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PART 13

FUNDING OF CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS

CHAPTER 2

CONTROL OF FUND-RAISING FOR CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS

*Control of fund-raising*

**False statements relating to institutions which are not registered charities**

**156.—**(1) Where—

- (a) a person solicits money or other property for the benefit of an institution in association with a representation that the institution is a registered charity, and
- (b) the institution is not such a charity,

that person is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale.

(2) In any proceedings for an offence under subsection (1), it shall be a defence for the accused to prove that the accused believed on reasonable grounds that the institution was a registered charity.

(3) In this section “registered charity” means a charity which is for the time being registered in the register of charities kept under section 16.