Chapter 22
Charitable Solicitations Act

13-22-1 Short title.
This chapter is known as the "Charitable Solicitations Act."

Enacted by Chapter 122, 1987 General Session

13-22-2 Definitions.
As used in this chapter:
(1) "Chapter" means a chapter, branch, area, office, or similar affiliate of a charitable organization.
(2) "Charitable organization" or "organization" means any person, joint venture, partnership, limited liability company, corporation, association, group, or other entity:
   (i) who is or holds itself out to be:
      (A) a benevolent, educational, voluntary health, philanthropic, humane, patriotic, religious or eleemosynary, social welfare or advocacy, public health, environmental or conservation, or civic organization;
      (B) for the benefit of a public safety, law enforcement, or firefighter fraternal association; or
      (C) established for any charitable purpose;
   (ii) who solicits or obtains contributions solicited from the public for a charitable purpose; or
   (iii) in any manner employs a charitable appeal as the basis of any solicitation or employs an appeal that reasonably suggests or implies that there is a charitable purpose to any solicitation.
(b) "Charitable organization" includes a chapter or a person who solicits contributions within the state for a charitable organization.
(3) "Charitable purpose" means any benevolent, educational, philanthropic, humane, patriotic, religious, eleemosynary, social welfare or advocacy, public health, environmental, conservation, civic, or other charitable objective or for the benefit of a public safety, law enforcement, or firefighter fraternal association.
(4) "Charitable sales promotion" means an advertising or sales campaign, conducted by a commercial co-venturer, which represents that the purchase or use of goods or services offered by the commercial co-venturer will benefit, in whole or in part, a charitable organization or purpose.
(5) "Charitable solicitation" or "solicitation" means any request, directly or indirectly, for money, credit, property, financial assistance, or any other thing of value on the plea or representation that it will be used for a charitable purpose.
(b) "Charitable solicitation" or "solicitation" includes:
(i) any of the following done, or purporting to be done, for a charitable purpose:
   (A) any oral or written request, including any request by telephone, radio, television, or other advertising or communications media;
   (B) the distribution, circulation, or posting of any handbill, written advertisement, or publication; or
   (C) an application or other request for a private grant or, if made by an individual, a public grant; or
(ii) the sale of, offer or attempt to sell, or request of donations in exchange for any advertisement, membership, subscription, or other article in connection with which any appeal is made for any charitable purpose, or the use of the name of any charitable organization or movement as an inducement or reason for making any purchase donation, or, in connection with any sale or donation, stating or implying that the whole or any part of the proceeds of any sale or donation will go to or be donated to any charitable purpose.

(c) "Charitable solicitation" or "solicitation" does not include an entity's application or other request for a public grant.

(6) "Commercial co-venturer" means a person who for profit is regularly and primarily engaged in trade or commerce other than in connection with soliciting for a charitable organization or purpose.

(7) (a) "Contribution" means the pledge or grant for a charitable purpose of any money or property of any kind, including any of the following:

(i) a gift, subscription, loan, advance, or deposit of money or anything of value;

(ii) a contract, promise, or agreement, express or implied, whether or not legally enforceable, to make a contribution for charitable purposes; or

(iii) fees, dues, or assessments paid by members, when membership is conferred solely as consideration for making a contribution.

(b) "Contribution" does not include:

(i) money loaned to a charitable organization by a financial institution in the ordinary course of business; or

(ii) fees, dues, or assessments paid by members when membership is not conferred solely as consideration for making a contribution.

(8) "Contributor" means a donor, pledgor, purchaser, or other person who makes a contribution.

(9) "Director" means the director of the Division of Consumer Protection.

(10) "Division" means the Division of Consumer Protection of the Department of Commerce.

(11) "Material fact" means information that a person of ordinary intelligence and prudence would consider relevant in deciding whether or not to make a contribution in response to a charitable solicitation.

(12) (a) "Professional fund raiser" means a person who:

(i) for compensation or any other consideration, for or on behalf of a charitable organization or any other person:

(A) solicits contributions; or

(B) promotes or sponsors the solicitation of contributions;

(ii) (A) for compensation or any other consideration, plans, manages, counsels, consults, or prepares material for, or with respect to, the solicitation of contributions for a charitable organization or any other person; and

(B) at any time has custody of a contribution for the charitable organization;

(iii) engages in, or represents being independently engaged in, the business of soliciting contributions for a charitable organization;

(iv) manages, supervises, or trains any solicitor whether as an employee or otherwise; or

(v) uses a vending device or vending device decal for financial or other consideration that implies a solicitation of contributions or donations for any charitable organization or charitable purposes.

