

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2015 SESSION

CHAPTER 476

An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 57-55.4, relating to solicitation of contributions; collection receptacles.

[H 1860]

Approved March 23, 2015

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 57-55.4 as follows:

§ 57-55.4. Collection receptacles; required disclosures.

No (i) business as defined in § 58.1-3700.1, other than a charitable or civic organization to which contributions are deductible under § 170 of the Internal Revenue Code, or (ii) professional solicitor shall place or maintain a receptacle in public view for the purpose of collecting donated clothing, household items, or other items for future resale unless such person or professional solicitor places on the receptacle a permanent sign or label in a prominent place that includes the following information printed in letters that are no less than three inches in height and no less than one-half inch in width and in a color that contrasts with the color of the receptacle, which sign or label shall be placed immediately below the opening in the receptacle used to deposit donations:

1. The name, business address, and telephone number of the person engaged in such business or the professional solicitor; and

2. a. For a receptacle placed or maintained by a person engaged in such business, a statement that reads: "This donation receptacle is operated by a for-profit business. Items donated here support a for-profit business."; or

b. For a receptacle placed or maintained by the professional solicitor, a statement that reads: "This donation receptacle is operated by a professional solicitor. Items donated here support, in part, the professional solicitor, which is a for-profit entity."

Enforcement of a violation of this section shall be limited to subsections B through E of § 57-59.