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SYNOPSIS

"Law Enforcement Charitable Integrity Act."

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.

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AN ACT banning telephone solicitation by or on behalf of law enforcement personnel and supplementing P.L.1994, c.16 (C.45:17A-18 et seq.).

BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Law Enforcement Charitable Integrity Act."

2. The Legislature finds and declares that:

a. The relationship between the law enforcement community and the people of New Jersey must be one that is based on integrity and trust;

b. Telephone solicitations for contributions by or on behalf of law enforcement often mislead the public as to the identity of the caller, the purpose of the fund raising or the exact amount of the donation that will go to the stated cause;

c. Between 70 percent and 90 percent of the funds collected by telephone often go to pay for solicitations and not to the stated cause;

d. The people of New Jersey must be assured that the law enforcement community is not misusing or misrepresenting their charitable fund raising efforts; and

e. It is therefore in the public interest that solicitations by or on behalf of law enforcement groups be limited to ensure that trust and integrity remains strong between these groups and the people of New Jersey.

3. It shall be unlawful for a law enforcement agency, law enforcement association, law enforcement officer or solicitor to solicit contributions by telephone in the State on behalf of law enforcement personnel.

4. Any person who violates section 3 of this act is guilty of a disorderly persons offense.

5. This act shall take effect on the 90th day following enactment.

STATEMENT

This bill prohibits telephone solicitations for charitable contributions by a law enforcement agency, law enforcement association, law enforcement officer or solicitor on behalf of law

enforcement personnel. The bill specifies that any person soliciting by telephone by or on behalf of law enforcement personnel is guilty of a disorderly persons offense.