(b) "Professional fund raiser" does not include:
(i) an individual acting in the individual's capacity as a bona fide officer, director, volunteer, or full-time employee of a charitable organization;
(ii) an attorney, investment counselor, or banker who, in the conduct of that person's profession, advises a client regarding legal, investment, or financial advice; or
(iii) a person who tangentially prepares materials, including a person who:
   (A) makes copies;
   (B) cuts or folds flyers; or
   (C) creates a graphic design or other artwork without providing strategic or campaign-related input.

(13)
(a) "Professional fund raising counsel or consultant" means a person who:
   (i) for compensation or any other consideration, plans, manages, counsels, consults, or prepares material for, or with respect to, the solicitation of contributions for a charitable organization or any other person;
   (ii) does not solicit contributions;
   (iii) does not at any time have custody of a contribution from solicitation; and
   (iv) does not employ, procure, or engage any compensated person to solicit or receive contributions.
(b) "Professional fund raising counsel or consultant" does not include:
   (i) an individual acting in the individual's capacity as a bona fide officer, director, volunteer, or full-time employee of a charitable organization;
   (ii) an attorney, investment counselor, or banker who, in the conduct of that person's profession, advises a client regarding legal, investment, or financial advice; or
   (iii) a person who tangentially prepares materials, including a person who:
      (A) makes copies;
      (B) cuts or folds flyers; or
      (C) creates a graphic design or other artwork without providing strategic or campaign-related input.

(14) "Public grant" means the same as the term "grant" is defined in Section 63G-6a-103.

(15)
(a) "Vending device" means a container used by a charitable organization or professional fund raiser, for the purpose of collecting a charitable solicitation, contribution, or donation whether or not the device offers a product or item in return for the contribution or donation.
(b) "Vending device" includes machines, boxes, jars, wishing wells, barrels, or any other container.

(16) "Vending device decal" means any decal, tag, or similar designation material that is attached to a vending device, whether or not used or placed by a charitable organization or professional fund raiser, that would indicate that all or a portion of the proceeds from the purchase of items from the vending device will go to a specific charitable organization.

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13-22-3 Investigative and enforcement powers -- Education.
(1) The division may make any investigation it considers necessary to determine whether any person is violating, has violated, or is about to violate any provision of this chapter or any rule made or order issued under this chapter. As part of the investigation, the division may:
(a) require a person to file a statement in writing;
(b) administer oaths, subpoena witnesses and compel their attendance, take evidence, and 
examine under oath any person in connection with an investigation; and 
(c) require the production of any books, papers, documents, merchandise, or other material 
relevant to the investigation.

(2) Whenever it appears to the director that substantial evidence exists that any person has 
engaged in, is engaging in, or is about to engage in any act or practice prohibited in this 
chapter or constituting a violation of this chapter or any rule made or order issued under this 
chapter, the director may do any of the following in addition to other specific duties under this 
chapter:
(a) in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 4, Administrative Procedures Act, the director may 
issue an order to cease and desist from engaging in the act or practice or from doing any act 
in furtherance of the activity; or 
(b) the director may bring an action in the appropriate district court of this state to enjoin the acts 
or practices constituting the violation or to enforce compliance with this chapter or any rule 
made or order issued under this chapter.

(3) Whenever it appears to the director by a preponderance of the evidence that a person has 
engaged in or is engaging in any act or practice prohibited in this chapter or constituting a 
violation of this chapter or any rule made or order issued under this chapter, the director 
may assess an administrative fine of up to $500 per violation up to $10,000 for any series of 
violations arising out of the same operative facts.

(4) Upon a proper showing, the court hearing an action brought under Subsection (2)(b) may:
(a) issue an injunction; 
(b) enter a declaratory judgment; 
(c) appoint a receiver for the defendant or the defendant's assets; 
(d) order disgorgement of any money received in violation of this chapter; 
(e) order rescission of agreements violating this chapter; 
(f) impose a fine of not more than $2,000 for each violation of this chapter; and 
(g) impose a civil penalty, or any other relief the court considers just.

