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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Offered: Referred:

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES SEATON, Kreiss-Tomkins

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

"An Act relating to corporations, including benefit corporations; and providing for an

effective date."

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

* Section 1. AS 10 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

Chapter 60. Benefit Corporations.

Article 1. Establishment and Termination.

Sec. 10.60.010. Establishment of benefit corporation. A corporation that is organized under AS 10.06 may become a benefit corporation by

(1) including, at the time of the corporation's organization under AS 10.06, in the corporation's articles of incorporation a statement that the corporation is a benefit corporation under this chapter; or

(2) amending its articles of incorporation to contain a statement that the corporation is a benefit corporation under this chapter; the amendment shall be adopted by at least the minimum vote required under AS 10.60.700 for a status 1

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change.

Sec. 10.60.020. Approval where organic change. If an entity that was formed under the laws of this state is not a benefit corporation but is a party to a merger, consolidation, conversion, or interest or share exchange under AS 10.06 or AS 10.55, and the surviving, new, or resulting entity in the merger, consolidation, conversion, or interest or share exchange is a benefit corporation, the domestic entity shall approve, by at least the minimum vote required under AS 10.60.700 for a status change, the plan of merger, consolidation, conversion, or interest or share exchange.

Sec. 10.60.030. General public benefit purpose. (a) A benefit corporation shall have a purpose of creating general public benefit from the business and operations of the benefit corporation. That purpose is in addition to the benefit corporation's purpose under AS 10.06.005.

(b) The achievement of the general public benefit purpose under (a) of this section is determined after all of the effects of the business and operations of the benefit corporation are considered.

(c) The creation of general public benefit under (a) of this section is in the best interests of the benefit corporation.

Sec. 10.60.040. Specific public benefit purpose. (a) In addition to its general public benefit purpose, a benefit corporation may identify in its articles of incorporation one or more specific public benefit purposes.

(b) A benefit corporation may amend its articles of incorporation to add, amend, or delete a specific public benefit purpose. The benefit corporation shall adopt the amendment by at least the minimum vote required under AS 10.60.700 for a status change.

(c) The identification of a specific public benefit purpose under (a) of this section does not limit the benefit corporation's general public benefit purpose.

(d) A benefit corporation may further a specific public benefit by

(1) providing low-income or underserved individuals, families, or communities with beneficial products, services, or educational opportunities;

(2) promoting economic opportunity for individuals or communities beyond the creation of jobs in the normal course of business;

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(3) improving human health;

(4) promoting the arts, sciences, or advancement of knowledge;

(5) increasing the flow of capital to entities with a purpose to benefit the public; or

(6) conferring another type of benefit on people or their surroundings.

(e) Pursuing a specific public benefit identified under this section is in the best interests of the benefit corporation.

Sec. 10.60.050. Professional corporations. A professional corporation under AS 10.45 that is a benefit corporation does not violate AS 10.45 by having a general public benefit purpose or a specific public benefit purpose.

Sec. 10.60.060. Termination of benefit corporation status. (a) A benefit corporation may terminate its status as a benefit corporation and cease to be subject to this chapter by amending its articles of incorporation to delete the statement required by AS 10.60.010 to be in the articles of incorporation. The benefit corporation shall adopt the amendment by at least the minimum vote required under AS 10.60.700 for a status change.

(b) If a benefit corporation is a party to merger, consolidation, conversion, or interest or share exchange that would have the effect of terminating the status of a benefit corporation, the benefit corporation shall approve, by at least the minimum vote required under AS 10.60.700 for a status change, the plan of merger, consolidation, conversion, or interest or share exchange.

Sec. 10.60.070. Disposition of assets. If a benefit corporation transacts a sale, lease, exchange, or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the benefit corporation, unless the transaction is in the usual and regular course of business, the benefit corporation shall approve the sale, lease, exchange, or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the benefit corporation by at least the minimum vote required under AS 10.60.700 for a status change.

Article 2. Directors.

