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STATE OF MAINE SENATE 108TH LEGISLATURE SECOND REGULAR SESSION

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SENATE AMENDMENT "L " to S.P. 748, L.D. 2199, Bill, "AN ACT to Make Additional Corrections of Errors and Inconsistencies in the Laws of Maine."

Amend the Bill by inserting before the Emergency clause the following:

'Sec. 371. 9 MRSA §5003, sub-§5-A is enacted to read:

5-A. Independent public accountant. "Independent public accountant" means/public accountant who is not the principal officer or other officer, professional solicitor, professional fund-raising counsel or commercial ∞-venturer of the charitable organization or parent organization.

Sec. 372. 9 MRSA §5005, sub-§3, 2nd sentence, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 488, §1, is amended to read: The financial report shall set forth in detail the financial activities of the charitable organization in the State, shall be **audited** prepared by an independent public accountant and shall contain either:

Sec. 373. 9 MRSA §5005, sub-§3, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1977,c. 488, §1, is repealed.

Sec. 374. 9 MRSA §5005, sub-§3, ¶B, as enacted by PL 1977,c. 488, §1, is amended to read:

<u>B.</u> A copy of a financial statement covering, in a consolidated report, complete information as to the preceding year's fundraising activities showing the balance sheet, changes in fund balances, kind and amount of funds raised, fund-raising expenses, allocation or disbursement of funds raised and notes ج ج

> to the audit and opinion <u>if an audit</u>, <u>opinion or statement</u> <u>has been prepared</u> as to the fairness of the presentation by the accountant.

Sec. 375. 9 MRSA §5006, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 488, §1, is amended by adding after the 2nd sentence a new sentence to read: <u>a</u> For purposes of this section/charitable organization shall not include persons exempt in paragraph C who are organized for a

limited time for the sole purpose of providing immediate relief to a named beneficiary.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment clarifies the intent of certain provisions of the Charitable Solicitations Act.

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