(5) 
(a) In assessing the amount of a fine or penalty under Subsection (3), (4)(f), or (4)(g), the director 
or court imposing the fine or penalty shall consider the gravity of the violation and the intent of 
the violator. 
(b) If it does not appear by a preponderance of the evidence that the violator acted in bad faith or 
with intent to harm the public, the director or court shall excuse payment of the fine or penalty.

(6) The division may provide or contract to provide public education and voluntary education 
for applicants and registrants under this chapter. The education may be in the form of 
publications, advertisements, seminars, courses, or other appropriate means. The scope of the 
education may include:
(a) the requirements, prohibitions, and regulated practices under this chapter; 
(b) suggestions for effective financial and organizational practices for charitable organizations; 
(c) charitable giving and solicitation; 
(d) potential problems with solicitations and fraudulent or deceptive practices; and 
(e) any other matter relevant to the subject of this chapter.

Amended by Chapter 382, 2008 General Session

13-22-4 Violation a misdemeanor -- Damages.
(1) A person who willfully violates any provision of this chapter, either by failing to comply with any requirement or by doing any act prohibited in the chapter, is guilty of a class B misdemeanor. Each day the violation is committed or permitted to continue constitutes a separate punishable offense.

(2) Nothing in this section precludes any person damaged as a result of a charitable solicitation from maintaining a civil action for damages or injunctive relief.

(3) The division may maintain an action for damages or injunctive relief on behalf of itself or any other person to enforce compliance with this chapter.

Amended by Chapter 185, 1994 General Session

13-22-5 Registration or permit required.

(1)

(a) An organization may not engage in an activity described in Subsection (1)(b) unless the organization is:
(i) exempt under Section 13-22-8; or
(ii) registered with the division in accordance with this chapter.

(b) Unless an organization meets the requirements of Subsection (1)(a), the organization may not knowingly solicit, promote, or sponsor a charitable solicitation if the charitable solicitation:
(i) originates in Utah;
(ii) is received in Utah; or
(iii) is caused to be made through business operations in Utah.

(2) Subsection (1) does not prohibit an organization from receiving an unsolicited contribution.

(3)

(a) Unless a person acting as a professional fund raiser obtains a permit in accordance with Section 13-22-9, the person may not:
(i) make or facilitate a solicitation either directed toward the state or originating from the state; or
(ii) maintain a place of business in the state or employ an individual located in the state.

(b) Subsection (3)(a) applies regardless of whether a charitable organization receiving the services of a professional fund raiser is required to register under this chapter.

(4)

(a) Unless a person acting as a professional fund raising counsel or consultant obtains a permit in accordance with Section 13-22-9, the person may not:
(i) maintain a place of business in the state or employ an individual located in the state; or
(ii) provide any service of a professional fund raising counsel or consultant to or for a charitable organization, or any other person, over which the state has general jurisdiction.

(b) Subsection (4)(a) applies regardless of whether a charitable organization receiving the services of a professional fund raising counsel or consultant is required to register under this chapter.

(5) A person required to obtain a permit under Subsection (3) or (4) may not provide any service to or on behalf of an organization required to register under Subsection (1) if the organization is not registered in accordance with Section 13-22-6.

Amended by Chapter 267, 2018 General Session

13-22-6 Application for registration.

(1) An applicant for registration or renewal of registration as a charitable organization shall:
(a) pay an application fee as determined under Section 63J-1-504; and
(b) submit an application on a form approved by the division which shall include:
   (i) the organization’s name, address, telephone number, facsimile number, if any, and the
       names and addresses of any organizations or persons controlled by, controlling, or affiliated
       with the applicant;
   (ii) the specific legal nature of the organization, that is, whether the organization is an individual,
       joint venture, partnership, limited liability company, corporation, association, or other entity;
   (iii) the names and residence addresses of the officers and directors of the organization;
   (iv) the name and address of the registered agent for service of process and a consent to
       service of process;
   (v) the purpose of the solicitation and use of the contributions to be solicited;
   (vi) the method by which the solicitation will be conducted and the projected length of time the
       solicitation is to be conducted;
   (vii) the anticipated expenses of the solicitation, including all commissions, costs of collection,
       salaries, and any other items;
   (viii) a statement of what percentage of the contributions collected as a result of the solicitation
       are projected to remain available for application to the charitable purposes declared in
       the application, including a satisfactory statement of the factual basis for the projected
       percentage;
   (ix) a statement of total contributions collected or received by the organization within the
       calendar year immediately preceding the date of the application, including a description of
       the expenditures made from or the use made of the contributions;
   (x) a copy of any written agreements with any professional fund raiser involved with the
       solicitation;
   (xi) disclosure of any injunction, judgment, or administrative order or conviction of any crime
       involving moral turpitude with respect to any officer, director, manager, operator, or principal
       of the organization;
   (xii) a copy of all agreements to which the applicant is, or proposes to be, a party regarding the
       use of proceeds for the solicitation or fundraising;
   (xiii) a statement of whether the charitable organization, or the charitable organization’s parent
       foundation, will be using the services of a professional fund raiser or of a professional fund
       raising counsel or consultant;
   (xiv) if either the charitable organization or the charitable organization’s parent foundation will
       be using the services of a professional fund raiser or a professional fund raising counsel or
       consultant:
       (A) a copy of all agreements related to the services; and
       (B) an acknowledgment that fund raising in the state will not commence until both the
           charitable organization, its parent foundation, if any, and the professional fund raiser or
           professional fund raising counsel or consultant are registered and in compliance with this
           chapter;
   (xv) any documents required under Section 13-22-15; and
   (xvi) any additional information the division may require by rule.

