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AN ACT to amend the education law, the business corporation law, the partnership law and the limited liability company law, in relation to certified public accountants

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. Section 7408 of the education law is amended by adding a 2 new subdivision 6 to read as follows:

6. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, ANY FIRM ESTABLISHED TO LAWFULLY ENGAGE IN THE PRACTICE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY PURSUANT TO ARTI-CLE FIFTEEN OF THE BUSINESS CORPORATION LAW, ARTICLES ONE AND EIGHT-B OF THE PARTNERSHIP LAW, OR ARTICLES TWELVE AND THIRTEEN OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW SHALL BE DEEMED AUTHORIZED TO REGISTER PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

9 S 2. Section 1503 of the business corporation law is amended by adding 10 a new paragraph (h) to read as follows:

(H) ANY FIRM ESTABLISHED FOR THE BUSINESS PURPOSE OF INCORPORATING AS 11 SERVICE CORPORATION FORMED 12 Α PROFESSIONAL TO LAWFULLY ENGAGE IN THE 13 PRACTICE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY, AS SUCH PRACTICE IS RESPECTIVELY DEFINED 14 UNDER ARTICLE ONE HUNDRED FORTY-NINE OF THEEDUCATION LAW SHALL BE REQUIRED TO SHOW (1) THAT A SIMPLE MAJORITY OF THE OWNERSHIP OF THE 15 16 FIRM, IN TERMS OF FINANCIAL INTERESTS, INCLUDING OWNERSHIP-BASED COMPEN-17 SATION, AND VOTING RIGHTS HELD BY THE FIRM'S OWNERS, BELONGS TO INDIVID-18 UALS LICENSED TO PRACTICE PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY IN SOME STATE, AND (2) THAT ALL SHAREHOLDERS OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CORPORATION WHOSE 19 PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS IS IN THIS STATE, AND WHO ARE ENGAGED IN THE PRACTICE 20 OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY IN THIS STATE, HOLD A VALID LICENSE 21 ISSUED UNDER 22 SECTION SEVENTY-FOUR HUNDRED FOUR OF THE EDUCATION LAW OR ARE PUBLIC 23 ACCOUNTANTS LICENSED UNDER SECTION SEVENTY-FOUR HUNDRED FIVE OF THE 24 EDUCATION LAW. ALTHOUGH FIRMS MAY INCLUDE NON-LICENSEE OWNERS, THE FIRM

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[] is old law to be omitted.

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AND ITS OWNERS MUST COMPLY WITH RULES PROMULGATED BY THE STATE BOARD FOR 1 2 PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY. NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF THIS PARAGRAPH, A 3 FIRM INCORPORATED UNDER THIS SECTION MAY NOT HAVE NON-LICENSEE OWNERS IF 4 THE FIRM'S NAME INCLUDES THE WORDS "CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT," OR 5 "CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS," OR THE ABBREVIATIONS "CPA" "CPAS". OR EACH NON-LICENSEE OWNER OF A FIRM THAT IS INCORPORATED UNDER THIS 6 7 SECTION SHALL BE (1) A NATURAL PERSON WHO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATES INTHE 8 BUSINESS OF THE FIRM OR ITS AFFILIATED ENTITIES, OR (2) AN ENTITY, 9 INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, A PARTNERSHIP OR PROFESSIONAL CORPO-10 RATION, PROVIDED EACH BENEFICIAL OWNER OF AN EQUITY INTEREST IN SUCH 11 ENTITY IS A NATURAL PERSON WHO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATES IN THE BUSINESS 12 CONDUCTED BY THE FIRM OR ITS AFFILIATED ENTITIES. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBDIVISION, "ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE" MEANS TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO CLIENTS 13 14 OR TO OTHERWISE INDIVIDUALLY TAKE PART IN THE DAY-TO-DAY BUSINESS OR 15 MANAGEMENT OF THE FIRM. SUCH A FIRM SHALL HAVE ATTACHED TO ITS CERTIF-ICATE OF INCORPORATION A CERTIFICATE OR CERTIFICATES DEMONSTRATING THE 16 17 FIRM'S COMPLIANCE WITH THIS PARAGRAPH, IN LIEU OF THE CERTIFICATE OR 18 CERTIFICATES REOUIRED BY SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF PARAGRAPH (B) OF THIS 19 SECTION.

20 S 3. Section 1507 of the business corporation law is amended by adding 21 a new paragraph (c) to read as follows:

22 (C) ANY FIRM ESTABLISHED FOR THE BUSINESS PURPOSE OF INCORPORATING AS 23 A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CORPORATION PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (H) OF SECTION 24 FIFTEEN HUNDRED THREE OF THIS ARTICLE MAY ISSUE SHARES TO INDIVIDUALS 25 WHO ARE AUTHORIZED BY LAW TO PRACTICE IN THIS STATE A PROFESSION WHICH 26 SUCH CORPORATION IS AUTHORIZED TO PRACTICE AND WHO ARE OR HAVE BEEN 27 ENGAGED IN THE PRACTICE OF SUCH PROFESSION IN SUCH CORPORATION OR A PREDECESSOR ENTITY, OR WHO WILL ENGAGE IN THE PRACTICE OF SUCH PROFES-28 29 SION IN SUCH CORPORATION WITHIN THIRTY DAYS OF THE DATE SUCH SHARES ARE ISSUED AND MAY ALSO ISSUE SHARES TO EMPLOYEES OF THE CORPORATION NOT 30 LICENSED AS CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS, PROVIDED THAT: 31

32 (I) AT LEAST FIFTY-ONE PERCENT OF THE OUTSTANDING SHARES OF STOCK OF33 THE CORPORATION ARE OWNED BY CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS,

34 (II) AT LEAST FIFTY-ONE PERCENT OF THE DIRECTORS ARE CERTIFIED PUBLIC 35 ACCOUNTANTS,

36 (III) AT LEAST FIFTY-ONE PERCENT OF THE OFFICERS ARE CERTIFIED PUBLIC 37 ACCOUNTANTS,

38 THE PRESIDENT, THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND THE (IV) 39 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OR OFFICERS ARE CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS. 40 SHAREHOLDER OF A FIRM ESTABLISHED FOR THE BUSINESS PURPOSE OF INCOR-NO PORATING AS A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CORPORATION PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (H) 41 OF SECTION FIFTEEN HUNDRED THREE OF THIS ARTICLE SHALL ENTER 42 INTO A 43 VOTING TRUST AGREEMENT, PROXY OR ANY OTHER TYPE OF AGREEMENT VESTING IN ANOTHER PERSON, OTHER THAN ANOTHER SHAREHOLDER OF THE SAME CORPORATION, 44 THE AUTHORITY TO EXERCISE VOTING POWER OF ANY OR ALL OF HIS OR HER SHARES. ALL SHARES ISSUED, AGREEMENTS MADE OR PROXIES GRANTED IN 45 46 47 VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE VOID.

48 S 4. Section 1508 of the business corporation law is amended by adding 49 a new paragraph (c) to read as follows:

50 THE DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS OF ANY FIRM ESTABLISHED FOR THE BUSI-(C) 51 NESS PURPOSE OF INCORPORATING AS A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CORPORATION PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (H) OF SECTION FIFTEEN HUNDRED THREE OF THIS ARTI-52 MAY INCLUDE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE NOT LICENSED TO PRACTICE PUBLIC 53 CLE 54 ACCOUNTANCY, PROVIDED HOWEVER THAT AT LEAST FIFTY-ONE PERCENT OF THE 55 DIRECTORS, AT LEAST FIFTY-ONE PERCENT OF THE OFFICERS AND THE PRESIDENT, 56 THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFI- 1 CER OR OFFICERS ARE AUTHORIZED BY LAW TO PRACTICE IN THIS STATE A 2 PROFESSION WHICH SUCH CORPORATION IS AUTHORIZED TO PRACTICE, AND ARE 3 EITHER SHAREHOLDERS OF SUCH CORPORATION OR ENGAGED IN THE PRACTICE OF 4 THEIR PROFESSIONS IN SUCH CORPORATION.

5 S 5. Section 1509 of the business corporation law, as amended by chap-6 ter 550 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:

7 S 1509. Disqualification of shareholders, directors, officers and 8 employees.

9 If any shareholder, director, officer or employee of a professional 10 service corporation, including a design professional service corpo-11 ration, OR ANY FIRM ESTABLISHED FOR THE BUSINESS PURPOSE OF INCORPORAT-A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CORPORATION PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (H) OF 12 ING AS SECTION FIFTEEN HUNDRED THREE OF THIS ARTICLE, who has been rendering 13 14 professional service to the public becomes legally disqualified to practice his profession within this state, he shall sever all employment 15 16 with, and financial interests (other than interests as a creditor) in, such corporation forthwith or as otherwise provided in section 1510 of 17 this article. All provisions of law regulating the rendering of profes-18 sional services by a person elected or appointed to a public office shall be applicable to a shareholder, director, officer and employee of 19 20 21 such corporation in the same manner and to the same extent as if fully 22 set forth herein. Such legal disqualification to practice his profession 23 within this state shall be deemed to constitute an irrevocable offer by disqualified shareholder to sell his shares to the corporation, 24 the 25 pursuant to the provisions of section 1510 of this article or of the 26 certificate of incorporation, by-laws or agreement among the corporation and all shareholders, whichever is applicable. Compliance with the terms 27 such offer shall be specifically enforceable in the courts of this 28 of 29 state. A professional service corporation's failure to enforce compli-30 ance with this provision shall constitute a ground for forfeiture of its certificate of incorporation and its dissolution. 31

S 6. Paragraph (a) of section 1511 of the business corporation law, as amended by chapter 550 of the laws of 2011, is amended and a new paragraph (c) is added to read as follows:

35 (a) No shareholder of a professional service corporation [or], INCLUD-ING a design professional service corporation, OR ANY FIRM ESTABLISHED 36 37 FOR THE BUSINESS PURPOSE OF INCORPORATING AS A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE 38 CORPORATION PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (H) OF SECTION FIFTEEN HUNDRED THREE 39 OF THIS ARTICLE, may sell or transfer his shares in such corporation 40 except to another individual who is eligible to have shares issued to him by such corporation or except in trust to another individual who 41 would be eligible to receive shares if he were employed by the corpo-42 ration. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to prohibit the 43 44 transfer of shares by operation of law or by court decree. No transfer-45 ee of shares by operation of law or court decree may vote the shares for any purpose whatsoever except with respect to corporate action under 46 47 sections 909 and 1001 of this chapter. The restriction in the preceding 48 sentence shall not apply, however, where such transferee would be eligible to have shares issued to him if he were an employee of the corpo-49 50 ration and, if there are other shareholders, a majority of such other 51 shareholders shall fail to redeem the shares so transferred, pursuant to section 1510 of this article, within sixty days of receiving written 52 notice of such transfer. Any sale or transfer, except by operation of 53 54 law or court decree or except for a corporation having only one share-55 holder, may be made only after the same shall have been approved by the board of directors, or at a shareholders' meeting specially called for 56

such purpose by such proportion, not less than a majority, of the outstanding shares as may be provided in the certificate of incorpo-1 2 3 ration or in the by-laws of such professional service corporation. At 4 such shareholders' meeting the shares held by the shareholder proposing to sell or transfer his shares may not be voted or counted for any 5 purpose, unless all shareholders consent that such shares be voted or 6 7 counted. The certificate of incorporation or the by-laws of the profes-8 sional service corporation, or the professional service corporation and the shareholders by private agreement, may provide, in lieu of or 9 in 10 addition to the foregoing provisions, for the alienation of shares and may require the redemption or purchase of such shares by such corpo-11 ration at prices and in a manner specifically set forth therein. The 12 13 existence of the restrictions on the sale or transfer of shares, as 14 contained in this article and, if applicable, in the certificate of 15 incorporation, by-laws, stock purchase or stock redemption agreement, shall be noted conspicuously on the face or back of every certificate 16 17 for shares issued by a professional service corporation. Any sale or transfer in violation of such restrictions shall be void. 18