Sec. 10.60.100. Standard of conduct for directors. In discharging their duties and in considering the best interests of a benefit corporation, the board of directors, committees of the board, and individual directors of the benefit corporation

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1		(1) shall co	onsider the effects of an action or ina	ction on
2		(A)	the shareholders of the benefit corpo	oration;
3		(B)	the employees and workforce of the	benefit corporation, its
4		subsidiaries, and its	s suppliers;	-
5		(C)	the interests of customers to	the extent they are
6		beneficiaries of the	e general public benefit purpose or	specific public benefit
7		purpose of the bene	efit corporation;	
8		(D)	community and societal factors, in	cluding the interests of
9		each community in	n which offices or facilities of the	benefit corporation, its
10		subsidiaries, or its	suppliers are located;	
11		(E)	local and global health;	
12		(F)	the short-term and long-term in	terests of the benefit
13		corporation, includ	ing benefits that may accrue to the b	enefit corporation from
14		its long-term plans	and the possibility that those intere	ests may be best served
15		by the continued in	dependence of the benefit corporatio	n; and
16		(G)	the ability of the benefit corpora	tion to accomplish its
17		general public bene	fit purpose and specific public benef	it purpose, if any;
18		(2) may con	nsider	
19		(A)	the resources, intent, and conduct	of a person seeking to
20		acquire control of t	he benefit corporation; and	
21		(B)	other pertinent factors or the interest	sts of other groups the
22		directors consider a	ppropriate;	
23		(3) are not	t required to give priority to a parti	cular interest or factor
24	re	ferred to in (1) or (2) of	this section over another interest or f	actor unless the benefit
25	C C	prporation has stated in i	ts articles of incorporation its inten	tion to give priority to
26	ce	ertain interests or factors	related to its accomplishment of its	general public benefit
27	pu	urpose or of a specific pul	blic benefit purpose identified in its a	rticles.
28		Sec. 10.60.110. Co	oordination with other corporate	board requirements.
29	Tì	he consideration of inter	rests and factors in the manner req	uired by AS 10.60.100
30	do	pes not constitute a violat	ion of AS 10.06.450.	
31		Sec. 10.60.120. Ex	oneration from personal liability.	Except as provided in
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the articles of incorporation, a director is not personally liable for monetary damages for

(1) an action or inaction in the course of performing the duties of a director under AS 10.60.100 if the director performed the duties of office in compliance with AS 10.06.450 and AS 10.60.100 - 10.60.140; or

(2) a failure of the benefit corporation to pursue or create a general public benefit or a specific public benefit.

Sec. 10.60.130. No duty to beneficiary. A director of a benefit corporation does not have a duty arising from the person's status as a beneficiary to a person who is a beneficiary of the general public benefit purpose or a specific public benefit purpose of the benefit corporation.

Sec. 10.60.140. Business judgments. (a) A director of a benefit corporation who makes a business judgment in good faith fulfills the duty under AS 10.60.100 - 10.60.140 if the director

(1) is disinterested in the subject of the business judgment;

(2) is informed with respect to the subject of the business judgment to the extent the director reasonably believes to be appropriate under the circumstances; and

(3) reasonably believes that the business judgment is in the best interests of the benefit corporation; in this paragraph, "best interests" includes the creation of the general public benefit purpose and any specific public benefit purpose.

(b) When making a determination under (a) of this section, the director shall consider the interests and factors listed in AS 10.60.100.

Article 3. Benefit Director.

Sec. 10.60.150. Benefit director. The board of directors of a benefit corporation may include a director who

(1) is designated the benefit director; and

(2) has, in addition to the powers, duties, rights, and immunities of the other directors of the benefit corporation, the powers, duties, rights, and immunities provided in AS 10.60.150 - 10.60.220.

Sec. 10.60.160. Election of benefit director. The board of directors shall elect

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and may remove the benefit director in the manner provided by AS 10.06.453 - 10.06.463.

Sec. 10.60.170. Qualifications of benefit director. (a) The benefit director of a benefit corporation, except as provided in AS 10.60.210, shall be an individual who does not have a material relationship under AS 10.60.220 with the benefit corporation or a subsidiary of the benefit corporation. The benefit director may serve as the benefit officer at the same time as serving as the benefit director. The articles of incorporation or bylaws of a benefit corporation may prescribe additional qualifications of the benefit director not inconsistent with this subsection.

(b) Serving as benefit director of a benefit corporation does not establish that an individual has a material relationship with the benefit corporation or a subsidiary of the benefit corporation.

