

14. Where applicable, to make any statements, or allow a third party marketing or selling the licensee's program to make any statements, in the course of advertising or solicitation that contradicts the disclosures required by section 533A.8.

15. When the licensee's program is a debt settlement program, the following:

a. To advise a debtor to stop making payments to creditors.

b. To lead a debtor to believe that a payment to a creditor is in settlement of a debt to the creditor unless the creditor provides a written certification or confirmation that the payment is in full settlement of the debt, or is part of a payment plan that is in full settlement of the debt.

c. To make any of the following representations:

(1) The licensee will furnish money to pay bills or prevent attachments.

(2) Payment of a certain amount will guarantee satisfaction of a certain amount or range of indebtedness.

(3) Participation in a program will prevent debt collection calls, litigation, garnishment, attachment, repossession, foreclosure, eviction, or loss of employment.

(4) Participation in a program will not harm the debtor's credit report or credit score.

(5) Participation in a program will prevent the debtor from having to declare bankruptcy.

(6) That the licensee is authorized or competent to furnish legal advice or perform legal services, including but not limited to the negotiation of payments or the settlement of a debtor's delinquent account that is subject to pending litigation.

(7) That the licensee's negotiations with creditors will result in the elimination of adverse information on the debtor's credit report.

Sec. 8. NEW SECTION. 533A.17 WAIVER NOT ALLOWED.

A waiver by a debtor of the provisions of this chapter is void and unenforceable as contrary to public policy. An attempt by a licensee to induce a debtor to waive the debtor's rights is a violation of this chapter.

Sec. 9. Section 533A.6, Code 2009, is repealed.

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CHAPTER 35

REGULATION OF CHARITABLE TRUSTS

S.F. 320

AN ACT relating to charitable trusts by providing for filing documents with the attorney general and providing for the attorney general's investigative authority.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. NEW SECTION. 633A.5107 FILING REQUIREMENTS.

1. The provisions of this section apply to the following charitable trusts administered in this state with assets in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars:

a. A nonprofit entity as defined in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as defined in section 422.3.

b. A charitable remainder trust as defined in section 664(d) of the Internal Revenue Code, as defined in section 422.3.

c. A charitable lead trust as defined in sections 2055(e)(2)(b) and 2522(c)(2)(b) of the Internal Revenue Code, as defined in section 422.3.

2. a. Within sixty days from the creation of a charitable trust, as described in subsection 1, the trustee shall register the charitable trust with the attorney general. The trustee shall register the charitable trust on a form provided by the attorney general. The trustee shall also submit a copy of the trust instrument to the attorney general as required by the attorney general.

b. The trustee of a charitable trust, as described in subsection 1, shall annually file a copy of the charitable trust's annual report with the attorney general. The annual report may be the same report submitted to the persons specified in section 633A.4213, the charitable trust's most recent annual federal tax filings, or an annual report completed on a form provided by the attorney general.

c. The attorney general may require that documents be filed electronically, including forms, trust instruments, and reports. In addition, the attorney general may require the use of electronic signatures as defined in section 554D.103.

3. Any document provided to the office of the attorney general in connection with a charitable remainder trust or a charitable lead trust, as described in subsection 1, shall not be considered a public record pursuant to chapter 22. The attorney general shall keep the identities and interest of the noncharitable beneficiaries confidential except to the extent that disclosure is required by a court.

4. The attorney general is authorized to adopt administrative rules in accordance with the provisions of chapter 17A for the administration and enforcement of this chapter.

5. For a charitable trust described in subsection 1, created prior to the effective date of this Act and still in existence, the trustee shall register the trust with and submit a current copy of the trust instrument and financial report to the attorney general not later than one hundred thirty-five days after the close of the trust's next fiscal year following the effective date of this Act. The trustee shall comply with the remainder of this Act¹ as if the charitable trust were created on or after the effective date of this Act.

Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 633A.5108 ROLE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

The attorney general may investigate a charitable trust to determine whether the charitable trust is being administered in accordance with law and the terms and purposes of the trust. The attorney general may apply to a district court for such orders that are reasonable and necessary to carry out the terms and purposes of the trust and to ensure the trust is being administered in accordance with applicable law. Limitation of action provisions contained in section 633A.4504 apply.

Sec. 3. Section 633.303, Code 2009, is repealed.

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¹ See chapter 179, §45 herein