19 A FIRM ESTABLISHED FOR THE BUSINESS PURPOSE OF INCORPORATING AS A (C) 20 PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CORPORATION PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (H) OF SECTION 21 FIFTEEN HUNDRED THREE OF THIS ARTICLE, SHALL PURCHASE OR REDEEM THE 22 SHARES OF A NON-LICENSED PROFESSIONAL SHAREHOLDER IN THE CASE OF HIS OR 23 HER TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER SUCH TERMINATION. 24 ESTABLISHED FOR THE BUSINESS PURPOSE OF INCORPORATING AS A А FIRM 25 PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CORPORATION PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (H) OF SECTION 26 FIFTEEN HUNDRED THREE OF THIS ARTICLE, SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED TO PURCHASE 27 REDEEM THE SHARES OF A TERMINATED NON-LICENSED PROFESSIONAL SHARE-OR 28 HOLDER IF SUCH SHARES, WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER SUCH TERMINATION, ARE 29 SOLD OR TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER EMPLOYEE OF THE CORPORATION PURSUANT TO 30 THIS ARTICLE.

31 S 7. Paragraph (a) of section 1512 of the business corporation law, as 32 amended by chapter 550 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as 33 follows:

34 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the name of a profes-35 sional service corporation, including a design professional service corporation AND ANY FIRM ESTABLISHED FOR THE BUSINESS PURPOSE OF INCOR-36 37 PORATING AS A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CORPORATION PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (H) 38 OF SECTION FIFTEEN HUNDRED THREE OF THIS ARTICLE, may contain any word 39 which, at the time of incorporation, could be used in the name of a 40 partnership practicing a profession which the corporation is authorized 41 to practice, and may not contain any word which could not be used by 42 such a partnership. Provided, however, the name of a professional 43 service corporation may not contain the name of a deceased person unless 44 (1) such person's name was part of the corporate name at the time of 45 such person's death; or

46 (2) such person's name was part of the name of an existing partnership 47 and at least two-thirds of such partnership's partners become sharehold-48 ers of the corporation.

49 S 8. Section 1514 of the business corporation law is amended by adding 50 a new paragraph (c) to read as follows:

51 (C) EACH FIRM ESTABLISHED FOR THE BUSINESS PURPOSE OF INCORPORATING AS A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CORPORATION PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (H) OF 52 SECTION 53 FIFTEEN HUNDRED THREE OF THIS ARTICLE SHALL, AT LEAST ONCE EVERY THREE 54 YEARS ON OR BEFORE THE DATE PRESCRIBED BY THE LICENSING AUTHORITY, 55 Α STATEMENT то THE LICENSING AUTHORITY LISTING THE NAMES AND FURNISH 56 RESIDENCE ADDRESSES OF EACH SHAREHOLDER, DIRECTOR AND OFFICER OF SUCH

CORPORATION AND CERTIFY AS THE DATE OF CERTIFICATION AND AT ALL TIMES 1 2 OVER THE ENTIRE THREE YEAR PERIOD THAT: 3 (I) AT LEAST FIFTY-ONE PERCENT OF THE OUTSTANDING SHARES OF STOCK OF 4 THE CORPORATION ARE AND WERE OWNED BY CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS, 5 (II) AT LEAST FIFTY-ONE PERCENT OF THE DIRECTORS ARE AND WERE CERTI-6 FIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS, 7 LEAST FIFTY-ONE PERCENT OF THE OFFICERS ARE AND WERE CERTI-(III) AT FIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS, 8 (IV) THE PRESIDENT, THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND 9 THE 10 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OR OFFICERS ARE AND WERE CERTIFIED PUBLIC 11 ACCOUNTANTS. THE STATEMENT SHALL BE SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT OR ANY 12 CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT VICE-PRESIDENT AND ATTESTED TO BY THE 13 SECRETARY OR ANY 14 ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE CORPORATION. 15 S 9. Paragraph (d) of section 1525 of the business corporation law, as added by chapter 505 of the laws of 1983, is amended to read as follows: 16 17 (d) "Foreign professional service corporation" means a professional service corporation, whether or not denominated as such, organized under 18 19 laws of a jurisdiction other than this state, all of the shareholdthe ers, directors and officers of which are authorized and licensed to 20 practice the profession for which such corporation is licensed to do 21 22 business; except that all shareholders, directors and officers of а 23 foreign professional service corporation which provides health services in this state shall be licensed in this state. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER 24 25 PROVISION OF LAW A FOREIGN PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CORPORATION FORMED TO 26 LAWFULLY ENGAGE IN THE PRACTICE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY, AS SUCH PRACTICE 27 IS RESPECTIVELY DEFINED UNDER ARTICLE ONE HUNDRED FORTY-NINE OF THE SHALL BE REQUIRED TO SHOW (1) THAT A SIMPLE MAJORITY OF 28 EDUCATION LAW, THE OWNERSHIP OF THE FIRM, IN TERMS OF FINANCIAL INTERESTS, 29 INCLUDING OWNERSHIP-BASED COMPENSATION, AND VOTING RIGHTS HELD BY THE FIRM'S 30 OWNERS, BELONGS TO INDIVIDUALS LICENSED TO PRACTICE PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY 31 32 SOME STATE, AND (2) THAT ALL SHAREHOLDERS OF A FOREIGN PROFESSIONAL IN 33 SERVICE CORPORATION WHOSE PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS IS IN THIS STATE, AND WHO ARE ENGAGED IN THE PRACTICE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY IN THIS STATE, 34 HOLD A VALID LICENSE ISSUED UNDER SECTION SEVENTY-FOUR HUNDRED FOUR OF 35 THE EDUCATION LAW OR ARE PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS LICENSED UNDER SECTION 36 37 SEVENTY-FOUR HUNDRED FIVE OF THE EDUCATION LAW. ALTHOUGH FIRMS MAY INCLUDE NON-LICENSEE OWNERS, THE FIRM AND ITS OWNERS MUST COMPLY 38 WITH 39 RULES PROMULGATED BY THE STATE BOARD FOR PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY. NOTWITH-40 STANDING THE FOREGOING, A FIRM REGISTERED UNDER THIS SECTION MAY NOT OWNERS IF THE FIRM'S NAME INCLUDES THE WORDS "CERTI-41 HAVE NON-LICENSEE FIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT, " OR "CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS, " OR 42 THE 43 ABBREVIATIONS "CPA" OR "CPAS." EACH NON-LICENSEE OWNER OF A FIRM THAT IS 44 INCORPORATED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE (1) A NATURAL PERSON WHO 45 ACTIVELY PARTICIPATES IN THE BUSINESS OF THE FIRM OR ITS AFFILIATED ENTITIES, OR (2) AN ENTITY, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, A PARTNERSHIP 46 47 OR PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION, PROVIDED EACH BENEFICIAL OWNER OF AN EQUITY INTEREST IN SUCH ENTITY IS A NATURAL PERSON WHO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATES IN 48 49 THE BUSINESS CONDUCTED BY THE FIRM OR ITS AFFILIATED ENTITIES. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBDIVISION, "ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE" MEANS TO PROVIDE 50 51 TO CLIENTS OR TO OTHERWISE INDIVIDUALLY TAKE PART IN THE SERVICES DAY-TO-DAY BUSINESS OR MANAGEMENT OF THE FIRM. 52

53 S 10. The fourteenth undesignated paragraph of section 2 of the part-54 nership law, as added by chapter 576 of the laws of 1994, is amended to 55 read as follows:

1 "Professional partnership" means (1) a partnership without limited partners each of whose partners is a professional authorized by law to 2 3 render a professional service within this state, (2) a partnership with-4 out limited partners each of whose partners is a professional, at least 5 one of whom is authorized by law to render a professional service within 6 this state or (3) a partnership without limited partners authorized by, 7 or holding a license, certificate, registration or permit issued by the 8 licensing authority pursuant to the education law to render a professional service within this state; except that all partners of a profes-9 10 sional partnership that provides medical services in this state must be 11 licensed pursuant to article 131 of the education law to practice medi-12 cine in this state and all partners of a professional partnership that 13 provides dental services in this state must be licensed pursuant to 14 article 133 of the education law to practice dentistry in this state; 15 [and further] except that all partners of a professional partnership that provides professional engineering, land surveying, architectural 16 and/or landscape architectural services in this state must be licensed 17 pursuant to article 145, article 147 and/or article 148 of the education 18 law to practice one or more of such professions in this state; AND FURTHER EXCEPT THAT ALL PARTNERS OF A PROFESSIONAL PARTNERSHIP THAT 19 20 21 PROVIDES PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY SERVICES, WHOSE PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS 22 IS IN THIS STATE AND WHO PROVIDE PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY SERVICES, MUST ΒE LICENSED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 149 OF THE EDUCATION LAW TO PRACTICE PUBLIC 23 24 ACCOUNTANCY IN THIS STATE. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISIONS OF LAW 25 A PROFESSIONAL PARTNERSHIP FORMED TO LAWFULLY ENGAGE IN THE PRACTICE OF 26 PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY, AS SUCH PRACTICE IS RESPECTIVELY DEFINED UNDER ARTI-27 CLE 149 OF THE EDUCATION LAW, SHALL BE REQUIRED TO SHOW (1) THAT A 28 SIMPLE MAJORITY OF THE OWNERSHIP OF THE FIRM, IN TERMS OF FINANCIAL 29 INTERESTS, INCLUDING OWNERSHIP-BASED COMPENSATION, AND VOTING RIGHTS HELD BY THE FIRM'S OWNERS, BELONGS TO INDIVIDUALS LICENSED 30 TO PRACTICE PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY IN SOME STATE, AND (2) THAT ALL SHAREHOLDERS OF A 31 32 PROFESSIONAL PARTNERSHIP WHOSE PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS IS IN THIS 33 STATE, AND WHO ARE ENGAGED IN THE PRACTICE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY IN THIS STATE, HOLD A VALID LICENSE ISSUED UNDER SECTION 7404 OF THE EDUCATION 34 LAW OR ARE PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS LICENSED UNDER SECTION 7405 OF THE 35 EDUCA-LAW. ALTHOUGH FIRMS MAY INCLUDE NON-LICENSEE OWNERS, THE FIRM AND 36 TION 37 ITS OWNERS MUST COMPLY WITH RULES PROMULGATED BY THE STATE BOARD FOR 38 NOTWITHSTANDING THE FOREGOING, A FIRM REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY. 39 UNDER THIS SECTION MAY NOT HAVE NON-LICENSEE OWNERS IF THE FIRM'S NAME 40 WORDS "CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT," OR "CERTIFIED PUBLIC INCLUDES THE ACCOUNTANTS, " OR THE ABBREVIATIONS "CPA" OR "CPAS." EACH NON-LICENSEE 41 OWNER OF A FIRM THAT IS INCORPORATED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE (1) A 42 43 NATURAL PERSON WHO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATES IN THE BUSINESS OF THE FIRM OR 44 ITS AFFILIATED ENTITIES, OR (2) AN ENTITY, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED 45 TO, A PARTNERSHIP OR PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION, PROVIDED EACH BENEFICIAL AN EQUITY INTEREST IN SUCH ENTITY IS A NATURAL PERSON WHO 46 OWNER OF 47 ACTIVELY PARTICIPATES IN THE BUSINESS CONDUCTED BY THE FIRM ITS OR 48 AFFILIATED ENTITIES. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBDIVISION, "ACTIVELY PARTIC-49 IPATE" MEANS TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO CLIENTS OR TO OTHERWISE INDIVIDUALLY 50 TAKE PART IN THE DAY-TO-DAY BUSINESS OR MANAGEMENT OF THE FIRM. 11. The fourteenth undesignated paragraph of section 2 of the part-S