(2) If any information contained in the application for registration becomes incorrect or incomplete,
    the applicant or registrant shall, within 30 days after the information becomes incorrect or
    incomplete, correct the application or file the complete information required by the division.

(3) In addition to the registration fee, an organization failing to file a registration application or
    renewal by the due date or filing an incomplete registration application or renewal shall pay an
additional fee of $25 for each month or part of a month after the date on which the registration application or renewal were due to be filed.

Amended by Chapter 419, 2020 General Session

### 13-22-8 Exemptions.

(1) Section 13-22-5 does not apply to:

(a) a bona fide religious, ecclesiastical, or denominational organization if:
   (i) the solicitation is made for a church, missionary, religious, or humanitarian purpose; and
   (ii) the organization is either:
      (A) a lawfully organized corporation, institution, society, church, or established physical place
          of worship, at which nonprofit religious services and activities are regularly conducted and
          carried on;
      (B) a bona fide religious group:
         (I) that does not maintain specific places of worship;
         (II) that is not subject to federal income tax; and
         (III) that is not required to file an IRS Form 990 under any circumstance; or
      (C) a separate group or corporation that is an integral part of an institution that is an income
          tax exempt organization under 26 U.S.C. Sec. 501(c)(3) and is not primarily supported by
          funds solicited outside the group’s or corporation’s own membership or congregation;

(b) a solicitation by a broadcast media owned or operated by an educational institution or
    governmental entity, or any entity organized solely for the support of that broadcast media;

(c) subject to Subsection 13-22-21(1), an individual soliciting a contribution for the relief or benefit
    of another individual, who is specified by name at the time of the solicitation, if:
    (i) all contributions are turned over to the named beneficiary after deducting actual expenses
        necessary for the cost of solicitation, if any; and
    (ii) all individuals that carry out any fund-raising function for the benefit of the named individual
        are unpaid, directly or indirectly, for services rendered;

(d) a political party authorized to transact the political party’s affairs within this state and any
    candidate and campaign worker of the political party if the content and manner of any
    solicitation make clear that the solicitation is for the benefit of the political party or candidate;

(e) a political action committee or group soliciting funds relating to issues or candidates on the
    ballot if the committee or group is required to file financial information with a federal or state
    election commission;

