

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2023 and 2024 SB2765

Introduced 1/16/2024, by Sen. Robert F. Martwick

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

805 ILCS 180/10-10

Amends the Limited Liability Company Act. Provides that specified provisions under the Act do not limit the personal liability of a member or manager imposed under law other than the Act, including, but not limited to, the law of agency, contracts, and torts, and, subject to specified provisions, court imposed equitable remedies, such as piercing the limited liability company veil. Provides that the provisions apply to all actions with respect to which all timely appeals have not been exhausted before the effective date of the amendatory Act and all future actions commenced on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act. Makes other changes.

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AN ACT concerning business. 1

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 2 represented in the General Assembly: 3

- 4 Section 5. The Limited Liability Company Act is amended by 5 changing Section 10-10 as follows:
- (805 ILCS 180/10-10) 6

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- 7 Sec. 10-10. Liability of members and managers.
- 8 (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsections (a-5) and 9 subsection (d) of this Section, the debts, obligations, and liabilities of a limited liability company, whether arising in 10 contract, tort, or otherwise, are solely the 11 12 obligations, and liabilities of the company. A member or 13 manager is not personally liable for a debt, obligation, or 14 liability of the company solely by reason of being or acting as a member or manager. 15
- (a-5) Nothing in subsection (a) or subsection (d) limits the personal liability of a member or manager imposed under law other than this Act, including, but not limited to, the law of agency, contracts contract, and torts, and, subject to subsection (c), court-imposed equitable remedies, such as piercing the limited liability company veil tort law. The purpose of this subsection (a-5) is to supersede overrule the interpretation of subsections (a) and (d) set forth in Dass v. 23

Yale, 2013 IL App (1st) 122520, and Carollo v. Irwin, 2011 IL App (1st) 102765, and clarify that under existing law a member or manager of a limited liability company may be liable under law other than this Act for his, her, or its own wrongful acts or omissions, even when acting or purporting to act on behalf of a limited liability company. This subsection is therefore intended to be applicable to actions with respect to which all timely appeals have not exhausted before the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 101st General Assembly as well as to all actions commenced on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 101st General Assembly.

- 12 (b) (Blank).
 - (c) The failure of a limited liability company to observe the usual company formalities or requirements relating to the exercise of its company powers or management of its business is not a ground for imposing personal liability on the members or managers for liabilities of the company.
 - (d) All or specified members of a limited liability company are liable in their capacity as members for all or specified debts, obligations, or liabilities of the company if:
- 22 (1) a provision to that effect is contained in the 23 articles of organization; and
 - (2) a member so liable has consented in writing to the adoption of the provision or to be bound by the provision.
 - (e) This Section applies to all actions with respect to

- 1 which all timely appeals have not been exhausted before the
- 2 <u>effective date of this amendatory Act of the 103rd General</u>
- 3 Assembly and all future actions commenced on or after the
- 4 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 103rd General
- 5 Assembly.
- 6 (Source: P.A. 101-553, eff. 1-1-20.)