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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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**H. F. No. 601**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Government Operations and Elections Policy

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to charitable solicitations; regulating public disclosures of certain  
1.3 charitable organization salaries; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section  
1.4 309.556, subdivision 1.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 309.556, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.7 Subdivision 1. ~~Identity of organization; percentage of deductibility; description~~  
1.8 ~~of program~~ **Generally.** (a) Prior to orally requesting a contribution or contemporaneously  
1.9 with a written request for a contribution, the following information shall be clearly  
1.10 disclosed:

1.11 ~~(a)~~ (1) the name and location by city and state of each charitable organization on  
1.12 behalf of which the solicitation is made;

1.13 ~~(b)~~ (2) the tax deductibility of the contribution; ~~and~~

1.14 ~~(c)~~ (3) a description of the charitable program for which the solicitation campaign  
1.15 is being carried out; and, if different, a description of the programs and activities of the  
1.16 organization on whose behalf the solicitation campaign is being carried out; ~~and~~

1.17 (4) that a list of the five highest paid directors, officers, and employees of the  
1.18 organization and related organizations, as included in the annual report pursuant to  
1.19 section 309.53, may be obtained from each charitable organization on whose behalf the  
1.20 solicitation is made. A toll-free telephone number, e-mail address, or Web site URL  
1.21 address where this information may be obtained must also be included in the disclosure.

1.22 (b) If the solicitation is made by direct personal contact, the required information  
1.23 shall also be disclosed prominently on a written document which shall be exhibited to  
1.24 the person solicited. If the solicitation is made by radio, television, letter, telephone, or

2.1 any other means not involving direct personal contact, the required information shall  
2.2 be clearly disclosed in the solicitation. This subdivision also applies to a charitable  
2.3 organization exempt from registration and reporting requirements under section 309.515,  
2.4 subdivision 1, paragraph (c).

2.5 (c) If the disclosure required by paragraph (a), clause (4), is not made, or if it  
2.6 is not accurate and complete, the attorney general may enforce compliance or punish  
2.7 noncompliance, or both. The attorney general has the powers granted in section 8.31 in an  
2.8 action taken pursuant to this paragraph.