

ALASKA STATE BOARD OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY
FY 2013 ANNUAL REPORT
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PROPOSED LEGISLATION FOR FY 2014

Focus Area (Check all that apply)

- Economic Development
- Government Within Our Means
- National Regulatory/Industry Changes
- Enhance Public Protection

1. Subject and Proposed Language (include intent and statutory reference)

AS 08.04.080 – *repeal*

AS 08.04.680(15) – “practice of public accounting” means the offering to perform or the performance as a person holding a license, practice privilege, or permit for a client under this chapter of a service involving the use of accounting or auditing skills; in this paragraph, “accounting or auditing skills” includes preparing financial statements, issuing reports on financial statements, furnishing management services, furnishing financial advisory services, providing consulting services, preparing tax returns, advising on tax matters, or consulting on tax matters”

AS 08.04.680(21) – “client” means a person or entity other than the licensee’s employer, that engages a licensee or a licensee’s firm to perform professional services or a person or entity with respect to which professional services are performed”

2. Explain the benefits the proposed legislation would provide.

AS 08.04.080 – will allow notice of changes to be in line with Division guidelines (30 days notice) instead of the 60 days that is listed currently.

AS 08.04.680(15) – seeks to further clarify existing language.

AS 08.04.680(21) – seeks to further clarify existing language.

3. Explain the consequences, if any, of not implementing the proposed statutory change.

AS 08.04.080 – Board will continue to have requirements that are not the same as most programs within the Division.

AS 08.04.680(15) – Board has received questions about the definition of ‘practice of public accounting’ and has found that the existing language is not clear enough. If the change is not made, the Board can anticipate additional questions/problems.

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4. Describe any potential negative impacts of this legislation and how they would be minimized.

AS 08.04.080 - None known.

AS 08.04.680(15) – None known.

AS 08.04.680(21) – None known.

5. Who do you anticipate will support the bill and why? Include municipalities, groups, etc...

AS 08.04.080 – The Board does not anticipate any comments in support or opposition to the repeal.

AS 08.04.680(15) – AK Society of Public Accountants representative in attendance when the Board discussed this issue and was not opposed to the clarification.

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