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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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Senator Brandes moved the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Before line 210

insert:

Section 1. Legislative findings and declarations.—

(1) The Legislature finds that Floridians are generous and that such generosity provides charitable or nonprofit organizations with the resources they need to have a positive impact on the communities they serve.

(2) The Legislature supports the opportunity for charitable or nonprofit organizations to raise funds to carry out their



12 charitable or nonprofit missions.

13 (3) The Legislature respects the diversity of activities
14 conducted by religious groups and therefore, through this act,
15 intends that the definition of the term "religious institution"
16 apply to bona fide religious groups.

17 (4) The Legislature finds that the provisions of this act
18 strengthening chapter 496, Florida Statutes, will prevent the
19 misuse of Floridians' charitable contributions by deterring
20 fraudulent and deceptive organizations from soliciting
21 contributions in this state.

22 (5) The Legislature finds that there is a compelling state
23 interest in revising chapter 496, Florida Statutes, to help
24 Floridians make more informed decisions regarding which
25 organizations merit their support.

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27 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

28 And the title is amended as follows:

29 Delete line 2

30 and insert:

31 An act relating to charities; providing legislative
32 findings and declarations; amending s. 212.08,