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## **FIDUCIARY RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES**

### **REGISTRATION OF TRUSTS:**

If a trustee(s) fails to register a charitable trust with the attorney general as required by this chapter, an additional fee not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00) may be assessed at the time the trust is finally registered. [See R.I.G.L. § 18-9-17\(a\).](#)

### **REPORTING:**

When a registered charitable trust with assets over twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) has failed to file an annual report with the charitable trust division of the Office of the Attorney General for a period exceeding two (2) years, in addition to any other sanctions which may be imposed, a fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) shall be charged to the trust, in addition to the normal filing fee. [See R.I.G.L. § 18-9-17\(b\).](#)

### **PENALTIES**

In the event that any charitable trust fails to take any actions that are required by this chapter, the Attorney General may bring an action to restrain the charity from transacting any business in the state and may take any other action, including the seeking of any other judicial relief, that may be appropriate to compel compliance with the provisions of this chapter. [See R.I.G.L. §18-9-17\(c\).](#)

Any person who knowingly violates any provision of this chapter or who willingly and knowingly gives false or incorrect information to the Attorney General in filing statements or reports as required by this chapter, whether the report or statement is verified or not, may be fined not more than one thousand dollars (1,000.00), or imprisoned not more than one (1) year, or both. [See R.I.G.L. §18-9-17\(d\).](#)