Sec. 10.60.180. Annual compliance statement. The benefit director shall prepare, and the benefit corporation shall include in the annual benefit report to shareholders required by AS 10.60.500,

(1) the opinion of the benefit director on whether the benefit corporation acted in accordance with its general public benefit purpose and any specific public benefit purpose in all material respects during the period covered by the report;

(2) the opinion of the benefit director on whether the directors and officers complied with AS 10.60.100 and 10.60.230 during the period covered by the report; and

(3) if the benefit director believes the benefit corporation or its directors or officers failed to act or comply in the manner described in (1) or (2) of this section, a description of the ways in which the benefit corporation or its directors or officers failed to act or comply.

Sec. 10.60.190. Status of actions. The action or inaction of a benefit director in the capacity of a benefit director constitutes for all purposes an action or inaction of that individual in the capacity of a director of the benefit corporation.

Sec. 10.60.200. Exoneration from personal liability. Regardless of whether the articles of incorporation of a benefit corporation include a provision eliminating or

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limiting the personal liability of directors under AS 10.06.210, a benefit director is not personally liable for an action or omission when done in the capacity of a benefit director unless the action or omission constitutes self-dealing, willful misconduct, or a knowing violation of law.

Sec. 10.60.210. Professional corporations. The benefit director of a benefit corporation that is a professional corporation is not prohibited from having a material relationship under AS 10.60.220 with the benefit corporation or a subsidiary of the benefit corporation.

Sec. 10.60.220. Material relationship. When determining under AS 10.60.170 whether a benefit director of a benefit corporation has a material relationship with the benefit corporation or a subsidiary of the benefit corporation, a material relationship is conclusively presumed to exist if

(1) the individual is, or has been within the last three years, an employee other than a benefit officer of the benefit corporation or a subsidiary;

(2) an immediate family member of the individual is, or has been within the last three years, an executive officer other than a benefit officer of the benefit corporation or a subsidiary;

(3) there is beneficial or record ownership of five percent or more of the outstanding shares of the benefit corporation, calculated as if all outstanding rights to acquire equity interests in the benefit corporation had been exercised, by

(A) the individual; or

(B) an entity

(i) of which the individual is a director, an officer, or a manager; or

(ii) in which the individual owns beneficially or of record five percent or more of the outstanding equity interests, calculated as if all outstanding rights to acquire equity interests in the entity had been exercised.

Article 4. Officers.

Sec. 10.60.230. Standard of conduct for officers. An officer of a benefit corporation shall consider the interests and factors under AS 10.60.100 if the officer

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(1) has discretion to act with respect to a matter; and

(2) reasonably believes that the matter identified under (1) of this section may have a material effect on the creation by the benefit corporation of general public benefit or a specific public benefit identified in the articles of incorporation of the benefit corporation.

Sec. 10.60.240. Coordination with other corporate officer requirements. The consideration of interests and factors under AS 10.60.230 by an officer of a benefit corporation does not constitute a violation of AS 10.06.483.

Sec. 10.60.250. Exoneration from personal liability. Except as provided in the articles of incorporation, an officer of a benefit corporation is not personally liable for monetary damages for

(1) an action or inaction as an officer in the course of performing the duties of an officer under AS 10.60.230 - 10.60.270 if the officer performs the duties of the position in compliance with AS 10.06.483 and this section; or

(2) a failure of the benefit corporation to pursue or create a general public benefit or a specific public benefit.

Sec. 10.60.260. No duty to beneficiary. An officer of a benefit corporation does not have a duty arising from the person's status as a beneficiary to a person who is a beneficiary of the general public benefit purpose or a specific public benefit purpose of the benefit corporation.

Sec. 10.60.270. Business judgment. An officer who makes a business judgment in good faith fulfills the duty under AS 10.60.230 - 10.60.270 if the officer

(1) is disinterested in the subject of the business judgment;

(2) is informed with respect to the subject of the business judgment to the extent the officer reasonably believes to be appropriate under the circumstances; and

(3) reasonably believes that the business judgment is in the best interests of the benefit corporation; in this paragraph, "best interests" includes the creation of the general public benefit purpose and any specific public benefit purpose.

Sec. 10.60.280. Benefit officer. A benefit corporation may designate an officer as the benefit officer of the benefit corporation. A benefit officer has the powers and

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duties of the benefit corporation that relate to the creation of a general public benefit and a specific public benefit, as the powers and duties are provided in the bylaws, or, absent controlling provisions in the bylaws, by resolutions or orders of the board of directors. A benefit officer shall prepare the benefit report required by AS 10.60.500.

