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"AN ACT CONCERNING THE OWNERSHIP OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRMS."

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- 1 In line 11, after "(c)" insert "(1)"
- 2 After line 25, insert the following:
- 3 "(2) No firm that is owned by one or more proprietors, partners,
- 4 members or shareholders who do not hold a valid license to practice
- 5 public accountancy issued by the licensing authority of a state or
- 6 territory of the United States shall be granted an initial or renewed
- 7 permit to practice under this section unless each such proprietor,
- 8 partner, member or shareholder is (A) a natural person who actively
- 9 participates in the business of the firm or its affiliated entities, or (B) an
- 10 entity, including, but not limited to, a partnership or professional
- 11 corporation, provided each beneficial owner of an equity interest in
- 12 such 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 client services or

15 to take part in the business or management of the firm."

16 In line 43, insert an opening bracket before "any" and insert a closing
17 bracket after "this state,"

18 In line 50, before "CPA" insert "Certified Public Accountant", after
19 "CPA" insert "," and bracket "or"

20 In line 51, after "firm" insert "or other similar title"

21 Strike line 58 in its entirety and substitute the following in lieu
22 thereof:

23 "home office in this state and may use the title "Certified Public
24 Accountant", "CPA", [or] "CPA firm" or other similar title"

25 Strike line 66 in its entirety and substitute the following in lieu
26 thereof:

27 "using the title "Certified Public Accountant", "CPA", [or] "CPA
28 firm" or other similar title" in this state without a permit"

29 In line 75, insert an opening bracket before "'certified"

30 In line 76, insert a closing bracket after "accountant'" and insert after
31 the closing bracket " "Certified Public Accountant" "

32 In line 76, before "title" insert "similar"

33 In line 81, after "state" insert "and whose principal place of business
34 is in this state"

35 In line 82, strike "a simple majority of"

36 In line 84, after "shall" insert "apply to a firm that is owned by one or
37 more proprietors, partners, members or shareholders who do not hold
38 a valid license to practice public accountancy issued by the licensing
39 authority of a state or territory of the United States that has obtained a
40 permit to practice under subsection (c) of section 20-281e, as amended

41 by this act, but shall"

42 In line 85, after "requirements of" insert "subsection (h) of"