

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to revise the purposes of the State Bar and provide immunity from liability for certain actions of the State Bar and its agents.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

Section 1. That § 16-17-2 be AMENDED:

~~16-17-2. The aims and objects of the State Bar shall continue to be to obtain the cooperation of all the practicing lawyers in the state in the better administration of justice, and in maintaining a high standard of professional conduct at the bar, to furnish a legal entity through which the considered judgment of its members on matters affecting the judicial system of the state may be ascertained and made available to the courts and the Legislature, to uphold the honor of the profession of the law, to encourage adequate preparation for its practice, and to promote cordial intercourse among the members of the South Dakota Bar. The purposes of the State Bar are to:~~

- (1) aid the judiciary in maintaining and improving the functions of the courts and the administration of justice;
- (2) aid the judiciary in ensuring that members of the State Bar effectively and ethically perform their professional duties and responsibilities;
- (3) foster high standards of integrity, learning, competence, public service, and conduct among members of the State Bar;
- (4) provide for the continuing legal education of members of the State Bar;
- (5) advocate for and against policies affecting the practice of law, the operation of the judicial system, and the quality and accessibility of legal services;
- (6) encourage the formation, maintenance, and activities of State Bar committees, sections, and groups related to the legal profession;
- (7) provide a forum for discussing and acting upon matters pertaining to the practice of law, the science of jurisprudence and law reform, and relations of the State Bar to the public; and
- (8) do all things necessary or appropriate to effectuate the purposes of the State Bar.

Section 2. That a NEW SECTION be added to chapter 16-17:

The provisions of §§ 47-23-2, 47-23-2.1, 47-23-27 and 47-23-28 through 47-23-32 apply to the State Bar and its employees, officers, commissioners, committee members, agents and volunteers.

Section 3. That a NEW SECTION be added to chapter 16-17:

The State Bar, its employees, officers, commissioners, committee members, agents and volunteers are immune from liability for any act or omission in good faith in discharging any duty of the State Bar prescribed by law.