

[PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1564, June 11, 1978]

AMENDING ACT NO. 4075, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE SOLICITATION PERMIT LAW

WHEREAS, the Solicitation Permit Law (ACT 4075) was enacted on October 27, 1933, and within the forty-three years of its effectivity substantial social and economic changes have taken place in our country so much so that said law is no longer attuned to present conditions;

WHEREAS, it has become customary and traditional for all duly organized private and semi-government entities, associations and organizations to enjoin the cooperation and support of the public in the various civic activities and projects which they undertake from time to time;

WHEREAS, the people's "bayanihan" spirit will be further enhanced or promoted if they are directly or indirectly involved in all charitable and public welfare activities; and

WHEREAS, there is an imperative need to give legal sanction and to regulate the solicitation of donations and voluntary contributions from the public sector in order to obviate illegal fund drives;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby decree and order as follows:

SECTION 1. This decree shall be known as the Solicitation Permit Law.

SEC. 2. Any person, corporation, organization, or association desiring to solicit or receive contributions for charitable or public welfare purposes shall first secure a permit from the Regional Offices of the Department of Social Services and Development as provided in the Integrated Reorganization Plan. Upon the filing of a written application for a permit in the form prescribed by the Regional Offices of the Department of Social Services and Development, the Regional Director or his duly authorized representative may, in his discretion, issue a permanent or temporary permit or disapprove the application. In the interest of the public, he may in his discretion renew or revoke any permit issued under Act 4075.

SEC. 3. The Regional Director of the Department of Social Services and Development may require the person, corporation, organization or association duly authorized to solicit contributions for the above-mentioned purposes to submit from time to time a verified report or information regarding their activities, the period covered by the report, the collections and expenditures made and the names and addresses of the contributors and persons to whom assistance was rendered from the funds obtained. This report or information shall be open for inspection of the general public. The Regional Director or his duly authorized representative may, for the protection of the public, likewise investigate the books, papers, affairs and activities related to the aforesaid purposes of any such person, corporation, organization, or association: *Provided, however*, That the provisions of Section 2 of this Decree shall not apply to any organization or institution established for charitable or public welfare purposes in its campaign for raising funds or soliciting