51 S 11. The fourteenth undesignated paragraph of section 2 of the part-52 nership law, as amended by chapter 475 of the laws of 2014, is amended 53 to read as follows:

54 "Professional partnership" means (1) a partnership without limited 55 partners each of whose partners is a professional authorized by law to 56 render a professional service within this state, (2) a partnership with-

limited partners each of whose partners is a professional, at least 1 out 2 one of whom is authorized by law to render a professional service within 3 this state or (3) a partnership without limited partners authorized by, 4 or holding a license, certificate, registration or permit issued by the 5 licensing authority pursuant to the education law to render a profes-6 sional service within this state; except that all partners of a profes-7 sional partnership that provides medical services in this state must be licensed pursuant to article 131 of the education law to practice medi-8 cine in this state and all partners of a professional partnership that 9 10 provides dental services in this state must be licensed pursuant to article 133 of the education law to practice dentistry in this state; 11 12 [and further] except that all partners of a professional partnership 13 that provides professional engineering, land surveying, geologic, archi-14 tectural and/or landscape architectural services in this state must be 15 licensed pursuant to article 145, article 147 and/or article 148 of the 16 education law to practice one or more of such professions in this state; 17 AND FURTHER EXCEPT THAT ALL PARTNERS OF A PROFESSIONAL PARTNERSHIP THAT PROVIDES PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY SERVICES, WHOSE PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS 18 19 IS IN THIS STATE AND WHO PROVIDE PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY SERVICES, MUST BE 20 LICENSED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 149 OF THE EDUCATION LAW TO PRACTICE PUBLIC 21 ACCOUNTANCY IN THIS STATE. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISIONS OF LAW 22 A PROFESSIONAL PARTNERSHIP FORMED TO LAWFULLY ENGAGE IN THE PRACTICE OF 23 PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY, AS SUCH PRACTICE IS RESPECTIVELY DEFINED UNDER ARTI-24 CLE 149 THE EDUCATION LAW, SHALL BE REQUIRED TO SHOW (1) THAT A OF 25 SIMPLE MAJORITY OF THE OWNERSHIP OF THE FIRM, IN TERMS OF FINANCIAL 26 INTERESTS, INCLUDING OWNERSHIP-BASED COMPENSATION, AND VOTING RIGHTS HELD BY THE FIRM'S OWNERS, BELONGS TO INDIVIDUALS LICENSED 27 ΤO PRACTICE PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY IN SOME STATE, AND (2) THAT ALL SHAREHOLDERS OF A 28 29 PROFESSIONAL PARTNERSHIP WHOSE PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS IS IN THIS STATE, AND WHO ARE ENGAGED IN THE PRACTICE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY IN THIS 30 HOLD A VALID LICENSE ISSUED UNDER SECTION 7404 OF THE EDUCATION 31 STATE, 32 LAW OR ARE PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS LICENSED UNDER SECTION 7405 OF THE EDUCA-33 ALTHOUGH FIRMS MAY INCLUDE NON-LICENSEE OWNERS, THE FIRM AND TION LAW. 34 ITS OWNERS MUST COMPLY WITH RULES PROMULGATED BY THE STATE BOARD FOR NOTWITHSTANDING THE FOREGOING, A FIRM REGISTERED 35 PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY. UNDER THIS SECTION MAY NOT HAVE NON-LICENSEE OWNERS IF THE 36 FIRM'S NAME 37 INCLUDES THE WORDS "CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT," OR "CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS, " OR THE ABBREVIATIONS "CPA" OR "CPAS." EACH NON-LICENSEE 38 39 OWNER OF A FIRM THAT IS INCORPORATED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE (1) A 40 NATURAL PERSON WHO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATES IN THE BUSINESS OF THE FIRM OR AFFILIATED ENTITIES, OR (2) AN ENTITY, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED 41 ITS TO, A PARTNERSHIP OR PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION, PROVIDED EACH BENEFICIAL 42 EQUITY INTEREST IN SUCH ENTITY IS A NATURAL PERSON WHO 43 OWNER OF AN 44 ACTIVELY PARTICIPATES IN THE BUSINESS CONDUCTED BY THE FIRM ITS OR 45 AFFILIATED ENTITIES. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBDIVISION, "ACTIVELY PARTIC-46 IPATE" MEANS TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO CLIENTS OR TO OTHERWISE INDIVIDUALLY 47 TAKE PART IN THE DAY-TO-DAY BUSINESS OR MANAGEMENT OF THE FIRM. 48 S 12. Subdivision (q) of section 121-1500 of the partnership law, as

48 S 12. Subdivision (q) of section 121-1500 of the partnership law, as 49 amended by chapter 554 of the laws of 2013, is amended to read as 50 follows:

(q) Each partner of a registered limited liability partnership formed to provide medical services in this state must be licensed pursuant to article 131 of the education law to practice medicine in this state and each partner of a registered limited liability partnership formed to provide dental services in this state must be licensed pursuant to article 133 of the education law to practice dentistry in this state. Each

partner of a registered limited liability partnership formed to provide 1 2 veterinary services in this state must be licensed pursuant to article 3 135 of the education law to practice veterinary medicine in this state. 4 EACH PARTNER OF A REGISTERED LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP FORMED TO PROVIDE PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY SERVICES, WHOSE PRINCIPAL PLACE OF 5 BUSINESS 6 THIS STATE AND WHO PROVIDES PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY SERVICES, MUST BE IS IN 7 LICENSED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 149 OF THE EDUCATION LAW TO PRACTICE PUBLIC 8 ACCOUNTANCY IN THIS STATE. Each partner of a registered limited liabil-9 ity partnership formed to provide professional engineering, land survey-10 ing, architectural and/or landscape architectural services in this state must be licensed pursuant to article 145, article 147 and/or article 148 11 12 of the education law to practice one or more of such professions in this 13 state. Each partner of a registered limited liability partnership formed 14 to provide licensed clinical social work services in this state must be 15 licensed pursuant to article 154 of the education law to practice clinical social work in this state. Each partner of a registered limited 16 17 liability partnership formed to provide creative arts therapy services 18 in this state must be licensed pursuant to article 163 of the education 19 law to practice creative arts therapy in this state. Each partner of a 20 registered limited liability partnership formed to provide marriage and 21 family therapy services in this state must be licensed pursuant to arti-22 cle 163 of the education law to practice marriage and family therapy in 23 this state. Each partner of a registered limited liability partnership 24 formed to provide mental health counseling services in this state must 25 licensed pursuant to article 163 of the education law to practice be 26 mental health counseling in this state. Each partner of a registered 27 limited liability partnership formed to provide psychoanalysis services 28 in this state must be licensed pursuant to article 163 of the education 29 to practice psychoanalysis in this state. Each partner of a regislaw 30 tered limited liability partnership formed to provide applied behavior analysis service in this state must be licensed or certified pursuant to 31 32 article 167 of the education law to practice applied behavior analysis 33 in this state. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISIONS OF LAW A LIMITED 34 LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP FORMED TO LAWFULLY ENGAGE IN THE PRACTICE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY, AS SUCH PRACTICE IS RESPECTIVELY DEFINED UNDER ARTI-35 36 CLE 149 OF THE EDUCATION LAW, SHALL BE REQUIRED TO (1) SHOW THAT Α 37 SIMPLE MAJORITY OF THE OWNERSHIP OF THE FIRM, IN TERMS OF FINANCIAL 38 INTERESTS, INCLUDING OWNERSHIP-BASED COMPENSATION, AND VOTING RIGHTS 39 HELD ΒY THE FIRM'S OWNERS, BELONGS TO INDIVIDUALS LICENSED TO PRACTICE 40 PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY IN SOME STATE, AND (2) THAT ALL PARTNERS OF A LIMITED 41 LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP WHOSE PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS IS IN THIS STATE, AND WHO ARE ENGAGED IN THE PRACTICE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY IN THIS 42 43 STATE, HOLD A VALID LICENSE ISSUED UNDER SECTION 7404 OF THE EDUCATION LAW OR ARE PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS LICENSED UNDER SECTION 7405 OF THE EDUCA-

44 45 ALTHOUGH FIRMS MAY INCLUDE NON-LICENSEE OWNERS, THE FIRM AND TION LAW. 46 ITS OWNERS MUST COMPLY WITH RULES PROMULGATED BY THE STATE BOARD FOR 47 NOTWITHSTANDING THE FOREGOING, A FIRM REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY. 48 UNDER THIS SECTION MAY NOT HAVE NON-LICENSEE OWNERS IF THE FIRM'S NAME 49 INCLUDES THE WORDS "CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT," OR "CERTIFIED PUBLIC 50 ACCOUNTANTS, " OR THE ABBREVIATIONS "CPA" OR "CPAS." EACH NON-LICENSEE 51 A FIRM THAT IS INCORPORATED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE (1) A OWNER OF 52 NATURAL PERSON WHO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATES IN THE BUSINESS OF THE FIRM OR ITS AFFILIATED ENTITIES, OR (2) AN ENTITY, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED 53 54 TO, A PARTNERSHIP OR PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION, PROVIDED EACH BENEFICIAL 55 OWNER OF AN EQUITY INTEREST IN SUCH ENTITY IS A NATURAL PERSON WHO 56 ACTIVELY PARTICIPATES IN THE BUSINESS CONDUCTED BY THE FIRM OR ITS AFFILIATED ENTITIES. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBDIVISION, "ACTIVELY PARTIC IPATE" MEANS TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO CLIENTS OR TO OTHERWISE INDIVIDUALLY
 TAKE PART IN THE DAY-TO-DAY BUSINESS OR MANAGEMENT OF THE FIRM.

