

HOUSE BILL NO. 121

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVES MURKOWSKI, Lancaster, Harris, Stevens

Introduced: 2/9/01

Referred: Labor and Commerce, Judiciary

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to the issuance of qualified charitable gift annuities."**

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

3 * **Section 1.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section
4 to read:

5 SHORT TITLE FOR AS 21.03.070. AS 21.03.070, added by sec. 3 of this Act, may
6 be cited as the Charitable Gift Annuities Exemption Act.

7 * **Sec. 2.** AS 21.03.021 is amended to read:

8 **Sec. 21.03.021. Application of title. In addition to the exclusion contained**
9 **in AS 21.03.070, this** [THIS] title does not apply to a life insurance or annuity
10 company organized and operated without profit to any private shareholder or
11 individual exclusively for the purpose of aiding and strengthening educational
12 institutions by issuing insurance and annuity contracts only to or for the benefit of the
13 institutions and individuals engaged in the service of these institutions; however, all
14 policies and contracts issued by such an organization must provide for acceptance of
15 service of process within this state.

1 * **Sec. 3.** AS 21.03 is amended by adding a new section to read:

2 **Sec. 21.03.070. Exemption for qualified charitable gift annuities.** (a)

3 Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, the issuance of a qualified charitable
4 gift annuity does not constitute engaging in the business of insurance in this state, and,
5 except as provided by this section, is exempt from regulation by the division under this
6 title.

7 (b) When entering into an agreement for a qualified charitable gift annuity, the
8 charitable organization shall disclose to the donor in writing in the agreement that a
9 qualified charitable gift annuity is not an insurance policy in this state, is not subject to
10 regulation by the division, and is not protected by the Alaska Life and Health
11 Insurance Guaranty Association established under AS 21.79.040.

12 (c) The notice required by (b) of this section must be contained in a separate
13 paragraph, and the print size of the notice may not be smaller than the print size
14 generally used in the annuity agreement.

15 (d) A charitable organization that issues its first qualified charitable gift
16 annuity on or after the effective date of this Act shall notify the division in writing
17 within 90 days after the issuance. The notice

18 (1) shall be signed by an officer or director of the charitable
19 organization;

20 (2) must provide the name and address of the charitable organization;
21 and

22 (3) must certify that

23 (A) the charitable organization is a charitable organization; and

24 (B) the charitable gift annuities issued by the charitable
25 organization are qualified charitable gift annuities.

26 (e) Except for the information required by (d) of this section, a charitable
27 organization is not required to submit information to the division unless the division
28 determines additional information is necessary to determine an appropriate fine under
29 (g) of this section.

30 (f) If a charitable organization fails to comply with the notice requirements
31 under (b), (c), or (d) of this section, the qualified charitable gift annuity issued by the

1 charitable organization still receives the exemption for a qualified charitable gift
2 annuity provided by (a) of this section.

3 (g) The division may enforce performance with the notice requirements under
4 (b), (c), or (d) of this section by sending a letter by certified mail, return receipt
5 requested, demanding that the charitable organization comply with the requirements.
6 The division may impose a civil penalty on the charitable organization in an amount
7 not to exceed \$1,000 for each qualified charitable gift annuity issued by the charitable
8 organization until the charitable organization complies with the requirements.

9 (h) The division shall keep the information provided to the department under
10 (d) or (g) of this section confidential.

11 (i) In this section,

12 (1) "charitable gift annuity" means a transfer of money or other
13 property by a person to a charitable organization in return for the charitable
14 organization's providing an annuity to the person that is payable over one or two lives
15 and under which the

16 (A) actuarial value of the annuity is less than the value of the
17 money or other property transferred; and

18 (B) difference in value constitutes a charitable deduction for
19 federal income tax purposes;

20 (2) "charitable organization" means a person identified

21 (A) in the definition of "charitable contribution" in 26 U.S.C.
22 170(c) as a person to whom or for whose use a contribution or gift is made; or

23 (B) as an exempt organization under 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3);

24 (3) "qualified charitable gift annuity" means an annuity described in 26
25 U.S.C. 501(m)(5) and 26 U.S.C. 514(c)(5), if the annuity is issued by a charitable
26 organization that on the date of the issuance has

27 (A) a minimum of \$300,000 in unrestricted cash, in cash
28 equivalents, or in publicly traded securities, exclusive of the assets funding the
29 annuity; and

30 (B) been in continuous operation for at least three years or is a
31 successor or affiliate of a charitable organization that has been in continuous

1 operation for at least three years.

2 * **Sec. 4.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
3 read:

4 **APPLICABILITY.** (a) AS 21.03.070(a), added by sec. 3 of this Act, applies to a
5 qualified charitable gift annuity that is issued

6 (1) before the effective date of this Act and that is in effect on the effective
7 date of this Act, and, to that extent, this Act is retroactive under AS 01.10.090;

8 (2) on or after the effective date of this Act.

9 (b) In this section, "qualified charitable gift annuity" has the meaning given in
10 AS 21.03.070(i), added by sec. 3 of this Act.

11 * **Sec. 5.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
12 read:

13 **TRANSITION.** If a charitable organization has issued a qualified charitable gift
14 annuity before the effective date of this Act, and if the qualified charitable gift annuity is still
15 in effect on the effective date of this Act, the charitable organization that issued the qualified
16 charitable gift annuity shall notify the division in writing within 90 days after the effective
17 date of this Act that it has issued a qualified charitable gift annuity. The notice must comply
18 with AS 21.03.070(b) and (c), added by sec. 3 of this Act. In this section, "charitable
19 organization" and "qualified charitable gift annuity" have the meanings given in
20 AS 21.03.070(i), added by sec. 3 of this Act.