(f)
   (i) a public school;
   (ii) a public institution of higher learning;
   (iii) a school accredited by an accreditation body recognized within the state or the United
          States;
   (iv) an institution of higher learning accredited by an accreditation body recognized within the
          state or the United States;
   (v) an organization within, and authorized by, an entity described in Subsections (1)(f)(i) through
       (iv); or
   (vi) a parent organization, teacher organization, or student organization authorized by an entity
       described in Subsection (1)(f)(i) or (iii) if:
      (A) the parent organization, teacher organization, or student organization is a branch of, or is
          affiliated with, a central organization;
(B) the parent organization, teacher organization, or student organization is subject to the
central organization's general control and supervision;
(C) the central organization holds a United States Internal Revenue Service group tax
exemption that covers the parent organization, teacher organization, or student
organization; and
(D) the central organization is registered with the division under this chapter;
(g) a public or higher education foundation established under Title 53E, Public Education System
-- State Administration, Title 53G, Public Education System -- Local Administration, or Title
53B, State System of Higher Education;
(h) a television station, radio station, or newspaper of general circulation that donates air time
or print space for no consideration as part of a cooperative solicitation effort on behalf of a
charitable organization, whether or not that organization is required to register under this
chapter;
(i) a volunteer fire department, rescue squad, or local civil defense organization whose financial
oversight is under the control of a local governmental entity;
(j) any governmental unit of any state or the United States;
(k) any corporation:
   (i) established by an act of the United States Congress; and
   (ii) that is required by federal law to submit an annual report:
      (A) on the activities of the corporation, including an itemized report of all receipts and
          expenditures of the corporation; and
      (B) to the United States Secretary of Defense to be:
          (I) audited; and
          (II) submitted to the United States Congress;
(l) a chapter of a charitable organization or a person who solicits contributions for a charitable
organization, if the charitable organization is registered with the division pursuant to Section
13-22-5 or is exempt from registration under this section, and:
   (i) all contributions solicited by the chapter or person are delivered directly to the control of the
       charitable organization; or
   (ii)
      (A) the charitable organization holds a United States Internal Revenue Service group tax
          exemption that covers the chapter;
      (B) the charitable organization provides a list of its chapters to the division with its registration
          or renewal of registration;
      (C) the chapter is on the list provided under Subsection (1)(l)(ii)(B);
      (D) the chapter maintains the information required under Section 13-22-15 and provides the
          information to the division upon request; and
      (E) solicitations by the chapter or the person are limited to the collection of membership-
          related fees, dues, or assessments from new and existing members;
(m) a solicitation in an obituary;
(n) a solicitation made exclusively to a family member of the individual making the solicitation; or
(o) an organization that holds federal income tax exempt status in accordance with 26 U.S.C.
   Sec. 501(c)(6).
(2) An organization claiming an exemption under this section bears the burden of proving the
organization's eligibility for, or the applicability of, the exemption claimed.
(3) An organization exempt from registration under this section that makes a material change in the
organization's legal status, officers, address, or similar changes shall file a report informing the
division of the organization's current legal status, business address, business phone, officers, and primary contact person within 30 days after the day on which the change is made.

(4) The division may by rule made in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act:

(a) require an organization that is exempt from registration under this section to:
   (i) file a notice of claim of exemption; and
   (ii) file a renewal of a notice of claim of exemption;
(b) prescribe the contents of a notice of claim of exemption and a renewal of a notice of claim of exemption; and
(c) require a filing fee for a notice of claim of exemption and a renewal of a notice of claim of exemption as determined under Section 63J-1-504.

Amended by Chapter 17, 2023 General Session

13-22-9 Professional fund raiser's or fund raising counsel's or consultant's permit.

(1) A person applying for or renewing a permit as a professional fund raiser or a professional fund raising counsel or consultant shall:

(a) pay an application fee as determined under Section 63J-1-504; and
(b) submit a written application, verified under oath, on a form approved by the division that includes:
   (i) the applicant's name, address, telephone number, facsimile number, if any;
   (ii) the name and address of any organization or person controlled by, controlling, or affiliated with the applicant;
   (iii) the applicant's business, occupation, or employment for the three-year period immediately preceding the date of the application;
   (iv) whether it is an individual, joint venture, partnership, limited liability company, corporation, association, or other entity;
   (v) the names and residence addresses of any officer or director of the applicant;
   (vi) the name and address of the registered agent for service of process and a consent to service of process;
   (vii) if a professional fund raiser:
      (A) the purpose of the solicitation and use of the contributions to be solicited;
      (B) the method by which the solicitation will be conducted and the projected length of time it is to be conducted;
      (C) the anticipated expenses of the solicitation, including all commissions, costs of collection, salaries, and any other items;
      (D) a statement of what percentage of the contributions collected as a result of the solicitation are projected to remain available to the charitable organization declared in the application, including a satisfactory statement of the factual basis for the projected percentage and projected anticipated revenues provided to the charitable organization, and if a flat fee is charged, documentation to support the reasonableness of the flat fee; and
      (E) a statement of total contributions collected or received by the professional fund raiser within the calendar year immediately preceding the date of the application, including a description of the expenditures made from or the use made of the contributions;
   (viii) if a professional fund raising counsel or consultant:
      (A) the purpose of the plan, management, advice, counsel or preparation of materials for, or with respect to, the solicitation and use of the contributions solicited;
(B) the method by which the plan, management, advice, counsel, or preparation of materials for, or with respect to, the solicitation will be organized or coordinated and the projected length of time of the solicitation;