4 S 13. Subdivision (q) of section 121-1500 of the partnership law, as 5 amended by chapter 475 of the laws of 2014, is amended to read as 6 follows:

7 Each partner of a registered limited liability partnership formed (q) 8 to provide medical services in this state must be licensed pursuant to 9 article 131 of the education law to practice medicine in this state and 10 each partner of a registered limited liability partnership formed to provide dental services in this state must be licensed pursuant to arti-11 12 133 of the education law to practice dentistry in this state. cle Each partner of a registered limited liability partnership formed to provide 13 14 veterinary services in this state must be licensed pursuant to article 15 135 of the education law to practice veterinary medicine in this state. 16 EACH PARTNER OF A REGISTERED LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP FORMED TO 17 PROVIDE PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY SERVICES, WHOSE PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS 18 THIS STATE AND WHO PROVIDES PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY SERVICES, MUST BE IS IN 19 LICENSED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 149 OF THE EDUCATION LAW TO PRACTICE PUBLIC 20 ACCOUNTANCY IN THIS STATE. Each partner of a registered limited liabil-21 ity partnership formed to provide professional engineering, land survey-22 geological services, architectural and/or landscape architectural ing, services in this state must be licensed pursuant to article 145, article 23 24 147 and/or article 148 of the education law to practice one or more of 25 such professions in this state. Each partner of a registered limited 26 liability partnership formed to provide licensed clinical social work services in this state must be licensed pursuant to article 154 of the 27 28 education law to practice clinical social work in this state. Each partner of a registered limited liability partnership formed to provide 29 creative arts therapy services in this state must be licensed pursuant 30 to article 163 of the education law to practice creative arts therapy in 31 32 this state. Each partner of a registered limited liability partnership 33 formed to provide marriage and family therapy services in this state must be licensed pursuant to article 163 of the education law to prac-34 tice marriage and family therapy in this state. Each partner of a regis-35 tered limited liability partnership formed to provide mental health 36 37 counseling services in this state must be licensed pursuant to article 38 of the education law to practice mental health counseling in this 163 state. Each partner of a registered limited liability partnership formed 39 40 to provide psychoanalysis services in this state must be licensed pursuant to article 163 of the education law to practice psychoanalysis in 41 this state. Each partner of a registered limited liability partnership 42 43 formed to provide applied behavior analysis service in this state must 44 be licensed or certified pursuant to article 167 of the education law to 45 practice applied behavior analysis in this state. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY LAW A LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP FORMED 46 OTHER PROVISIONS OF TO 47 ENGAGE IN THE PRACTICE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY, AS SUCH PRACTICE LAWFULLY 48 IS RESPECTIVELY DEFINED UNDER ARTICLE 149 OF THE EDUCATION LAW, SHALL BE 49 REQUIRED TO SHOW (1) THAT A SIMPLE MAJORITY OF THE OWNERSHIP OF THE 50 FIRM, IN TERMS OF FINANCIAL INTERESTS, INCLUDING OWNERSHIP-BASED COMPEN-SATION, AND VOTING RIGHTS HELD BY THE FIRM'S OWNERS, BELONGS TO INDIVID-51 UALS LICENSED TO PRACTICE PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY IN SOME STATE, AND (2) THAT 52 ALL PARTNERS OF A LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP WHOSE PRINCIPAL PLACE OF 53 54 BUSINESS IS IN THIS STATE, AND WHO ARE ENGAGED IN THE PRACTICE OF PUBLIC 55 STATE, HOLD A VALID LICENSE ISSUED UNDER SECTION ACCOUNTANCY IN THIS 56 7404 OF THE EDUCATION LAW OR ARE PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS LICENSED UNDER

SECTION 7405 OF THE EDUCATION LAW. ALTHOUGH FIRMS MAY INCLUDE NON-LICEN-1 2 OWNERS, THE FIRM AND ITS OWNERS MUST COMPLY WITH RULES PROMULGATED SEE 3 BY THE STATE BOARD FOR PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY. NOTWITHSTANDING THEFOREGO-4 ING, A FIRM REGISTERED UNDER THIS SECTION MAY NOT HAVE NON-LICENSEE 5 OWNERS IF THE FIRM'S NAME INCLUDES THE WORDS "CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNT-6 ANT, " OR "CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTS," OR THE ABBREVIATIONS "CPA" OR 7 "CPAS." EACH NON-LICENSEE OWNER OF A FIRM THAT IS INCORPORATED UNDER 8 THIS SECTION SHALL BE (1) A NATURAL PERSON WHO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATES IN THE BUSINESS OF THE FIRM OR ITS AFFILIATED ENTITIES, OR (2) AN ENTITY, 9 10 INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, A PARTNERSHIP OR PROFESSIONAL CORPO-11 RATION, PROVIDED EACH BENEFICIAL OWNER OF AN EQUITY INTEREST IN SUCH 12 ENTITY IS A NATURAL PERSON WHO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATES IN THE BUSINESS 13 CONDUCTED BY THE FIRM OR ITS AFFILIATED ENTITIES. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS 14 SUBDIVISION, "ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE" MEANS TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO CLIENTS 15 OR то OTHERWISE INDIVIDUALLY TAKE PART IN THE DAY-TO-DAY BUSINESS OR 16 MANAGEMENT OF THE FIRM.

17 S 14. Subdivision (q) of section 121-1502 of the partnership law, as 18 amended by chapter 554 of the laws of 2013, is amended to read as 19 follows:

20 (q) Each partner of a foreign limited liability partnership which provides medical services in this state must be licensed pursuant to 21 22 article 131 of the education law to practice medicine in the state and each partner of a foreign limited liability partnership which provides 23 24 dental services in the state must be licensed pursuant to article 133 of 25 the education law to practice dentistry in this state. Each partner of a 26 foreign limited liability partnership which provides veterinary service 27 in the state shall be licensed pursuant to article 135 of the education 28 law to practice veterinary medicine in this state. Each partner of a 29 foreign limited liability partnership which provides professional engi-30 neering, land surveying, architectural and/or landscape architectural services in this state must be licensed pursuant to article 145, article 31 32 147 and/or article 148 of the education law to practice one or more of 33 such professions. EACH PARTNER OF A FOREIGN REGISTERED LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP FORMED TO PROVIDE PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY SERVICES, WHOSE PRINCI-34 35 PAL PLACE OF BUSINESS IS IN THIS STATE AND WHO PROVIDES PUBLIC ACCOUN-TANCY SERVICES, MUST BE LICENSED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 149 OF THE EDUCA-36 TION LAW TO PRACTICE PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY IN THIS STATE. Each partner of a 37 38 foreign limited liability partnership which provides licensed clinical social work services in this state must be licensed pursuant to article 39 40 154 of the education law to practice licensed clinical social work in this state. Each partner of a foreign limited liability partnership 41 which provides creative arts therapy services in this state must be 42 43 licensed pursuant to article 163 of the education law to practice crea-44 tive arts therapy in this state. Each partner of a foreign limited liability partnership which provides marriage and family therapy services in this state must be licensed pursuant to article 163 of the 45 46 education law to practice marriage and family therapy in this state. 47 48 Each partner of a foreign limited liability partnership which provides 49 mental health counseling services in this state must be licensed pursu-50 ant to article 163 of the education law to practice mental health coun-51 seling in this state. Each partner of a foreign limited liability partnership which provides psychoanalysis services in this state must be 52 licensed pursuant to article 163 of the education law to practice 53 54 psychoanalysis in this state. Each partner of a foreign limited liabil-55 ity partnership which provides applied behavior analysis services in 56 this state must be licensed or certified pursuant to article 167 of the

education law to practice applied behavior analysis in this state. 1 2 NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISIONS OF LAW A FOREIGN LIMITED LIABILITY 3 PARTNERSHIP FORMED TO LAWFULLY ENGAGE IN THE PRACTICE OF PUBLIC ACCOUN-4 TANCY, AS SUCH PRACTICE IS RESPECTIVELY DEFINED UNDER ARTICLE 149 OF THE 5 EDUCATION LAW, SHALL BE REQUIRED TO SHOW (1) THAT A SIMPLE MAJORITY OF 6 THE OWNERSHIP OF THE FIRM, IN TERMS OF FINANCIAL INTERESTS, INCLUDING 7 OWNERSHIP-BASED COMPENSATION, AND VOTING RIGHTS HELD BY THE FIRM'S 8 OWNERS, BELONGS TO INDIVIDUALS LICENSED TO PRACTICE PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY SOME STATE, AND (2) THAT ALL PARTNERS OF A FOREIGN LIMITED LIABILITY 9 IN 10 PARTNERSHIP WHOSE PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS IS IN THIS STATE, AND WHO 11 ENGAGED IN THE PRACTICE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY IN THIS STATE, HOLD A ARE 12 VALID LICENSE ISSUED UNDER SECTION 7404 OF THE EDUCATION LAW OR ARE LICENSED UNDER SECTION 7405 OF THE EDUCATION LAW. 13 PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS 14 ALTHOUGH FIRMS MAY INCLUDE NON-LICENSEE OWNERS, THE FIRM AND ITS OWNERS 15 MUST COMPLY WITH RULES PROMULGATED BY THE STATE BOARD FOR PUBLIC ACCOUN-16 NOTWITHSTANDING THE FOREGOING, A FIRM REGISTERED UNDER THIS TANCY. 17 SECTION MAY NOT HAVE NON-LICENSEE OWNERS IF THE FIRM'S NAME INCLUDES THE 18 WORDS "CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT," OR "CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS," 19 THE ABBREVIATIONS "CPA" OR "CPAS." EACH NON-LICENSEE OWNER OF A FIRM OR 20 THAT IS INCORPORATED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE (1) A NATURAL PERSON ACTIVELY PARTICIPATES IN THE BUSINESS OF THE FIRM OR ITS AFFILIATED 21 WHO 22 ENTITIES, OR (2) AN ENTITY, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, A PARTNERSHIP 23 OR PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION, PROVIDED EACH BENEFICIAL OWNER OF AN EQUITY 24 INTEREST IN SUCH ENTITY IS A NATURAL PERSON WHO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATES IN 25 THE BUSINESS CONDUCTED BY THE FIRM OR ITS AFFILIATED ENTITIES. FOR 26 PURPOSES OF THIS SUBDIVISION, "ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE" MEANS TO PROVIDE 27 SERVICES TO CLIENTS OR TO OTHERWISE INDIVIDUALLY TAKE IN THE PART 28 DAY-TO-DAY BUSINESS OR MANAGEMENT OF THE FIRM.