Article 5. Actions and Claims.

Sec. 10.60.300. Actions and claims. Unless another provision of this chapter limits liability, a person identified under AS 10.60.320 may bring an action or assert a claim against a benefit corporation or its directors or officers with respect to

(1) a failure to pursue or create general public benefit or a specific public benefit set out in its articles of incorporation; or

(2) a violation of an obligation, duty, or standard of conduct under this chapter.

Sec. 10.60.310. Limitation on liability of corporation. Notwithstanding AS 10.60.300, a benefit corporation is not liable for monetary damages under this chapter for a failure of the benefit corporation to pursue or create a general public benefit or a specific public benefit.

Sec. 10.60.320. Right to bring action. (a) An action under AS 10.60.300 may be commenced or maintained only

(1) directly by the benefit corporation; or

(2) derivatively under AS 10.06.435 by

(A) a person or group of persons that owned beneficially or of record at least two percent of the total number of the shares of the benefit corporation of a class or series outstanding at the time of the act or omission complained of;

(B) a director of the benefit corporation;

(C) a person or group of persons who owned beneficially or of record five percent or more of the outstanding equity interests in a person of which the benefit corporation is a subsidiary at the time of the act or omission complained of; or

(D) another person specified in the articles of incorporation or bylaws of the benefit corporation.

1	(b) In this section, a person is the beneficial owner of shares or equity interests
2	if the shares or equity interests are held in a voting trust or by a nominee on behalf of
3	the person.
4	Article 6. Reporting.
5	Sec. 10.60.500. Benefit report. In addition to the biennial report required by
6	AS 10.06.805, a benefit corporation shall prepare an annual benefit report.
7	Sec. 10.60.510. Contents of report. The benefit report required by
8	AS 10.60.500 must contain
9	(1) a description of
10	(A) the ways in which the benefit corporation pursued the
11	general public benefit during the year being reported and the extent to which
12	the benefit corporation created general public benefit;
13	(B) the ways in which the benefit corporation pursued each
14	specific public benefit identified in the articles of incorporation and the extent
15	to which the benefit corporation created the specific public benefit;
16	(C) any circumstances that have hindered the creation by the
17	benefit corporation of general public benefit or specific public benefit;
18	(D) the process and rationale for selecting or changing the
19	third-party standard used to prepare the benefit report;
20	(2) an assessment of the overall performance of the general public
21	benefit purpose by the benefit corporation against a third-party standard
22	(A) applied consistently with any application of that standard in
23	prior benefit reports; or
24	(B) accompanied by an explanation of the reasons for
25	(i) any inconsistent application; or
26	(ii) the change to that standard from the one used in the
27	immediately prior report;
28	(3) the name of the benefit director, if any, and the benefit officer, if
29	any, and the address to which correspondence to each of them may be directed;
30	(4) the compensation paid by the benefit corporation during the year to
31	each director in the capacity of a director;

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(5) the statement of the benefit director described in AS 10.60.180; and

(6) a statement of any connection between the organization that established the third-party standard or its directors, officers, or any holder of five percent or more of the governance interests in the organization and the benefit corporation or its directors, officers, or any holder of five percent or more of the outstanding shares of the benefit corporation, including any financial or governance relationship that might materially affect the credibility of the use of the third-party standard.

Sec. 10.60.520. Correspondence relating to change of benefit director. If, during the year covered by a benefit report, a benefit director resigned from or refused to stand for reelection to the position of benefit director, or was removed from the position of benefit director, and the benefit director furnished the benefit corporation with written correspondence concerning the circumstances surrounding the resignation, refusal, or removal, the benefit report must include that correspondence as an exhibit.

Sec. 10.60.530. Audit not required. A benefit corporation is not required to have the benefit report, including the assessment of the performance of the benefit corporation in the benefit report required by AS 10.60.510(2), audited or certified by a person without a connection to the benefit corporation.

Sec. 10.60.540. Delivery of annual benefit report to shareholders. A benefit corporation shall send its annual benefit report to each shareholder not later than the earlier of the date

(1) that is 120 days after the end of the fiscal year of the benefit corporation; or

(2) the same date as the date that the benefit corporation delivers any other annual report to its shareholders.