(C) the anticipated expenses of the plan, management, advice, counsel, or preparation of materials for, or with respect to, the solicitation, including all commissions, costs of collection, salaries, and any other items;

(D) a statement of total fees to be earned or received from the charitable organization declared in the application, and what percentage of the contributions collected as a result of the plan, management, advice, counsel, or preparation of materials for, or with respect to, the solicitation are projected after deducting the total fees to be earned or received remain available to the charitable organization declared in the application, including a satisfactory statement of the factual basis for the projected percentage and projected anticipated revenues provided to the charitable organization, and if a flat fee is charged, documentation to support the reasonableness of such flat fee; and

(E) a statement of total net fees earned or received within the calendar year immediately preceding the date of the application, including a description of the expenditures made from or the use of the net earned or received fees in the planning, management, advising, counseling, or preparation of materials for, or with respect to, the solicitation and use of the contributions solicited for the charitable organization;

(ix) disclosure of any injunction, judgment, or administrative order against the applicant or the applicant's conviction of any crime involving moral turpitude;

(x) a copy of any written agreements with any charitable organization;

(xi) the disclosure of any injunction, judgment, or administrative order or conviction of any crime involving moral turpitude with respect to any officer, director, manager, operator, or principal of the applicant;

(xii) a copy of all agreements to which the applicant is, or proposes to be, a party regarding the use of proceeds;

(xiii) an acknowledgment that fund raising in the state will not commence until both the professional fund raiser or professional fund raising counsel or consultant and the charity, and its parent foundation, if any, are registered and in compliance with this chapter; and

(xiv) any additional information the division may require by rule.

(2) If any information contained in the application for a permit becomes incorrect or incomplete, the applicant or registrant shall, within 30 days after the information becomes incorrect or incomplete, correct the application or file the complete information required by the division.

(3) In addition to the permit fee, an applicant failing to file a permit application or renewal by the due date or filing an incomplete permit application or renewal shall pay an additional fee of $25 for each month or part of a month after the date on which the permit application or renewal were due to be filed.

Amended by Chapter 267, 2018 General Session

13-22-11 Expiration of registration and permits.

(1) Each charitable organization registration issued under this chapter expires annually on the earlier of January 1, April 1, July 1, or October 1 following the completion of 12 months after the date of initial issuance.

(2) Each professional fund raiser's permit issued under this chapter expires annually on the date of issuance.
(3) Each professional fund raising counsel's or consultant's permit issued under this chapter expires annually on the date of issuance.

(4) A registration or permit may be renewed only by complying with the requirements for obtaining the original registration or permit.

Amended by Chapter 377, 2016 General Session

13-22-12 Grounds for denial, suspension, or revocation.
(1) The director may, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 4, Administrative Procedures Act, issue an order to deny, suspend, or revoke an application, registration, permit, or information card, upon a finding that the order is in the public interest and that:
(a) the application for registration or renewal is incomplete or misleading in any material respect;
(b) the applicant or registrant or any officer, director, agent, or employee of the applicant or registrant has:
   (i) violated this chapter or committed any of the prohibited acts and practices described in this chapter;
   (ii) been enjoined by any court, or is the subject of an administrative order issued in this or another state, if the injunction or order includes a finding or admission of fraud, breach of fiduciary duty, material misrepresentation, or if the injunction or order was based on a finding of lack of integrity, truthfulness, or mental competence of the applicant;
   (iii) been convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude;
   (iv) obtained or attempted to obtain a registration or a permit by misrepresentation;
   (v) materially misrepresented or caused to be misrepresented the purpose and manner in which contributed funds and property will be used in connection with any solicitation;
   (vi) caused or allowed any paid solicitor to violate any rule made or order issued under this chapter by the division;
   (vii) failed to take corrective action with its solicitors who have violated this chapter or committed any of the prohibited acts and practices of this chapter;
   (viii) used, or attempted to use a name that either is deceptively similar to a name used by an existing registered or exempt charitable organization, or appears reasonably likely to cause confusion of names;
   (ix) failed to timely file with the division any report required in this chapter or by rules made under this chapter; or
   (x) failed to pay a fine imposed by the division in accordance with Section 13-22-3; or
(c) the applicant for registration or renewal has no charitable purpose.
(2) The director may, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 4, Administrative Procedures Act, issue an order to revoke or suspend a claim of exemption filed under Subsection 13-22-8(4), upon a finding that the order is in the public interest and that:
(a) the notice of claim of exemption is incomplete or false or misleading in any material respect;
(b) any provision of this chapter, or any rule made or order issued by the division under this chapter has been violated in connection with a charitable solicitation by any exempt organization.