29 S 15. Subdivision (q) of section 121-1502 of the partnership law, as 30 amended by chapter 475 of the laws of 2014, is amended to read as 31 follows:

32 Each partner of a foreign limited liability partnership which (q) 33 provides medical services in this state must be licensed pursuant to 34 article 131 of the education law to practice medicine in the state and each partner of a foreign limited liability partnership which provides 35 dental services in the state must be licensed pursuant to article 133 of 36 37 the education law to practice dentistry in this state. Each partner of a 38 foreign limited liability partnership which provides veterinary service 39 in the state shall be licensed pursuant to article 135 of the education 40 to practice veterinary medicine in this state. Each partner of a law foreign limited liability partnership which provides professional engi-41 neering, land surveying, geological services, architectural and/or land-42 43 scape architectural services in this state must be licensed pursuant to 44 article 145, article 147 and/or article 148 of the education law to 45 practice one or more of such professions. EACH PARTNER OF A FOREIGN REGISTERED LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP FORMED TO PROVIDE PUBLIC 46 47 ACCOUNTANCY SERVICES, WHOSE PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS IS IN THIS STATE 48 AND WHO PROVIDES PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY SERVICES, MUST BE LICENSED PURSUANT 49 TO ARTICLE 149 OF THE EDUCATION LAW TO PRACTICE PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY IN 50 Each partner of a foreign limited liability partnership THIS STATE. which provides licensed clinical social work services in this state must 51 be licensed pursuant to article 154 of the education law to practice 52 licensed clinical social work in this state. Each partner of a foreign 53 54 limited liability partnership which provides creative arts therapy 55 services in this state must be licensed pursuant to article 163 of the 56 education law to practice creative arts therapy in this state. Each

partner of a foreign limited liability partnership which provides 1 2 marriage and family therapy services in this state must be licensed 3 pursuant to article 163 of the education law to practice marriage and 4 family therapy in this state. Each partner of a foreign limited liabil-5 ity partnership which provides mental health counseling services in this 6 state must be licensed pursuant to article 163 of the education law to 7 practice mental health counseling in this state. Each partner of a 8 foreign limited liability partnership which provides psychoanalysis 9 services in this state must be licensed pursuant to article 163 of the 10 education law to practice psychoanalysis in this state. Each partner of 11 foreign limited liability partnership which provides applied behavior а analysis services in this state must be licensed or certified pursuant 12 13 to article 167 of the education law to practice applied behavior analy-14 sis in this state. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISIONS OF LAW A 15 FOREIGN LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP FORMED TO LAWFULLY ENGAGE IN THE PRACTICE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY, AS SUCH PRACTICE IS RESPECTIVELY DEFINED 16 17 UNDER ARTICLE 149 OF THE EDUCATION LAW, SHALL BE REQUIRED TO SHOW (1)18 A SIMPLE MAJORITY OF THE OWNERSHIP OF THE FIRM, IN TERMS OF FINAN-THAT 19 CIAL INTERESTS, INCLUDING OWNERSHIP-BASED COMPENSATION, AND VOTING THE FIRM'S OWNERS, BELONGS TO INDIVIDUALS LICENSED TO 20 RIGHTS HELD BY 21 PRACTICE PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY IN SOME STATE, AND (2) THAT ALL PARTNERS OF 22 FOREIGN LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP WHOSE PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSI-А 23 NESS IS IN THIS STATE, AND WHO ARE ENGAGED IN THE PRACTICE OF PUBLIC 24 ACCOUNTANCY IN THIS STATE, HOLD A VALID LICENCE ISSUED UNDER SECTION 25 7404 OF THE EDUCATION LAW OR ARE PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS LICENSED UNDER 26 SECTION 7405 OF THE EDUCATION LAW. ALTHOUGH FIRMS MAY INCLUDE NON-LICEN-27 OWNERS, THE FIRM AND ITS OWNERS MUST COMPLY WITH RULES PROMULGATED SEE BY THE STATE BOARD FOR PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY. NOTWITHSTANDING 28 THEFOREGO-29 ING, A FIRM REGISTERED UNDER THIS SECTION MAY NOT HAVE NON-LICENSEE OWNERS IF THE FIRM'S NAME INCLUDES THE WORDS "CERTIFIED PUBLIC 30 ACCOUNT-ANT," OR "CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS," OR THE ABBREVIATIONS "CPA" OR 31 EACH NON-LICENSEE OWNER OF A FIRM THAT IS 32 "CPAS." INCORPORATED UNDER 33 THIS SECTION SHALL BE (1) A NATURAL PERSON WHO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATES IN 34 THE BUSINESS OF THE FIRM OR ITS AFFILIATED ENTITIES, OR (2) AN ENTITY, 35 INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, A PARTNERSHIP OR PROFESSIONAL CORPO-RATION, PROVIDED EACH BENEFICIAL OWNER OF AN EQUITY IN SUCH 36 INTEREST 37 ENTITY IS A NATURAL PERSON WHO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATES IN THE BUSINESS 38 CONDUCTED BY THE FIRM OR ITS AFFILIATED ENTITIES. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS 39 SUBDIVISION, "ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE" MEANS TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO CLIENTS 40 OTHERWISE INDIVIDUALLY TAKE PART IN THE DAY-TO-DAY BUSINESS OR OR ΤO MANAGEMENT OF THE FIRM. 41

42 S 16. Subdivision (h) of section 121-101 of the partnership law, as 43 added by chapter 950 of the laws of 1990, is amended to read as follows: 44 (h) "Limited partnership" and "domestic limited partnership" mean, 45 unless the context otherwise requires, a partnership (i) formed by two or more persons pursuant to this article or which complies with subdivi-46 47 sion (a) of section 121-1202 of this article and (ii) having one or more 48 general partners and one or more limited partners. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISIONS OF LAW A LIMITED PARTNERSHIP OR DOMESTIC LIMITED 49 PART-50 NERSHIP FORMED TO LAWFULLY ENGAGE IN THE PRACTICE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY, 51 AS SUCH PRACTICE IS RESPECTIVELY DEFINED UNDER ARTICLE 149 OF THE EDUCA-SHALL BE REQUIRED TO SHOW (1) THAT A SIMPLE MAJORITY OF THE 52 LAW TION OWNERSHIP OF THE FIRM, IN TERMS OF FINANCIAL INTERESTS, INCLUDING OWNER-53 54 SHIP-BASED COMPENSATION, AND VOTING RIGHTS HELD BY THE FIRM'S OWNERS, 55 BELONGS TO INDIVIDUALS LICENSED TO PRACTICE PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY IN SOME 56 STATE, AND (2) THAT ALL PARTNERS OF A LIMITED PARTNERSHIP OR DOMESTIC

LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, WHOSE PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS IS IN THIS STATE, 1 AND WHO ARE ENGAGED IN THE PRACTICE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY IN THIS STATE, 2 3 A VALID LICENSE ISSUED UNDER SECTION 7404 OF THE EDUCATION LAW OR HOLD 4 ARE PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS LICENSED UNDER SECTION 7405 OF THE EDUCATION LAW. 5 ALTHOUGH FIRMS MAY INCLUDE NON-LICENSEE OWNERS, THE FIRM AND ITS OWNERS 6 MUST COMPLY WITH RULES PROMULGATED BY THE STATE BOARD FOR PUBLIC ACCOUN-7 NOTWITHSTANDING THE FOREGOING, A FIRM REGISTERED TANCY. UNDER THIS 8 SECTION MAY NOT HAVE NON-LICENSEE OWNERS IF THE FIRM'S NAME INCLUDES THE WORDS "CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT," OR "CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS," 9 10 OR THE ABBREVIATIONS "CPA" OR "CPAS." EACH NON-LICENSEE OWNER OF A FIRM 11 IS REGISTERED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE (1) A NATURAL PERSON WHO THAT 12 ACTIVELY PARTICIPATES IN THE BUSINESS OF THE FIRM OR ITS AFFILIATED 13 ENTITIES, OR (2) AN ENTITY, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, A PARTNERSHIP 14 OR PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION, PROVIDED EACH BENEFICIAL OWNER OF AN EQUITY 15 INTEREST IN SUCH ENTITY IS A NATURAL PERSON WHO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATES IN 16 BUSINESS CONDUCTED BY THE FIRM OR ITS AFFILIATED ENTITIES. FOR THE 17 PURPOSES OF THIS SUBDIVISION, "ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE" MEANS ТΟ PROVIDE 18 ΤO SERVICES CLIENTS OR TO OTHERWISE INDIVIDUALLY TAKE PART IN THE 19 DAY-TO-DAY BUSINESS OR MANAGEMENT OF THE FIRM.

20 S 17. Subdivision (b) of section 1207 of the limited liability company 21 law, as amended by chapter 554 of the laws of 2013, is amended to read 22 as follows:

23 (b) With respect to a professional service limited liability company 24 formed to provide medical services as such services are defined in arti-25 cle 131 of the education law, each member of such limited liability 26 company must be licensed pursuant to article 131 of the education law to 27 practice medicine in this state. With respect to a professional service limited liability company formed to provide dental services 28 as such 29 services are defined in article 133 of the education law, each member of such limited liability company must be licensed pursuant to article 133 30 31 of the education law to practice dentistry in this state. With respect 32 a professional service limited liability company formed to provide to 33 veterinary services as such services are defined in article 135 of the 34 education law, each member of such limited liability company must be 35 licensed pursuant to article 135 of the education law to practice veter-36 inary medicine in this state. With respect to a professional service 37 limited liability company formed to provide professional engineering, 38 land surveying, architectural and/or landscape architectural services as such services are defined in article 145, article 147 and article 148 of 39 40 the education law, each member of such limited liability company must be licensed pursuant to article 145, article 147 and/or article 148 of the 41 education law to practice one or more of such professions in this state. 42 43 RESPECT TO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY FORMED WITH 44 TO PROVIDE PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY SERVICES AS SUCH SERVICES ARE DEFINED ΙN 45 149 OF THE EDUCATION LAW EACH MEMBER OF SUCH LIMITED LIABILITY ARTICLE COMPANY WHOSE PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS IS 46 INTHIS STATE AND WHO 47 PROVIDES PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY SERVICES, MUST BE LICENSED PURSUANT TO ARTI-48 CLE 149 OF THE EDUCATION LAW TO PRACTICE PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY IN THIS 49 STATE. With respect to a professional service limited liability company 50 formed to provide licensed clinical social work services as such 51 services are defined in article 154 of the education law, each member of 52 such limited liability company shall be licensed pursuant to article 154 of the education law to practice licensed clinical social work in this 53 54 state. With respect to a professional service limited liability company 55 formed to provide creative arts therapy services as such services are 56 defined in article 163 of the education law, each member of such limited

