

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 1778**

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H. P. 1344

House of Representatives, April 3, 1973

Referred to Committee on Judiciary. Reconsidered, on motion of Mr. Martin of Eagle Lake referred to Committee on Business Legislation. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Tierney of Durham.

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## STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-THREE

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### **AN ACT Relating to Certain Disclosures in the Solicitation of Charitable Contributions.**

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Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

**Sec. 1. R. S., T. 22, § 3152, amended.** The first sentence of section 3152 of Title 22 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

No professional fund raiser and no professional solicitor shall solicit funds for charitable or benevolent purposes ~~outside of the municipalities where such persons reside or where such firm, corporation or association has its place of business~~ without having in full force a written license therefor from the department.

**Sec. 2. R. S., T. 22, § 3155, additional.** Title 22 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 3155 to read as follows:

#### **§ 3155. Charitable Solicitation Disclosure**

It shall be a violation of this chapter for a professional solicitor or professional fund raiser to solicit funds for a charitable purpose from a prospective donor in the State of Maine without fully disclosing to the prospective donor the estimated cost of the solicitation, where the solicitor or fund raiser knows or has reason to know that the cost of soliciting the funds for the particular charitable purpose will amount to more than 30% of each dollar solicited.

The term "cost of solicitation" shall include the salaries and operating expenses incurred in the solicitation of the funds for the charitable organization or purpose.

## STATEMENT OF FACT

The amendment of section 3152 is intended to extend the coverage of this chapter.

The addition of section 3155 is intended to serve as a measure of consumer protection.