Amended by Chapter 382, 2008 General Session

13-22-13 Prohibited practices.
In connection with any solicitation, each of the following acts and practices is prohibited:
(1) stating or implying that registration constitutes endorsement or approval by the division or any governmental entity;
(2) violating any of the requirements of this chapter or any rule made under this chapter;
(3) making any untrue statement of a material fact or failing to state a material fact necessary to make statements made, in the context of the circumstances under which they are made, not misleading, whether in connection with a charitable solicitation or a filing with the division; and
(4) violating an order issued by the division under Subsection 13-22-3(2) or (3).

Amended by Chapter 185, 1994 General Session

13-22-14 Accuracy not guaranteed.
(1) By issuing a permit, the state does not guarantee the accuracy of any representation contained in the permit, nor does it warrant that any statement made by the holder of the permit is truthful. The state makes no certification as to the charitable worthiness of any organization on whose behalf a solicitation is made nor as to the moral character of the holder of the permit.
(2) The following statement shall appear on each permit: "THE STATE OF UTAH MAKES NO CERTIFICATION AS TO THE CHARITABLE WORTHINESS OF ANY ORGANIZATION ON WHOSE BEHALF A SOLICITATION IS MADE NOR AS TO THE MORAL CHARACTER OF THE HOLDER OF THE PERMIT."
(3) No solicitation for charitable purposes shall use the fact or requirement of registration or of the filing of any report with the division pursuant to this chapter with the intent to cause or in a manner tending to cause any person to believe that the solicitation, the manner in which it is conducted, its purposes, any use to which the proceeds will be applied or the person or organization conducting it has been or will be in any way endorsed, sanctioned, or approved by the division or any governmental agency or office.

Amended by Chapter 210, 2001 General Session

13-22-15 Financial reports required.
(1)  
   (a) Except as provided in Subsection (1)(c), as part of a charitable organization's application for registration or renewal of registration described in Section 13-22-6, each charitable organization shall file:
      (i) an annual financial report on a form prescribed by the division;
      (ii) an IRS Form 990, 990EZ, 990N, or 990PF; or
      (iii) both the documents described in Subsections (1)(a)(i) and (ii).
   (b) The division shall instruct each applicant for registration or renewal of registration as a charitable organization on which documents to file under Subsection (1)(a).
   (c) If a document required under Subsections (1)(a) and (b) is not available during the charitable organization's first year of registration, upon request from the division, the charitable organization shall provide a quarterly financial report to the division within 30 days after the day on which the division requests the quarterly financial report.
(2) Each annual or quarterly financial report shall disclose:
   (a) the gross amount of contributions received;
   (b) the amount of contributions disbursed or to be disbursed to each charitable organization or charitable purpose represented;
   (c) aggregate amounts paid to any professional fund raiser;
   (d) amounts spent for overhead, expenses, commissions, and similar purposes; and
(e) unless disclosed in another part of the charitable organization's application for registration or renewal of registration, the name and address of any professional fund raiser used by the charitable organization.

(3) Each report required under this section shall be signed under oath by an officer or principal of the charitable organization.

(4)
(a) If a charitable organization fails to timely file a quarterly financial report in accordance with Subsection (1)(c), the charitable organization's registration is immediately and automatically suspended pending a final order of the division under Section 13-22-12.
(b) The division may reinstate the charitable organization's registration after the division receives:
   (i) the quarterly financial report requested in accordance with Subsection (1)(c); and
   (ii) a penalty of $25 for each full or partial calendar month after the day on which the quarterly report was due.

Amended by Chapter 120, 2015 General Session

13-22-16 Separate accounts and receipts required.
(1)
(a) Each professional fund raiser shall segregate and maintain all contributed funds in an account held separately from the professional fund raiser's operating account.
(b) Each contribution in the control or custody of the professional fund raiser shall, no later than 10 days after the day on which the contribution is received, be deposited into an account at a bank or other federally insured financial institution that is in the name of the charitable organization.
(c) The charitable organization shall maintain and administer the account and shall have sole control of all withdrawals.