liability company must be licensed pursuant to article 163 of the educa-1 2 tion law to practice creative arts therapy in this state. With respect 3 to a professional service limited liability company formed to provide marriage and family therapy services as such services are defined in 4 article 163 of the education law, each member of such limited liability 5 6 company must be licensed pursuant to article 163 of the education law to 7 practice marriage and family therapy in this state. With respect to a 8 professional service limited liability company formed to provide mental 9 health counseling services as such services are defined in article 163 10 of the education law, each member of such limited liability company must be licensed pursuant to article 163 of the education law to practice 11 12 mental health counseling in this state. With respect to a professional liability company formed to provide psychoanalysis 13 service limited 14 services as such services are defined in article 163 of the education 15 law, each member of such limited liability company must be licensed pursuant to article 163 of the education law to practice psychoanalysis 16 17 in this state. With respect to a professional service limited liability 18 company formed to provide applied behavior analysis services as such 19 services are defined in article 167 of the education law, each member of such limited liability company must be licensed or certified pursuant to 20 article 167 of the education law to practice applied behavior analysis 21 22 this state. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISIONS OF LAW A PROFESin 23 SIONAL SERVICE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY FORMED TO LAWFULLY ENGAGE IN PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY, AS SUCH PRACTICE IS RESPECTIVELY 24 PRACTICE OF THE 25 DEFINED UNDER ARTICLE 149 OF THE EDUCATION LAW SHALL BE REQUIRED TO SHOW 26 (1) THAT A SIMPLE MAJORITY OF THE OWNERSHIP OF THE FIRM, IN TERMS OF INTERESTS, INCLUDING OWNERSHIP-BASED COMPENSATION, AND VOTING 27 FINANCIAL 28 RIGHTS HELD BY THE FIRM'S OWNERS, BELONGS TO INDIVIDUALS LICENSED ТΟ PRACTICE PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY IN SOME STATE, AND (2) THAT ALL MEMBERS OF A 29 LIMITED PROFESSIONAL SERVICE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, WHOSE PRINCIPAL 30 PLACE OF BUSINESS IS IN THIS STATE, AND WHO ARE ENGAGED IN THE 31 PRACTICE 32 PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY IN THIS STATE, HOLD A VALID LICENSE ISSUED UNDER OF 33 SECTION 7404 OF ARTICLE 149 OF THE EDUCATION LAW OR ARE PUBLIC ACCOUNT-LICENSED UNDER SECTION 7405 OF ARTICLE 149 OF THE EDUCATION LAW. 34 ANTS 35 ALTHOUGH FIRMS MAY INCLUDE NON-LICENSEE OWNERS, THE FIRM AND ITS OWNERS MUST COMPLY WITH RULES PROMULGATED BY THE STATE BOARD FOR PUBLIC ACCOUN-36 37 TANCY. NOTWITHSTANDING THE FOREGOING, A FIRM REGISTERED UNDER THIS 38 SECTION MAY NOT HAVE NON-LICENSEE OWNERS IF THE FIRM'S NAME INCLUDES THE WORDS "CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT," OR "CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS," 39 40 THE ABBREVIATIONS "CPA" OR "CPAS." EACH NON-LICENSEE OWNER OF A FIRM OR THAT IS REGISTERED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE (1) A NATURAL PERSON 41 WHO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATES IN THE BUSINESS OF THE FIRM OR ITS AFFILIATED 42 43 ENTITIES, OR (2) AN ENTITY, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, A PARTNERSHIP 44 OR PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION, PROVIDED EACH BENEFICIAL OWNER OF AN EQUITY 45 INTEREST IN SUCH ENTITY IS A NATURAL PERSON WHO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATES IN THE BUSINESS CONDUCTED BY THE FIRM OR ITS AFFILIATED 46 ENTITIES. FOR 47 SUBDIVISION, "ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE" MEANS TO PROVIDE PURPOSES OF THIS 48 SERVICES TO CLIENTS OR ТΟ OTHERWISE INDIVIDUALLY TAKE PART IN THE 49 DAY-TO-DAY BUSINESS OR MANAGEMENT OF THE FIRM.

50 S 18. Subdivision (b) of section 1207 of the limited liability company 51 law, as amended by chapter 475 of the laws of 2014, is amended to read 52 as follows:

53 (b) With respect to a professional service limited liability company 54 formed to provide medical services as such services are defined in arti-55 cle 131 of the education law, each member of such limited liability 56 company must be licensed pursuant to article 131 of the education law to

practice medicine in this state. With respect to a professional service 1 limited liability company formed to provide dental services as 2 such 3 services are defined in article 133 of the education law, each member of 4 such limited liability company must be licensed pursuant to article 133 of the education law to practice dentistry in this state. With respect 5 6 a professional service limited liability company formed to provide to 7 veterinary services as such services are defined in article 135 of the education law, each member of such limited liability company must be 8 9 licensed pursuant to article 135 of the education law to practice veter-10 inary medicine in this state. With respect to a professional service 11 liability company formed to provide professional engineering, limited 12 land surveying, architectural, landscape architectural and/or geological services as such services are defined in article 145, article 147 13 and 14 article 148 of the education law, each member of such limited liability 15 company must be licensed pursuant to article 145, article 147 and/or article 148 of the education law to practice one or more of such 16 17 professions in this state. WITH RESPECT TO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE 18 LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY FORMED TO PROVIDE PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY SERVICES 19 AS SUCH SERVICES ARE DEFINED IN ARTICLE 149 OF THE EDUCATION LAW EACH 20 MEMBER OF SUCH LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY WHOSE PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSI-21 NESS IS IN THIS STATE AND WHO PROVIDES PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY SERVICES, MUST 22 BE LICENSED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 149 OF THE EDUCATION LAW ТО PRACTICE 23 PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY IN THIS STATE. With respect to a professional service 24 limited liability company formed to provide licensed clinical social 25 work services as such services are defined in article 154 of the educa-26 tion law, each member of such limited liability company shall be 154 of the education law to practice 27 licensed pursuant to article licensed clinical social work in this state. With respect to a profes-28 29 sional service limited liability company formed to provide creative arts therapy services as such services are defined in article 30 163 of the education law, each member of such limited liability company must be 31 32 licensed pursuant to article 163 of the education law to practice crea-33 tive arts therapy in this state. With respect to a professional service 34 limited liability company formed to provide marriage and family therapy 35 services as such services are defined in article 163 of the education law, each member of such limited liability company must be 36 licensed pursuant to article 163 of the education law to practice marriage and 37 family therapy in this state. With respect to a professional service 38 39 limited liability company formed to provide mental health counseling 40 services as such services are defined in article 163 of the education law, each member of such limited liability company must be licensed 41 pursuant to article 163 of the education law to practice mental health 42 43 counseling in this state. With respect to a professional service limited 44 liability company formed to provide psychoanalysis services as such 45 services are defined in article 163 of the education law, each member of such limited liability company must be licensed pursuant to article 163 46 47 the education law to practice psychoanalysis in this state. With of 48 respect to a professional service limited liability company formed to provide applied behavior analysis services as such services are defined 49 50 in article 167 of the education law, each member of such limited liabil-51 ity company must be licensed or certified pursuant to article 167 of the 52 education law to practice applied behavior analysis in this state. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISIONS OF LAW A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE 53 LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY FORMED TO LAWFULLY ENGAGE IN THE 54 PRACTICE OF 55 PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY, AS SUCH PRACTICE IS RESPECTIVELY DEFINED UNDER ARTI-56 CLE 149 OF THE EDUCATION LAW SHALL BE REQUIRED TO SHOW (1) THAT A SIMPLE

MAJORITY OF THE OWNERSHIP OF THE FIRM, IN TERMS OF FINANCIAL INTERESTS, 1 INCLUDING OWNERSHIP-BASED COMPENSATION, AND VOTING RIGHTS 2 HELD ΒY THE 3 INDIVIDUALS LICENSED FIRM'S OWNERS, BELONGS TO TO PRACTICE PUBLIC 4 ACCOUNTANCY IN SOME STATE, AND (2) THAT ALL MEMBERS OF A LIMITED PROFES-5 SIONAL SERVICE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, WHOSE PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSI-6 THIS STATE, AND WHO ARE ENGAGED IN THE PRACTICE OF PUBLIC NESS IS IN7 ACCOUNTANCY IN THIS STATE, HOLD A VALID LICENSE ISSUED UNDER SECTION 8 OF THE EDUCATION LAW OR ARE PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS 7404 OF ARTICLE 149 7405 OF ARTICLE 149 OF THE EDUCATION 9 LICENSED UNDER SECTION LAW. 10 ALTHOUGH FIRMS MAY INCLUDE NON-LICENSEE OWNERS, THE FIRM AND ITS OWNERS 11 MUST COMPLY WITH RULES PROMULGATED BY THE STATE BOARD FOR PUBLIC ACCOUN-12 TANCY. NOTWITHSTANDING THE FOREGOING, A FIRM REGISTERED UNDER THIS SECTION MAY NOT HAVE NON-LICENSEE OWNERS IF THE FIRM'S NAME INCLUDES THE 13 14 WORDS "CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT," OR "CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS," OR THE ABBREVIATIONS "CPA" OR "CPAS." EACH NON-LICENSEE OWNER OF A FIRM 15 IS REGISTERED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE (1) A NATURAL PERSON WHO 16 THAT 17 ACTIVELY PARTICIPATES IN THE BUSINESS OF THE FIRM OR ITS AFFILIATED 18 ENTITIES, OR (2) AN ENTITY, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, A PARTNERSHIP 19 OR PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION, PROVIDED EACH BENEFICIAL OWNER OF AN EQUITY 20 INTEREST IN SUCH ENTITY IS A NATURAL PERSON WHO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATES IN 21 BUSINESS CONDUCTED BY THE FIRM OR ITS AFFILIATED ENTITIES. FOR THE 22 PURPOSES OF THIS SUBDIVISION, "ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE" MEANS то PROVIDE SERVICES CLIENTS OR TO OTHERWISE 23 INDIVIDUALLY TAKE PART IN THE ΤO DAY-TO-DAY BUSINESS OR MANAGEMENT OF THE FIRM. 24

25 S 19. Subdivisions (a) and (f) of section 1301 of the limited liabil-26 ity company law, subdivision (a) as amended by chapter 554 of the laws 27 of 2013 and subdivision (f) as amended by chapter 170 of the laws of 28 1996, are amended to read as follows:

29 "Foreign professional service limited liability company" means a (a) 30 professional service limited liability company, whether or not denominated as such, organized under the laws of a jurisdiction other than 31 32 this state, (i) each of whose members and managers, if any, is a profes-33 sional authorized by law to render a professional service within this state and who is or has been engaged in the practice of such profession 34 in such professional service limited liability company or a predecessor 35 entity, or will engage in the practice of such profession in the profes-36 37 sional service limited liability company within thirty days of the date 38 such professional becomes a member, or each of whose members and managif any, is a professional at least one of such members is author-39 ers, 40 ized by law to render a professional service within this state and who is or has been engaged in the practice of such profession in such 41 42 professional service limited liability company or a predecessor entity, 43 will engage in the practice of such profession in the professional or 44 service limited liability company within thirty days of the date such 45 professional becomes a member, or (ii) authorized by, or holding a license, certificate, registration or permit issued by the licensing 46 47 authority pursuant to, the education law to render a professional service within this state; except that all members and managers, if any, 48 of a foreign professional service limited liability company that provides health services in this state shall be licensed in this state. 49 50 51 With respect to a foreign professional service limited liability company which provides veterinary services as such services are defined in arti-52 cle 135 of the education law, each member of such foreign professional 53 54 service limited liability company shall be licensed pursuant to article 55 135 of the education law to practice veterinary medicine. With respect to a foreign professional service limited liability company which 56

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provides medical services as such services are defined in article 131 of the education law, each member of such foreign professional service limited liability company must be licensed pursuant to article 131 of

