

SB0174



96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Introduced 1/30/2009, by Sen. Don Harmon

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

805 ILCS 180/15-3

Amends the Limited Liability Company Act. Provides that a member of a manager-managed company is held to specified standards of conduct to the extent that the member exercises the managerial authority vested in a manager under the Act (rather than applying such standards to a member who pursuant to the operating agreement exercises some or all of the authority of a manager in the management and conduct of the company's business).

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning business.

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

4 Section 5. The Limited Liability Company Act is amended by
5 changing Section 15-3 as follows:

6 (805 ILCS 180/15-3)

7 Sec. 15-3. General standards of member and manager's
8 conduct.

9 (a) The fiduciary duties a member owes to a member-managed
10 company and its other members include the duty of loyalty and
11 the duty of care referred to in subsections (b) and (c) of this
12 Section.

13 (b) A member's duty of loyalty to a member-managed company
14 and its other members includes the following:

15 (1) to account to the company and to hold as trustee
16 for it any property, profit, or benefit derived by the
17 member in the conduct or winding up of the company's
18 business or derived from a use by the member of the
19 company's property, including the appropriation of a
20 company's opportunity;

21 (2) to act fairly when a member deals with the company
22 in the conduct or winding up of the company's business as
23 or on behalf of a party having an interest adverse to the

1 company; and

2 (3) to refrain from competing with the company in the
3 conduct of the company's business before the dissolution of
4 the company.

5 (c) A member's duty of care to a member-managed company and
6 its other members in the conduct of and winding up of the
7 company's business is limited to refraining from engaging in
8 grossly negligent or reckless conduct, intentional misconduct,
9 or a knowing violation of law.

10 (d) A member shall discharge his or her duties to a
11 member-managed company and its other members under this Act or
12 under the operating agreement and exercise any rights
13 consistent with the obligation of good faith and fair dealing.

14 (e) A member of a member-managed company does not violate a
15 duty or obligation under this Act or under the operating
16 agreement merely because the member's conduct furthers the
17 member's own interest.

18 (f) This Section applies to a person winding up the limited
19 liability company's business as the personal or legal
20 representative of the last surviving member as if the person
21 were a member.

22 (g) In a manager-managed company:

23 (1) a member who is not also a manager owes no duties
24 to the company or to the other members solely by reason of
25 being a member;

26 (2) a manager is held to the same standards of conduct

1 prescribed for members in subsections (b), (c), (d), and
2 (e) of this Section;

3 (3) a member ~~who pursuant to the operating agreement~~
4 ~~exercises some or all of the authority of a manager in the~~
5 ~~management and conduct of the company's business~~ is held to
6 the standards of conduct in subsections (b), (c), (d), and
7 (e) of this Section to the extent that the member exercises
8 the managerial authority vested in a manager by this Act;
9 and

10 (4) a manager is relieved of liability imposed by law
11 for violations of the standards prescribed by subsections
12 (b), (c), (d), and (e) to the extent of the managerial
13 authority delegated to the members by the operating
14 agreement.

15 (Source: P.A. 95-331, eff. 8-21-07.)