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Memorandum

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The Alaska Board of Public Accountancy

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FROM: Crista Burson
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RE: House Bill 44 – Technical Amendments

Overview

The Alaska Society of CPAs appreciates your sponsorship of House Bill 44, which modernizes Alaska's accountancy statute. During our final review of the proposed legislation, we identified several technical errors which we hope will be corrected in the bill.

Substantive Amendments

1. Section 19; Line 4 – Delete "or compilation".

Currently, the Alaska accountancy statute does not consider a compilation to be an attest function and only requires a peer review of an attest service. The intention of the bill is not to expand the peer review requirement to compilation services. Thus, we suggest this above reference be deleted.

2. Section 20; Line 28 – Delete "the board" and include "the department."

AS 08.01.065 provides that the Alaska Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development sets fees. As drafted, the provision conflicts with existing statute.

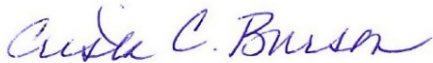
3. Section 43; Line 5 – Delete "or compilation reports".

See rationale under #1.

Technical Amendments

1. Section 10; Line 20 – Insert in BOLD “Sec. 08.04.240. Application of ~~partnerships, limited liability companies, corporations, and other legal entities~~ for firm permits”
2. Section 16; Line 6 – Insert in BOLD “Sec. 08.04.426 **Peer Quality** review”
3. Section 21; Line 2 – Insert in BOLD “Sec. 08.04.450. Revocation or suspension of license, practice privilege, **or** permit; ~~or out of state exemption~~”
4. Section 27; Line 15 – Insert in BOLD “Sec. 08.04.510. **Firm Partnership**, limited liability ~~company, corporation, or other legal entity~~ posing as a certified public accountant”

Sincerely,



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