4 the education law to practice medicine in this state. With respect to a foreign professional service limited liability company which provides 5 6 dental services as such services are defined in article 133 of the education law, each member of such foreign professional service limited 7 8 liability company must be licensed pursuant to article 133 of the education law to practice dentistry in this state. With respect to a foreign 9 10 professional service limited liability company which provides profes-11 engineering, land surveying, architectural and/or landscape sional 12 architectural services as such services are defined in article 145, article 147 and article 148 of the education law, each member of 13 such 14 foreign professional service limited liability company must be licensed 15 pursuant to article 145, article 147 and/or article 148 of the education law to practice one or more of such professions in this state. WITH 16 17 RESPECT TO A FOREIGN PROFESSIONAL SERVICE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY WHICH PROVIDES PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY SERVICES AS SUCH SERVICES ARE DEFINED 18 19 IN ARTICLE 149 OF THE EDUCATION LAW, EACH MEMBER OF SUCH FOREIGN PROFES-20 SIONAL SERVICE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY WHOSE PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSI-21 NESS IS IN THIS STATE AND WHO PROVIDES PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY SERVICES, 22 SHALL BE LICENSED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 149 OF THE EDUCATION LAW TO PRAC-TICE PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY IN THIS STATE. With respect to a foreign profes-23 24 sional service limited liability company which provides licensed clin-25 ical social work services as such services are defined in article 154 of 26 the education law, each member of such foreign professional service limited liability company shall be licensed pursuant to article 154 of 27 28 the education law to practice clinical social work in this state. With 29 respect to a foreign professional service limited liability company 30 which provides creative arts therapy services as such services are defined in article 163 of the education law, each member of such foreign 31 32 professional service limited liability company must be licensed pursuant 33 to article 163 of the education law to practice creative arts therapy in this state. With respect to a foreign professional service limited liability company which provides marriage and family therapy services as 34 35 36 such services are defined in article 163 of the education law, each 37 member of such foreign professional service limited liability company 38 must be licensed pursuant to article 163 of the education law to prac-39 tice marriage and family therapy in this state. With respect to a 40 foreign professional service limited liability company which provides mental health counseling services as such services are defined in arti-41 163 of the education law, each member of such foreign professional 42 cle 43 service limited liability company must be licensed pursuant to article 44 163 of the education law to practice mental health counseling in this 45 state. With respect to a foreign professional service limited liability company which provides psychoanalysis services as such services are 46 47 defined in article 163 of the education law, each member of such foreign professional service limited liability company must be licensed pursuant 48 49 to article 163 of the education law to practice psychoanalysis in this 50 state. With respect to a foreign professional service limited liability 51 company which provides applied behavior analysis services as such 52 services are defined in article 167 of the education law, each member of such foreign professional service limited liability company must be 53 54 licensed or certified pursuant to article 167 of the education law to 55 practice applied behavior analysis in this state. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISIONS OF LAW A FOREIGN PROFESSIONAL SERVICE LIMITED LIABILITY 56

COMPANY FORMED TO LAWFULLY ENGAGE IN THE PRACTICE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY, 1 2 AS SUCH PRACTICE IS RESPECTIVELY DEFINED UNDER ARTICLE 149 OF THE EDUCA-3 TION LAW SHALL BE REQUIRED TO SHOW (1) THAT A SIMPLE MAJORITY OF THE 4 OWNERSHIP OF THE FIRM, IN TERMS OF FINANCIAL INTERESTS, INCLUDING OWNER-5 SHIP-BASED COMPENSATION, AND VOTING RIGHTS HELD BY THE FIRM'S OWNERS, 6 BELONGS TO INDIVIDUALS LICENSED TO PRACTICE PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY IN SOME 7 STATE, AND (2) THAT ALL MEMBERS OF A FOREIGN LIMITED PROFESSIONAL 8 SERVICE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, WHOSE PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS IS IN THIS STATE, AND WHO ARE ENGAGED IN THE PRACTICE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY 9 10 THIS STATE, HOLD A VALID LICENSE ISSUED UNDER SECTION 7404 OF THE IN EDUCATION LAW OR ARE PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS LICENSED UNDER SECTION 11 7405 OF EDUCATION LAW. ALTHOUGH FIRMS MAY INCLUDE NON-LICENSEE OWNERS, THE 12 THE FIRM AND ITS OWNERS MUST COMPLY WITH RULES 13 PROMULGATED BY THE STATE 14 BOARD FOR PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY. NOTWITHSTANDING THE FOREGOING, A FIRM 15 REGISTERED UNDER THIS SECTION MAY NOT HAVE NON-LICENSEE OWNERS IF THE FIRM'S NAME INCLUDES THE WORDS "CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT," OR "CERTI-16 17 FIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS," OR THE ABBREVIATIONS "CPA" OR "CPAS." EACH NON-LICENSEE OWNER OF A FIRM THAT IS REGISTERED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL 18 19 BE (1) A NATURAL PERSON WHO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATES IN THE BUSINESS OF THE 20 FIRM OR ITS AFFILIATED ENTITIES, OR (2) AN ENTITY, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, A PARTNERSHIP OR PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION, PROVIDED EACH 21 22 BENEFICIAL OWNER OF AN EQUITY INTEREST IN SUCH ENTITY IS A NATURAL 23 PERSON WHO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATES IN THE BUSINESS CONDUCTED BY THE FIRM 24 OR ITS AFFILIATED ENTITIES. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBDIVISION, "ACTIVELY 25 PARTICIPATE" MEANS TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO CLIENTS OR TO OTHERWISE INDI-26 VIDUALLY TAKE PART IN THE DAY-TO-DAY BUSINESS OR MANAGEMENT OF THE FIRM. (f) "Professional partnership" means (1) a partnership without limited 27 partners each of whose partners is a professional authorized by law to 28 29 render a professional service within this state, (2) a partnership withlimited partners each of whose partners is a professional, at least 30 out one of whom is authorized by law to render a professional service within 31 32 this state or (3) a partnership without limited partners authorized by, 33 or holding a license, certificate, registration or permit issued by the 34 licensing authority pursuant to the education law to render a profes-35 sional service within this state; except that all partners of a profes-36 sional partnership that provides medical services in this state must be 37 licensed pursuant to article 131 of the education law to practice medicine in this state and all partners of a professional partnership that 38 39 provides dental services in this state must be licensed pursuant to 40 article 133 of the education law to practice dentistry in this state; except that all partners of a professional partnership that provides 41 veterinary services in this state must be licensed pursuant to article 42 43 of the education law to practice veterinary medicine in this state; 135 44 and further except that all partners of a professional partnership that 45 provides professional engineering, land surveying, architectural, and/or landscape architectural services in this state must be licensed pursuant 46 47 145, article 147 and/or article 148 of the education law to to article 48 practice one or more of such professions. WITH RESPECT TO A PROFES-SIONAL PARTNERSHIP WHICH PROVIDES PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY SERVICES AS SUCH 49 50 SERVICES ARE DEFINED IN ARTICLE 149 OF THE EDUCATION LAW, EACH MEMBER OF 51 SUCH PROFESSIONAL PARTNERSHIP WHOSE PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS IN IS AND WHO PROVIDES PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY SERVICES, SHALL BE 52 STATE THIS LICENSED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 149 OF THE EDUCATION LAW TO PRACTICE PUBLIC 53 54 ACCOUNTANCY. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISIONS OF LAW A PROFESSIONAL 55 PARTNERSHIP FORMED TO LAWFULLY ENGAGE IN THE PRACTICE OF PUBLIC ACCOUN-56 TANCY, AS SUCH PRACTICE IS RESPECTIVELY DEFINED UNDER ARTICLE 149 OF THE

EDUCATION LAW SHALL BE REQUIRED TO SHOW (1) THAT A SIMPLE MAJORITY 1 OF 2 THE FIRM, IN TERMS OF FINANCIAL INTERESTS, INCLUDING OWNERSHIP OF THE 3 OWNERSHIP-BASED COMPENSATION, AND VOTING RIGHTS HELD BY THE FIRM'S 4 OWNERS, BELONGS TO INDIVIDUALS LICENSED TO PRACTICE PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY 5 IN SOME STATE, AND (2) THAT ALL MEMBERS OF A LIMITED PROFESSIONAL PART-6 NERSHIP, WHOSE PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS IS IN THIS STATE, AND WHO ARE 7 THE PRACTICE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY IN THIS STATE, HOLD A ENGAGED IN EDUCATION LAW OR 8 VALID LICENSE ISSUED UNDER SECTION 7404 OF THE ARE 9 PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS LICENSED UNDER SECTION 7405 OF THE EDUCATION LAW. 10 ALTHOUGH FIRMS MAY INCLUDE NON-LICENSEE OWNERS, THE FIRM AND ITS OWNERS MUST COMPLY WITH RULES PROMULGATED BY THE STATE BOARD FOR PUBLIC ACCOUN-11 12 NOTWITHSTANDING THE FOREGOING, A FIRM REGISTERED UNDER THIS TANCY. SECTION MAY NOT HAVE NON-LICENSEE OWNERS IF THE FIRM'S NAME INCLUDES THE 13 14 WORDS "CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT," OR "CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS," OR THE ABBREVIATIONS "CPA" OR "CPAS." EACH NON-LICENSEE OWNER OF A FIRM 15 IS REGISTERED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE (1) A NATURAL PERSON WHO 16 THAT 17 ACTIVELY PARTICIPATES IN THE BUSINESS OF THE FIRM OR ITSAFFILIATED 18 ENTITIES, OR (2) AN ENTITY, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, A PARTNERSHIP 19 OR PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION, PROVIDED EACH BENEFICIAL OWNER OF AN EQUITY 20 INTEREST IN SUCH ENTITY IS A NATURAL PERSON WHO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATES IN 21 BUSINESS CONDUCTED BY THE FIRM OR ITS AFFILIATED ENTITIES. FOR THE 22 PURPOSES OF THIS SUBDIVISION, "ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE" MEANS то PROVIDE TO CLIENTS OR TO OTHERWISE 23 INDIVIDUALLY TAKE PART IN THE SERVICES 24 DAY-TO-DAY BUSINESS OR MANAGEMENT OF THE FIRM.