(2) Each organization required to be registered under this chapter and each professional fund raiser shall:
   (a) maintain a record of each contribution of money, securities, or cash equivalent sufficient to allow the organization or professional fund raiser to provide a receipt to the contributor upon request or as required by law; and
   (b) provide a contributor a receipt for each contribution upon request or as required by law.

(3) An organization required to be registered under this chapter and each professional fund raiser shall develop and maintain adequate internal controls for receipt, management, and disbursement of money that are reasonable in light of the organization's or professional fund raiser's assets and organizational complexity.

Amended by Chapter 120, 2015 General Session

13-22-17 Written agreement required.
(1) A professional fund raiser may only engage in activities on behalf of a charitable organization through written agreement with the organization.
(2) A professional fund raising counsel or consultant may only engage in activities on behalf of a charitable organization through written agreement with the organization.
(3) A charitable organization may only engage the services of a professional fund raiser or professional fund raising counsel or consultant through written agreement.
(4) Copies of the agreement required by this section shall be attached to all applications for registration and or a permit.
13-22-18 Local ordinance.  
This chapter does not prohibit any political subdivision of the state from enacting any ordinance regulating the solicitation of contributions within the subdivision’s boundaries so long as the ordinance only coordinates enforcement of this chapter with the division.

Enacted by Chapter 280, 1993 General Session

13-22-19 Reciprocal agreements.  
(1) The division may convey or exchange information obtained under this chapter with other agencies having regulatory authority over charitable organizations.
(2) The division may accept information that a charitable organization or professional fund raiser files in another state or with any federal agency or other organization in place of substantially similar information that is required to be filed under this chapter.

Enacted by Chapter 280, 1993 General Session

13-22-21 Appeal on behalf of individual.  
(1) If a charitable campaign consisting of exempt solicitations for the relief or benefit of a named individual, as described in Subsection 13-22-8(1)(c), collects proceeds in excess of $5,000, the organizer of the campaign shall give the division written notice of the following:
   (a) the organizer’s name and address;
   (b) the name and whereabouts of the person for whose relief or benefit the contributions are solicited;
   (c) the date the charitable campaign commenced; and
   (d) the purpose to which the collected contributions are to be applied.
(2) Notice under Subsection (1) is due within 10 days after commencing the appeal or collecting in excess of $5,000, whichever is later.
(3) If the organizer fails to file timely notice, the division shall inform the organizer of the notice requirement and give the organizer 10 additional days as a grace period within which to file the notice. If the organizer fails to file the notice within the grace period, the division may issue a cease and desist order against the organizer.
(4) If, at any time, the division has reasonable cause to believe that the organizer is perpetrating a fraud against the public, or in any other way intends to profit from harming the public through the charitable campaign, it shall issue a cease and desist order against the organizer.

Amended by Chapter 267, 2018 General Session

13-22-22 Charitable sales promotions.  
(1) Every charitable organization which agrees to permit a charitable sales promotion to be conducted by a commercial co-venturer on its behalf shall file with the division a notice of the promotion prior to its commencement within this state. The notice shall state:
   (a) the names of the charitable organization and commercial co-venturer;
   (b) that the charitable organization and the commercial co-venturer will conduct a charitable sales promotion; and
   (c) the date the charitable sales promotion is expected to commence.
(2) Prior to the commencement of a charitable sales promotion within this state, every charitable organization which agrees to permit a charitable sales promotion to be conducted in its behalf, shall obtain a written agreement, containing such terms as may be required by rule of the division, from the commercial co-venturer which shall be available to the division upon request.

(3) A commercial co-venturer shall keep the final accounting for each charitable sales promotion conducted in this state for three years after the final accounting date and make the accounting available to the division upon request.

(4) The commercial co-venturer shall disclose in each advertisement for a charitable sales promotion the dollar amount or percent per unit of goods or services purchased or used that will benefit the charitable organization or purpose.

Enacted by Chapter 210, 2001 General Session

13-22-23 Fiduciary capacity.
Every person soliciting, collecting, or expending contributions for charitable purposes, and every officer, director, trustee, or employee of any person concerned with the solicitation, collection, or expenditure of those contributions, shall be considered to be a fiduciary and acting in a fiduciary capacity.

Enacted by Chapter 210, 2001 General Session