  
31 for past services, and establish incentive or benefit plans, trusts and  
32 provisions for the benefit of its officers, directors, employees, agents  
33 and their families, dependents and beneficiaries, and indemnify and  
34 buy insurance for a fiduciary of such a benefit or incentive plan,  
35 trust or provision.

36 11. Have one or more offices, and hold, purchase, mortgage  
37 and convey real and personal property in this State, and in any of the  
38 several states, territories, possessions and dependencies of the  
39 United States, the District of Columbia and any foreign countries.

40 12. Do everything necessary and proper for the  
41 accomplishment of the objects enumerated in its articles of  
42 incorporation, or necessary or incidental to the protection and  
43 benefit of the corporation, and, in general, to carry on any lawful  
44 business necessary or incidental to the attainment of the objects of  
45 the corporation, whether or not the business is similar in nature to



1 the objects set forth in the articles of incorporation of the  
2 corporation, except that:

3 (a) A corporation does not, by any implication or construction,  
4 possess the power of issuing bills, notes or other evidences of debt  
5 for circulation of money; and

6 (b) This chapter does not authorize the formation of banking  
7 corporations to issue or circulate money or currency within this  
8 State, or outside of this State, or at all, except the federal currency,  
9 or the notes of banks authorized under the laws of the United States.

10 **Sec. 24.** NRS 82.5231 is hereby amended to read as follows:

11 82.5231 Except as otherwise provided in ~~[NRS 82.392,]~~  
12 *section 14 of this act*, if a foreign nonprofit corporation has filed the  
13 initial or annual list in compliance with NRS 82.523 and has paid  
14 the appropriate fee for the filing, the cancelled check or other proof  
15 of payment received by the foreign nonprofit corporation constitutes  
16 a certificate authorizing it to transact its business within this State  
17 until the last day of the month in which the anniversary of its  
18 qualification to transact business occurs in the next succeeding  
19 calendar year.

20 **Sec. 25.** NRS 598.1305 is hereby amended to read as follows:

21 598.1305 1. ~~[A person representing that he or she is~~  
22 ~~conducting a solicitation for or on behalf of a charitable~~  
23 ~~organization or nonprofit corporation shall disclose:~~

24 ~~—(a) The full legal name of the charitable organization or~~  
25 ~~nonprofit corporation as registered with the Secretary of State~~  
26 ~~pursuant to NRS 82.392;~~

27 ~~—(b) The state or jurisdiction in which the charitable organization~~  
28 ~~or nonprofit corporation was formed;~~

29 ~~—(c) The purpose of the charitable organization or nonprofit~~  
30 ~~corporation; and~~

31 ~~—(d) That the contribution or donation may be tax deductible~~  
32 ~~pursuant to the provisions of section 170(c) of the Internal Revenue~~  
33 ~~Code of 1986, 26 U.S.C. § 170(c), or that the contribution or~~  
34 ~~donation does not qualify for such a federal tax deduction.~~

35 ~~—2.]~~ A person, in planning, conducting or executing a  
36 solicitation for or on behalf of a charitable organization or nonprofit  
37 corporation, shall not:

38 (a) Make any claim or representation concerning a contribution  
39 which directly, or by implication, has the capacity, tendency or  
40 effect of deceiving or misleading a person acting reasonably under  
41 the circumstances; or

42 (b) Omit any material fact deemed to be equivalent to a false,  
43 misleading or deceptive claim or representation if the omission,  
44 when considering what has been said or implied, has or would have



1 the capacity, tendency or effect of deceiving or misleading a person  
2 acting reasonably under the circumstances.

3 ~~[3.— Any solicitation that is made in writing for or on behalf of a  
4 charitable organization or nonprofit corporation, including, without  
5 limitation, an electronic communication, must contain the full legal  
6 name of the charitable organization or nonprofit corporation as  
7 registered with the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 82.392 and a  
8 disclaimer stating that the contribution or donation may be tax  
9 deductible pursuant to the provisions of section 170(e) of the  
10 Internal Revenue Code of 1986, 26 U.S.C. § 170(e), or that the  
11 contribution or donation does not qualify for such a federal tax  
12 deduction.~~

13 —4.] 2. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, the  
14 Attorney General has primary jurisdiction to investigate and  
15 prosecute a violation of this section.

16 ~~[5.]~~ 3. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 41.480 and  
17 41.485, a violation of this section constitutes a deceptive trade  
18 practice for the purposes of NRS 598.0903 to 598.0999, inclusive.

19 ~~[6.]~~ 4. As used in this section:

20 (a) “Charitable organization” means any person who, directly or  
21 indirectly, solicits contributions and who the Secretary of the  
22 Treasury has determined to be tax exempt pursuant to the provisions  
23 of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The term does  
24 not include an organization which is established for and serving  
25 bona fide religious purposes.

26 (b) “Solicitation” means a request for a contribution to a  
27 charitable organization or nonprofit corporation that is made by any  
28 means, including, without limitation:

- 29 (1) Mail;  
30 (2) Commercial carrier;  
31 (3) Telephone, facsimile, electronic mail or other electronic  
32 *medium or* device; or  
33 (4) A face-to-face meeting.

34 ➔ The term includes , *without limitation*, solicitations which are  
35 made from a location within this State and solicitations which are  
36 made from a location outside of this State to persons located in this  
37 State. ~~[For the purposes of subsections 1 and 3, the term does not  
38 include solicitations which are directed only to a total of fewer than  
39 15 persons or only to persons who are related within the third degree  
40 of consanguinity or affinity to the officers, directors, trustees or  
41 executive personnel of the charitable organization or nonprofit  
42 corporation.]~~

43 **Sec. 26.** Any administrative regulations adopted by the  
44 Secretary of State pursuant to a provision of NRS that was amended



1 or repealed by this act remain in force until amended by the  
2 Secretary of State.

3 **Sec. 27.** NRS 82.382, 82.387, 82.392, 82.397, 82.402, 82.407,  
4 82.412 and 82.417 are hereby repealed.

5 **Sec. 28.** This act becomes effective:

6 1. Upon passage and approval for the purposes of adopting  
7 regulations and performing any other preparatory administrative  
8 tasks that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and

9 2. On October 1, 2015, for all other purposes.

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## LEADLINES OF REPEALED SECTIONS

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**82.382** “Charitable contribution” defined.

**82.387** Applicability.

**82.392** Corporation required to register before soliciting  
charitable contributions; filing requirements; information filed  
is public record.

**82.397** Secretary of State required to make filings available  
to public and post filings on official website.

**82.402** Penalty for failure to register with Secretary of  
State.

**82.407** Enforcement of laws governing solicitation of  
charitable contributions: Secretary of State required to provide  
notice of alleged violation; referral of alleged violation to  
Attorney General; proceedings instituted by Attorney General.

**82.412** Powers and duties of Secretary of State and  
Attorney General are cumulative.

**82.417** Regulations.

