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**TITLE 872 INDIANA BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY**

**Proposed Rule**  
LSA Document #09-151

DIGEST

Amends [872 IAC 1-2-1](#) to address the rules of professional conduct for licensees by incorporating by reference the June 1, 2008, pronouncements on professional standards of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (to apply to certified public accountants and certified public accountant firms) and the June 2003 Rules of Professional Conduct of the National Society of Accountants (to apply to accounting practitioners and public accountants and accounting practitioner and public accountant firms). Effective September 1, 2009.

[IC 4-22-2.1-5 Statement Concerning Rules Affecting Small Businesses](#)

[872 IAC 1-2-1](#)

SECTION 1. [872 IAC 1-2-1](#) IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

**[872 IAC 1-2-1](#) Rules of professional conduct; applicability**

**Authority:** [IC 25-2.1-2-15](#)

**Affected:** [IC 4-22-2](#); [IC 23-1.5](#); [IC 25-1-11-12](#); [IC 25-2.1](#)

Sec. 1. (a) In the interpretation and enforcement of this rule, the board will give consideration, but not necessarily dispositive weight, to relevant interpretations, rulings, and opinions issued by the following:

- (1) Boards of other jurisdictions.
- (2) Appropriately authorized committees on ethics of professional organizations.

(b) No licensee of the board shall violate the following standards for the competent practice of accounting appropriate to establish and maintain a high standard of integrity and dignity in the profession of public accountancy, which are incorporated by reference as if fully set out in this rule:

- (1) The following pronouncements on professional standards set forth in the AICPA Professional Standards, Volumes 1 and 2 (June 1, ~~2005~~, **2008**), subject to the exceptions listed in subsection (c) (applicable to certified public accountants **and certified public accountant firms** only):

- (A) U.S. Auditing - AICPA, including the following:
  - (i) Statement on Auditing Standards - Introduction.
  - (ii) The General Standards.
  - (iii) The Standards of Field Work.
  - (iv) The First, Second, and Third Standards of Reporting.
  - (v) The Fourth Standard of Reporting.
  - (vi) Other Types of Reports.
  - (vii) Special Topics.
  - (viii) Compliance Auditing.
  - (ix) Special Reports of the Committee on Auditing Procedure.
- (B) Statements on Standards for Attestation Engagements.
- (C) Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services.
- (D) Code of Professional Conduct.
- (E) Statements on Standards for Valuation Services.**
- ~~(E)~~ **(F)** Statement on Standards for Consulting Services.
- ~~(F)~~ **(G)** Tax Services.
- ~~(G)~~ **(H)** Personal Financial Planning.

- (2) Professional corporation act at [IC 23-1.5](#).

- (3) National Society of Accountants (NSA) Rules of Professional Conduct and Official Interpretations, ~~May~~ **June** 2003, excluding the interpretations and Rule 9 (professional referrals) (applicable to accounting practitioners and public accountants **and accounting practitioner and public accountant firms** only).

(c) As incorporated by reference in subsection (b)(1), the AICPA professional standards are amended to read as follows:

- (1) ET 50 (Principles of Professional Conduct – Sections 51 through 57) is deleted.
- (2) The third paragraph of Rule 505 (Form of Organization and Name) is deleted.
- (3) The phrase "standards promulgated by bodies designated by Council", or any similar reference, shall mean the standards incorporated by reference in subsection (b)(1).

(d) **Except for the Statements of Standards for Attestation Engagements and the Statement on Standards for Accounting and Review Services, which are addressed by AT section 20.04 and AR section 20.04 respectively**, notwithstanding the use of the word "should" in the AICPA pronouncements incorporated by reference in subsection (b)(1)(A) through ~~(b)(1)(G)~~, **(b)(1)(H)**, a certified public accountant must:

- (1) comply with the pronouncements; or
- (2) justify any departures therefrom **and document how the alternative procedures performed in those circumstances were sufficient to achieve the objectives of the pronouncements.**

(e) It shall be deemed incompetent practice contrary to high standards of integrity and dignity in the profession of certified public accountancy for a licensee of the board to be found by a court of competent jurisdiction to have engaged in accounting practices falling below professional standards in Indiana.

(f) As used in this rule, "member", as used in the:

- (1) AICPA Professional Standards; and
- (2) NSA Rules of Professional Conduct and Official Interpretations;

means licensee.

(g) Where matters incorporated by reference in this section conflict with express provisions of:

- (1) [IC 25-2.1](#) (accountancy act);
- (2) [IC 23-1.5](#) (professional corporation act); or
- (3) rules adopted by the board;

the express provisions control.

(h) No subsequent editions, amendments, supplements, or releases of the:

- (1) AICPA Professional Standards;
- (2) NSA Rules of Professional Standards; or
- (3) NSA Rules of Professional Conduct;

will be in effect in Indiana or adopted by the board, except by following the rulemaking provisions of [IC 4-22-2](#).

(i) The standards incorporated by reference in subsection (b) apply to conduct that occurs after ~~December 31, 2006~~ **August 31, 2009**. This subsection shall not be construed to extinguish the board's authority to impose any sanction under [IC 25-1-11-12](#) for conduct that occurred before ~~January 1, 2007~~ **September 1, 2009**, in violation of a previous version of this section.

(j) A copy of the AICPA Professional Standards and the NSA Rules of Professional Conduct are available for public inspection at the offices of the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency, 402 West Washington Street, Room W072, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204. Copies of the AICPA Professional Standards are available from the entity originally issuing the document, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, 1211 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10036-8775. Copies of the NSA Rules of Professional Conduct are also available from the entity originally issuing the document, the National Society of Accountants, 1010 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314.

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SECTION 2. SECTION 1 of this document takes effect September 1, 2009.

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