Sec. 10.60.550. Internet website posting. If a benefit corporation has an Internet website, the benefit corporation shall post all of its benefit reports on the public portion of the website. The benefit corporation may omit from the benefit reports posted on the website the compensation paid to directors and financial or proprietary information included in the benefit report.

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Sec. 10.60.560. Availability of copies of benefit report. If a benefit corporation does not have an Internet website, the benefit corporation shall provide a copy of its most recent benefit report, without charge, to any person who requests a copy, but the benefit corporation may omit the compensation paid to directors and financial or proprietary information included in the benefit report from the copy of the benefit report provided to the person.

Sec. 10.60.570. Filing of report. Concurrently with the delivery of the benefit report to shareholders under AS 10.60.540, a benefit corporation shall deliver a copy of the benefit report to the department for filing by the department, but the benefit corporation may omit the compensation paid to directors and financial or proprietary information included in the benefit report from the benefit report delivered to the department. The department shall charge a fee established by the department for filing a benefit report.

Article 7. Miscellaneous Provisions.

Sec. 10.60.700. Status change approval. In addition to any other required approval or vote, to accomplish a status change of a benefit corporation,

(1) the shareholders of each class or series may vote as a separate voting group on the status change, regardless of a limitation stated in the articles of incorporation or bylaws on the voting rights of a class or series;

(2) the shareholders shall approve the status change by a vote of each class or series entitled to cast at least two-thirds of the votes that all shareholders of the class or series are entitled to cast on the action.

Sec. 10.60.710. Shareholder dissent. In addition to the corporate actions to which a shareholder may dissent under AS 10.06.574(a), a shareholder of a corporation organized under AS 10.06 may dissent under AS 10.06.574 - 10.06.582 if the corporation amends its articles under AS 10.60.010(2) to become a benefit corporation.

Sec. 10.60.720. Third-party standard. In this chapter, whenever a third-party standard is used, the standard refers to a recognized standard for defining, reporting, and assessing corporate performance

(1) that is comprehensive because it assesses the effect of the benefit

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corporation and its operation	ons on the interests listed in AS 10.60.100(1)(I	B) - (E);
(2) that is	developed by a person that is not controlled	by the benefit
corporation;		
(3) that is c	redible because it is developed by a person that	at
(A)	has access to the expertise necessary to a	assess overall
corporate performa	nce; and	
(B)	uses an approach, including a reasonable pu	blic comment
period, to develop	the standard that is balanced and consi	ders multiple
concerns and intere	sts;	
(4) for whi	ch the following information about the standa	ard is publicly
available:		
(A)	the criteria considered when measuring	, the overall
performance of a bu	isiness;	
(B)	the relative weightings, if any, of the criteria	in (A) of this
paragraph;		
(5) for wh	ich the following information about the dev	elopment and
revision of the standard is p	publicly available:	
(A)	the identity of the directors, officers, materia	l owners, and
governing body of	the entity that developed and controls rev	visions to the
standard;		
(B)	the process by which revisions to the standard	d and changes
to the membership	of the governing body are made;	
(C)	an accounting of the revenue and sources	s of financial
support for the ent	ity, with sufficient detail to disclose any rela	tionships that
could reasonably be	considered to present a potential conflict of i	nterest.
Sec. 10.60.730. Ta	x exemptions. A benefit corporation may no	ot claim a tax
exemption under AS 43.20	(Alaska Net Income Tax Act) if the tax exe	mption is not
also available to corporatio	ns that are not benefit corporations.	
Sec. 10.60.740. Int	erpretation. The authorization under AS 10.6	0.010 to form
a benefit corporation for a	general public benefit purpose and the author	rization under
AS 10.60.040 for a benefi	t corporation to identify a specific public be	nefit purpose
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	 (2) that is a corporation; (3) that is a (A) (3) that is a (A) (4) corporate performance (B) period, to develop concerns and interes (4) for white available: (A) performance of a base (B) paragraph; (5) for white revision of the standard is paragraph; (6) poverning body of standard; (7) governing body of standard; (8) to the membership of (C) support for the entition of the standard; (8) to the membership of (C) support for the entitic could reasonably be see. 10.60.730. Ta exemption under AS 43.20 also available to corporation Sec. 10.60.740. Interest a benefit corporation for a AS 10.60.040 for a benefit 	 (3) that is credible because it is developed by a person that (A) has access to the expertise necessary to a corporate performance; and (B) uses an approach, including a reasonable purperiod, to develop the standard that is balanced and consist concerns and interests; (4) for which the following information about the standard available: (A) the criteria considered when measuring performance of a business; (B) the relative weightings, if any, of the criteriat paragraph; (5) for which the following information about the develop is standard is publicly available: (A) the identity of the directors, officers, materiat governing body of the entity that developed and controls revision of the standard is publicly available: (B) the process by which revisions to the standard; (C) an accounting of the revenue and sources support for the entity, with sufficient detail to disclose any relational could reasonably be considered to present a potential conflict of it. See. 10.60.730. Tax exemptions. A benefit corporation may not exemption under AS 43.20 (Alaska Net Income Tax Act) if the tax exerced also available to corporations that are not benefit corporations.

