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HOUSE BILL 389

47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2006

INTRODUCED BY

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FOR THE REVENUE STABILIZATION AND TAX POLICY COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO TAXATION; PERMITTING THE TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT TO INFORM A LICENSING BODY OF LICENSEE FAILURE TO FILE OR PAY TAXES AND OTHER RELEVANT TAXPAYER INFORMATION FOR USE IN DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS; PROVIDING GROUNDS FOR ATTORNEY DISBARMENT AND FOR SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF PROFESSIONAL OR OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. A new section of the Tax Administration Act is enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] DEPARTMENT POWER TO INFORM LICENSING BODY OF FAILURE TO FILE RETURN OR PAY TAX.--

A. When a licensee does not file the licensee's income tax return or the return of any other state or local tax administered pursuant to the Tax Administration Act for which

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1 supreme court for any of the following causes arising after
2 [~~his~~] the attorney's admission to practice:

3 (1) [~~his~~] the attorney's conviction of a
4 felony or misdemeanor involving moral turpitude, in which case
5 the record of conviction is conclusive;

6 (2) [~~Wilful~~] willful disobedience or violation
7 of an order of the court requiring [~~him~~] the attorney to do or
8 forbear an act connected with or in the course of [~~his~~] the
9 attorney's profession and any violation of the oath taken by
10 [~~him~~] the attorney or of [~~his~~] the attorney's duty as such
11 attorney as [~~before~~] provided in [~~this~~] Chapter 36 NMSA 1978;

12 (3) corruptly or [~~wilfully~~] willfully and
13 without authority appearing as attorney for a party to an
14 action or proceeding;

15 (4) lending [~~his~~] the attorney's name to be
16 used as an attorney by another party who is not an attorney;

17 (5) failing or refusing to account for money
18 of [~~his~~] the attorney's client coming into [~~his~~] the attorney's
19 hands as such attorney;

20 (6) failing to file a state income tax return
21 or any other state or local tax return for which the attorney
22 is responsible or failing to pay a settled tax liability owed
23 by the attorney; or

24 [~~(6)~~] (7) for any other act to which such a
25 consequence is by law attached.

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1 B. For the purposes of this section, "settled tax
2 liability" means:

3 (1) for taxes and tax acts administered
4 pursuant to the Tax Administration Act, a tax liability of the
5 licensee of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more established
6 under any tax or tax act administered under the Tax
7 Administration Act that has not been protested within the time
8 limits prescribed by Section 7-1-24 NMSA 1978 or, if protested,
9 has been decided against the licensee in a decision that may
10 not be appealed or for which the time to appeal has expired; or

11 (2) for taxes and tax acts not administered
12 pursuant to the Tax Administration Act, a tax liability of at
13 least five hundred dollars (\$500) that the licensee has not
14 contested by an available administrative or judicial procedure
15 within prescribed time limits or, if contested, has been
16 decided against the licensee in a decision that may not be
17 appealed or for which the time to appeal has expired."

18 Section 3. A new section of the Uniform Licensing Act is
19 enacted to read:

20 "[NEW MATERIAL] GROUNDS FOR SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF
21 LICENSE.--

22 A. In addition to grounds specified in any other
23 article of Chapter 61 NMSA 1978 or grounds specified by action
24 of a board, the failure or refusal of a licensee to file the
25 licensee's income tax return or other state or local tax return

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1 for which the licensee is responsible or to pay a settled tax
2 liability owed by the licensee is grounds for the revocation or
3 suspension of the licensee's license. Discovery of the failure
4 or refusal shall be deemed to occur on the date the board is
5 notified of the failure or refusal by the agency responsible
6 for administering the tax.

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8 liability" means:

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20 contested by an available administrative or judicial procedure
21 within prescribed time limits or, if contested, has been
22 decided against the licensee in a decision that may not be
23 appealed or for which the time to appeal has expired."

24 Section 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the
25 provisions of this act is July 1, 2006.

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