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Sectional Analysis

HB-170

“An Act relating to the misuse of official position”

Section 1. AS.39.52.120(b)

Lines: 13-23

New language:

(7) take or withhold official action against a private person on a matter if the action is not based primarily on a justifiable public purpose; in this paragraph “justifiable public purpose” means a purpose related to the best interest of the state and does not include consideration of a person’s

(A) kinship or relationship with a public officer;

(B) financial association with public officer;

(C) potential for conferring a future benefit on a public officer;

(D) public policy opinions, including whether those opinions conflict with the public officer’s public policy opinions; or

(E) potential affiliation.

This addition to statute establishes prohibitions on public officials’ actions in the course of their duties, and defines limits on actions through the definition of “Justifiable public purpose”.