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AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to providing for the issuance of a certificate of ethics course completion to professional fundraisers and charitable organizations who complete a course of instruction in the law and ethics of fundraising

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 178 to
2 read as follows:
3 S 178. COURSE OF INSTRUCTION IN THE LAW AND THE ETHICS OF FUNDRAISING
4 AND PHILANTHROPY. 1. ANY PROFESSIONAL FUNDRAISER, PROFESSIONAL SOLICI-
5 TOR, OR FUNDRAISING COUNSEL, WHO IS AN INDIVIDUAL REQUIRED TO REGISTER
6 PURSUANT TO SECTION ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-THREE OF THIS ARTICLE, WHO SHALL
7 HAVE COMPLETED AN ACCEPTABLE COURSE OF INSTRUCTION IN THE LAW AND ETHICS
8 OF FUNDRAISING AND PHILANTHROPY SHALL BE ENTITLED TO A CERTIFICATE OF
9 ETHICS COURSE COMPLETION BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL. SUCH INDIVIDUALS SHALL
10 VERIFY ON THEIR REGISTRATION OR RE-REGISTRATION FORM THAT THEY HAVE
11 COMPLETED SUCH COURSE AND SHALL PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION OF SUCH COMPLETION
12 AT THE REQUEST OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.
13 2. ANY PROFESSIONAL FUNDRAISER, PROFESSIONAL SOLICITOR, OR FUNDRAISING
14 COUNSEL WHICH IS AN ORGANIZATION, GROUP, ASSOCIATION, PARTNERSHIP,
15 CORPORATION, OR ANY COMBINATION THEREOF REQUIRED TO REGISTER PURSUANT TO
16 SECTION ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-THREE OF THIS ARTICLE, SEVENTY-FIVE PERCENT
17 OF WHOSE EMPLOYEES RESPONSIBLE FOR THE HIRING, TRAINING OR SUPERVISION
18 OF EMPLOYEES ENGAGED IN THE FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES OF THE ORGANIZATION,
19 GROUP, ASSOCIATION, PARTNERSHIP OR CORPORATION COMPLETE AN ACCEPTABLE
20 COURSE OF INSTRUCTION IN THE LAW AND ETHICS OF FUNDRAISING AND PHILAN-
21 THROPY, SHALL BE ENTITLED TO A CERTIFICATE OF ETHICS COURSE COMPLETION
22 BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL. SUCH PROFESSIONAL FUNDRAISER, PROFESSIONAL
23 SOLICITOR, OR FUNDRAISING COUNSEL SHALL VERIFY ON ITS REGISTRATION OR

EXPLANATION--Matter in *ITALICS* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [] is old law to be omitted.

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1 RE-REGISTRATION FORM THAT SUCH VOLUNTEERS OR EMPLOYEES HAVE COMPLETED
2 SUCH COURSE AND SHALL PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION OF SUCH COMPLETION AT THE
3 REQUEST OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

4 3. ANY CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION, INCLUDING ANY CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION
5 REQUIRED TO BE REGISTERED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE EIGHT OF THE ESTATES,
6 POWERS AND TRUSTS LAW, REQUIRED TO REGISTER PURSUANT TO SECTION ONE
7 HUNDRED SEVENTY-TWO OF THIS ARTICLE, SEVENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF WHOSE
8 EMPLOYEES RESPONSIBLE FOR THE HIRING, TRAINING OR SUPERVISION OF EMPLOY-
9 EES ENGAGED IN THE FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES OF THE CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION
10 COMPLETE AN ACCEPTABLE COURSE OF INSTRUCTION IN THE LAW AND ETHICS OF
11 FUNDRAISING AND PHILANTHROPY SHALL BE ENTITLED TO A CERTIFICATE OF
12 ETHICS COURSE COMPLETION BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL. SUCH CHARITABLE
13 ORGANIZATION SHALL VERIFY ON ITS REGISTRATION OR RE-REGISTRATION FORM
14 THAT SUCH VOLUNTEERS OR EMPLOYEES HAVE COMPLETED SUCH COURSE AND SHALL
15 PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION OF SUCH COMPLETION AT THE REQUEST OF THE ATTORNEY
16 GENERAL.

17 4. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SHALL ANNUALLY PUBLISH THE NAMES OF ANY
18 PROFESSIONAL FUNDRAISER, PROFESSIONAL SOLICITOR, FUNDRAISING COUNSEL OR
19 CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION THAT HAS BEEN GRANTED A CERTIFICATE OF ETHICS
20 COURSE COMPLETION IN ANY REPORT PREPARED TO ASSIST THE PUBLIC IN DETER-
21 MINING WHICH CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS TO SUPPORT, AND THE CHARITIES
22 BUREAU REGISTRY MAINTAINED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SHALL INDICATE THAT A
23 CERTIFICATE OF ETHICS COURSE COMPLETION HAS BEEN GRANTED.

24 5. FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS SECTION, "ACCEPTABLE COURSE" SHALL MEAN A
25 COURSE OF INSTRUCTION APPROVED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, IN CONSULTATION
26 WITH THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, IN RELATION TO THE LAW AND ETHICS OF
27 FUNDRAISING AND PHILANTHROPY. UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES STATEWIDE, AND
28 PROFESSIONAL TRADE ASSOCIATIONS THAT ESTABLISH PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS
29 AND PROVIDE TRAINING AND RESOURCES FOR INDIVIDUALS ENGAGING IN PROFES-
30 SIONAL FUNDRAISING, MAY OFFER AN ACCEPTABLE COURSE THROUGH CLASSROOM
31 TRAINING AND/OR BY DISTANCE LEARNING, AND SHALL PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION OF
32 COMPLETION TO THOSE WHO COMPLETE THE COURSE. ANY PERSON TAKING THE
33 COURSE MAY ELECT TO DO SO BY EITHER METHOD OFFERED. COURSES PROVIDED BY
34 DISTANCE LEARNING SHALL BE SUBJECT TO ALL REGULATIONS ESTABLISHED BY THE
35 STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT FOR SUCH COURSES.

36 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.