25 S 20. Subdivisions (a) and (f) of section 1301 of the limited liabil-26 ity company law, as amended by chapter 475 of the laws of 2014, are 27 amended to read as follows:

28 (a) "Foreign professional service limited liability company" means a 29 professional service limited liability company, whether or not denominated as such, organized under the laws of a jurisdiction other than 30 this state, (i) each of whose members and managers, if any, is a profes-31 32 sional authorized by law to render a professional service within this 33 state and who is or has been engaged in the practice of such profession in such professional service limited liability company or a predecessor 34 35 entity, or will engage in the practice of such profession in the professional service limited liability company within thirty days of the date 36 37 such professional becomes a member, or each of whose members and manag-38 ers, if any, is a professional at least one of such members is author-39 ized by law to render a professional service within this state and who 40 is or has been engaged in the practice of such profession in such professional service limited liability company or a predecessor entity, 41 42 or will engage in the practice of such profession in the professional 43 service limited liability company within thirty days of the date such 44 professional becomes a member, or (ii) authorized by, or holding a license, certificate, registration or permit issued by the licensing 45 authority pursuant to, the education law to render a professional 46 47 service within this state; except that all members and managers, if any, 48 of a foreign professional service limited liability company that 49 provides health services in this state shall be licensed in this state. 50 With respect to a foreign professional service limited liability company 51 which provides veterinary services as such services are defined in arti-135 of the education law, each member of such foreign professional 52 cle 53 service limited liability company shall be licensed pursuant to article 54 135 of the education law to practice veterinary medicine. With respect 55 to a foreign professional service limited liability company which 56 provides medical services as such services are defined in article 131 of

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the education law, each member of such foreign professional service limited liability company must be licensed pursuant to article

2 131 of 3 the education law to practice medicine in this state. With respect to a 4 foreign professional service limited liability company which provides 5 dental services as such services are defined in article 133 of the 6 education law, each member of such foreign professional service limited 7 liability company must be licensed pursuant to article 133 of the educa-8 tion law to practice dentistry in this state. With respect to a foreign professional service limited liability company which provides profes-9 10 sional engineering, land surveying, geologic, architectural and/or land-11 scape architectural services as such services are defined in article 145, article 147 and article 148 of the education law, each member of 12 such foreign professional service limited liability company must be 13 14 licensed pursuant to article 145, article 147 and/or article 148 of the 15 education law to practice one or more of such professions in this state. 16 WITH RESPECT TO A FOREIGN PROFESSIONAL SERVICE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY 17 WHICH PROVIDES PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY SERVICES AS SUCH SERVICES ARE DEFINED 18 IN ARTICLE 149 OF THE EDUCATION LAW, EACH MEMBER OF SUCH FOREIGN PROFES-19 SIONAL SERVICE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY WHOSE PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSI-20 NESS IS IN THIS STATE AND WHO PROVIDES PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY SERVICES, 21 SHALL BE LICENSED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 149 OF THE EDUCATION LAW TO PRAC-22 TICE PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY IN THIS STATE. With respect to a foreign profes-23 sional service limited liability company which provides licensed clin-24 ical social work services as such services are defined in article 154 of 25 education law, each member of such foreign professional service the 26 limited liability company shall be licensed pursuant to article 154 of 27 the education law to practice clinical social work in this state. With 28 respect to a foreign professional service limited liability company 29 which provides creative arts therapy services as such services are 30 defined in article 163 of the education law, each member of such foreign professional service limited liability company must be licensed pursuant 31 32 to article 163 of the education law to practice creative arts therapy in 33 this state. With respect to a foreign professional service limited liability company which provides marriage and family therapy services as 34 35 such services are defined in article 163 of the education law, each 36 member of such foreign professional service limited liability company 37 must be licensed pursuant to article 163 of the education law to practice marriage and family therapy in this state. With respect to a 38 foreign professional service limited liability company which provides 39 40 mental health counseling services as such services are defined in arti-163 of the education law, each member of such foreign professional 41 cle 42 service limited liability company must be licensed pursuant to article 43 163 of the education law to practice mental health counseling in this 44 state. With respect to a foreign professional service limited liability company which provides psychoanalysis services as such services are defined in article 163 of the education law, each member of such foreign 45 46 47 professional service limited liability company must be licensed pursuant 48 to article 163 of the education law to practice psychoanalysis in this state. With respect to a foreign professional service limited liability 49 50 company which provides applied behavior analysis services as such services are defined in article 167 of the education law, each member of 51 such foreign professional service limited liability company must be 52 53 licensed or certified pursuant to article 167 of the education law to applied behavior analysis in this state. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY 54 practice 55 OTHER PROVISIONS OF LAW A FOREIGN PROFESSIONAL SERVICE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY FORMED TO LAWFULLY ENGAGE IN THE PRACTICE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY, 56

AS SUCH PRACTICE IS RESPECTIVELY DEFINED UNDER ARTICLE 149 OF THE EDUCA-1 2 TION LAW SHALL BE REQUIRED TO SHOW (1) THAT A SIMPLE MAJORITY OF THE 3 OWNERSHIP OF THE FIRM, IN TERMS OF FINANCIAL INTERESTS, INCLUDING OWNER-4 SHIP-BASED COMPENSATION, AND VOTING RIGHTS HELD BY THE FIRM'S OWNERS, 5 BELONGS TO INDIVIDUALS LICENSED TO PRACTICE PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY INSOME 6 ALL MEMBERS OF A FOREIGN LIMITED PROFESSIONAL STATE, AND (2) THAT 7 SERVICE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, WHOSE PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS IS 8 IN THIS STATE, AND WHO ARE ENGAGED IN THE PRACTICE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY 9 HOLD A VALID LICENSE ISSUED UNDER SECTION 7404 OF THE IN THIS STATE, 10 EDUCATION LAW OR ARE PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS LICENSED UNDER SECTION 7405 OF EDUCATION LAW, ALTHOUGH FIRMS MAY INCLUDE NON-LICENSEE OWNERS, THE 11 THE 12 FIRM AND ITS OWNERS MUST COMPLY WITH RULES PROMULGATED ΒY THE STATE NOTWITHSTANDING THE FOREGOING, A FIRM 13 BOARD FOR PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY. 14 REGISTERED UNDER THIS SECTION MAY NOT HAVE NON-LICENSEE ΙF OWNERS THE 15 FIRM'S NAME INCLUDES THE WORDS "CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT," OR "CERTI-ACCOUNTANTS, " OR THE ABBREVIATIONS "CPA" OR "CPAS." EACH FIED PUBLIC 16 17 NON-LICENSEE OWNER OF A FIRM THAT IS REGISTERED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE (1) A NATURAL PERSON WHO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATES IN THE BUSINESS OF THE 18 19 FIRM OR ITS AFFILIATED ENTITIES, OR (2) AN ENTITY, INCLUDING, NOT BUT 20 TO, A PARTNERSHIP OR PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION, PROVIDED EACH LIMITED 21 BENEFICIAL OWNER OF AN EQUITY INTEREST IN SUCH ENTITY IS A NATURAL 22 PERSON WHO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATES IN THE BUSINESS CONDUCTED BY THE FIRM 23 OR ITS AFFILIATED ENTITIES. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBDIVISION, "ACTIVELY 24 PARTICIPATE" MEANS TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO CLIENTS OR TO OTHERWISE INDI-25 VIDUALLY TAKE PART IN THE DAY-TO-DAY BUSINESS OR MANAGEMENT OF THE FIRM. 26 (f) "Professional partnership" means (1) a partnership without limited 27 partners each of whose partners is a professional authorized by law to 28 render a professional service within this state, (2) a partnership with-29 limited partners each of whose partners is a professional, at least out one of whom is authorized by law to render a professional service within 30 31 this state or (3) a partnership without limited partners authorized by, 32 holding a license, certificate, registration or permit issued by the or 33 licensing authority pursuant to the education law to render a profes-34 sional service within this state; except that all partners of a professional partnership that provides medical services in this state must be 35 36 licensed pursuant to article 131 of the education law to practice medi-37 cine in this state and all partners of a professional partnership that 38 provides dental services in this state must be licensed pursuant to 39 article 133 of the education law to practice dentistry in this state; 40 except that all partners of a professional partnership that provides 41 veterinary services in this state must be licensed pursuant to article 42 135 of the education law to practice veterinary medicine in this state; 43 and further except that all partners of a professional partnership that 44 provides professional engineering, land surveying, geologic, architec-45 tural, and/or landscape architectural services in this state must be licensed pursuant to article 145, article 147 and/or article 148 of the 46 47 education law to practice one or more of such professions. WITH RESPECT 48 TO A PROFESSIONAL PARTNERSHIP WHICH PROVIDES PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY SERVICES 49 AS SUCH SERVICES ARE DEFINED IN ARTICLE 149 OF THE EDUCATION LAW, EACH 50 SUCH PROFESSIONAL PARTNERSHIP WHOSE PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSI-MEMBER OF 51 SERVICES, NESS IS IN THIS STATE AND WHO PROVIDES PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY SHALL BE LICENSED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 149 OF THE EDUCATION LAW TO PRAC-52 53 TICE PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISIONS OF LAW Α 54 PROFESSIONAL PARTNERSHIP FORMED TO LAWFULLY ENGAGE IN THE PRACTICE OF 55 PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY, AS SUCH PRACTICE IS RESPECTIVELY DEFINED UNDER ARTI-56 CLE 149 OF THE EDUCATION LAW SHALL BE REQUIRED TO SHOW (1) THAT A SIMPLE

MAJORITY OF THE OWNERSHIP OF THE FIRM, IN TERMS OF FINANCIAL INTERESTS, 1 2 INCLUDING OWNERSHIP-BASED COMPENSATION, AND VOTING RIGHTS HELD BY THE 3 FIRM'S OWNERS, BELONGS TO INDIVIDUALS LICENSED TO PRACTICE PUBLIC 4 ACCOUNTANCY IN SOME STATE, AND (2) THAT ALL MEMBERS OF A LIMITED PROFES-SIONAL PARTNERSHIP, WHOSE PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS IS IN THIS STATE, AND WHO ARE ENGAGED IN THE PRACTICE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY IN THIS STATE, 5 6 7 HOLD A VALID LICENSE ISSUED UNDER SECTION 7404 OF THE EDUCATION LAW OR ARE PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS LICENSED UNDER SECTION 7405 OF THE EDUCATION LAW. 8 ALTHOUGH FIRMS MAY INCLUDE NON-LICENSEE OWNERS, THE FIRM AND ITS OWNERS 9 10 MUST COMPLY WITH RULES PROMULGATED BY THE STATE BOARD FOR PUBLIC ACCOUN-TANCY. NOTWITHSTANDING THE FOREGOING, A FIRM REGISTERED UNDER 11 THIS SECTION MAY NOT HAVE NON-LICENSEE OWNERS IF THE FIRM'S NAME INCLUDES THE 12 WORDS "CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT," OR "CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS," 13 OR THE ABBREVIATIONS "CPA" OR "CPAS." EACH NON-LICENSEE OWNER OF A FIRM 14 IS REGISTERED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE (1) A NATURAL PERSON WHO 15 THAT ACTIVELY PARTICIPATES IN THE BUSINESS OF THE FIRM OR ITS AFFILIATED 16 ENTITIES, OR (2) AN ENTITY, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, A PARTNERSHIP 17 OR PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION, PROVIDED EACH BENEFICIAL OWNER OF AN EOUITY 18 19 INTEREST IN SUCH ENTITY IS A NATURAL PERSON WHO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATES IN THE BUSINESS CONDUCTED BY THE FIRM OR ITS AFFILIATED ENTITIES. FOR 20 PURPOSES OF THIS SUBDIVISION, "ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE" MEANS TO PROVIDE 21 22 SERVICES TO CLIENTS OR TO OTHERWISE INDIVIDUALLY TAKE PART IN THE DAY-TO-DAY BUSINESS OR MANAGEMENT OF THE FIRM. 23 24 S 21. This act shall take effect immediately; provided that sections

25 eleven, thirteen, fifteen, eighteen, and twenty of this act shall take 26 effect on the same date as sections 25, 26, 27, 22 and 23, respectively, 27 of chapter 475 of the laws of 2014 take effect.