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may not be interpreted to prevent a business entity that is formed under another law of this state from including in its general powers the consideration of, or donation to, a general public benefit purpose or a specific public benefit purpose.

Article 8. General Provisions.

Sec. 10.60.910. Regulations. The department may adopt regulations under AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure Act) to implement this chapter.

Sec. 10.60.920. Application to business corporations generally. The existence of a provision of this chapter does not, by itself, suggest that a contrary or different rule of law applies to a business corporation that is not a benefit corporation. This chapter does not affect a statute or other law that applies to a business corporation that is not a benefit corporation.

Sec. 10.60.930. Applicable laws. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, AS 10.06 applies to a benefit corporation. A benefit corporation may be simultaneously subject to this chapter and AS 10.45. The provisions of AS 10.06 and AS 10.45 are subject to this chapter.

Sec. 10.60.940. Consistency with chapter. A provision of the articles of incorporation or bylaws of a benefit corporation may not limit, be inconsistent with, or supersede a provision of this chapter.

Sec. 10.60.990. Definitions. In this chapter,

(1) "benefit corporation" means a corporation that elects under AS 10.60.010 to become subject to this chapter;

(2) "benefit director" means the director designated as the benefit director of a benefit corporation under AS 10.60.150;

(3) "benefit officer" means the individual designated as the benefit officer of a benefit corporation under AS 10.60.280;

(4) "benefit report" means the report required by AS 10.60.500;

(5) "business corporation" means a corporation organized under AS 10.06, including a professional corporation under AS 10.45;

(6) "general public benefit" means a material positive effect on people and their surroundings, taken as a whole, assessed against a third-party standard;

(7) "general public benefit purpose" means the public benefit purpose

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1	under AS 10.60.030;			
2	(8) "specific public benefit" means a benefit that serves a public			
3	welfare, religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purpose, or another			
4	purpose beyond the strict interest of the shareholders of the benefit corporation;			
5	(9) "specific public benefit purpose" means a specific public benefit			
6	purpose that is identified as a public benefit purpose by a benefit corporation under			
7	AS 10.60.040(a) or (b);			
8	(10) "status change" means			
9	(A) an amendment of the articles of incorporation under			
10	AS 10.60.010;			
11	(B) an election of an existing corporation to become a benefit			
12	corporation under AS 10.60.010;			
13	(C) the approval of a plan of merger, consolidation, conversion,			
14	or interest or share exchange under AS 10.60.020;			
15	(D) the termination of benefit corporation status under			
16	AS 10.60.060; or			
17	(E) a disposition of assets under AS 10.60.070;			
18	(11) "subsidiary" means an entity in which a person owns beneficially			
19	or of record 50 percent or more of the outstanding equity interests calculated as if all			
20	outstanding rights to acquire equity interests in the entity had been exercised.			
21	* Sec. 2. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to			
22	read:			
23	TRANSITION: REGULATIONS. The Department of Commerce, Community, and			
24	Economic Development may adopt regulations under AS 10.60.910, enacted by sec. 1 of this			
25	Act, necessary to implement this Act. The regulations take effect under AS 44.62			
26	(Administrative Procedure Act), but not before July 1, 2015.			
27	* Sec. 3. Section 2 of this Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).			
28	* Sec. 4. Except as provided in sec. 3 of this Act, this Act takes effect July 1, 2015.			

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