ciation, accompanied by a concise general statement of the basis and purpose of such proposal.

#### (3) Effective date

Any proposed bylaw or standard of the Association, and any proposed amendment to the bylaws or standards of the Association, shall take effect, after notice under paragraph (2) and opportunity for public comment, on such date as the Association may designate, unless suspended under section 6759(c) of this title.

#### (4) Rule of construction

Nothing in this section shall be construed to subject the Board or the Association to the requirements of subchapter II of chapter 5 of title 5 (commonly known as the "Administrative Procedure Act").

### (b) Disciplinary action by the Association

#### (1) Specification of charges

In any proceeding to determine whether membership shall be denied, suspended, revoked, or not renewed, or to determine whether a member of the Association should be placed on probation (referred to in this section as a "disciplinary action") or whether to assess fines or monetary penalties, the Association shall bring specific charges, notify the member of the charges, give the member an opportunity to defend against the charges, and keep a record.

### (2) Supporting statement

A determination to take disciplinary action shall be supported by a statement setting forth—

- (A) any act or practice in which the member has been found to have been engaged;
- (B) the specific provision of this subchapter or standard of the Association that any such act or practice is deemed to violate; and
- (C) the sanction imposed and the reason for the sanction.

### (3) Ineligibility of private sector representatives

Board members appointed pursuant to section 6754(c)(3) of this title may not—

- (A) participate in any disciplinary action or be counted toward establishing a quorum during a disciplinary action; and
- (B) have access to confidential information concerning any disciplinary action.

(Pub. L. 106–102, title III,  $\S 325$ , as added Pub. L. 114–1, title II,  $\S 202(a)$ , Jan. 12, 2015, 129 Stat. 23.)

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### PRIOR PROVISIONS

Provisions similar to this section were contained in section 6758 of this title, prior to the general amendment of this subchanter by Pub. 1, 114-1

ment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 114-1.
A prior section 6755, Pub. L. 106-102, title III, §325, Nov. 12, 1999, 113 Stat. 1424, related to membership in the Association, prior to the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 114-1. See section 6753 of this title.

# § 6756. Powers

In addition to all the powers conferred upon a nonprofit corporation by the District of Colum-

bia Nonprofit Corporation Act, the Association shall have the power to—  $\,$ 

- (1) establish and collect such membership fees as the Association finds necessary to impose to cover the costs of its operations;
- (2) adopt, amend, and repeal bylaws, procedures, or standards governing the conduct of Association business and performance of its duties:
- (3) establish procedures for providing notice and opportunity for comment pursuant to section 6755(a) of this title;
- (4) enter into and perform such agreements as necessary to carry out the duties of the Association:
- (5) hire employees, professionals, or specialists, and elect or appoint officers, and to fix their compensation, define their duties and give them appropriate authority to carry out the purposes of this subchapter, and determine their qualification:
- (6) establish personnel policies of the Association and programs relating to, among other things, conflicts of interest, rates of compensation, where applicable, and qualifications of personnel;
  - (7) borrow money; and
- (8) secure funding for such amounts as the Association determines to be necessary and appropriate to organize and begin operations of the Association, which shall be treated as loans to be repaid by the Association with interest at market rate.

(Pub. L. 106–102, title III, §326, as added Pub. L. 114–1, title II, §202(a), Jan. 12, 2015, 129 Stat. 24.)

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## REFERENCES IN TEXT

The District of Columbia Nonprofit Corporation Act, referred to in text, is Pub. L. 87–569, Aug. 6, 1962, 76 Stat. 265, which is not classified to the Code.

# PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 6756, Pub. L. 106–102, title III, §326, Nov. 12, 1999, 113 Stat. 1426, related to board of directors, prior to the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 114–1. See section 6754 of this title.

### § 6757. Report by the Association

### (a) In general

As soon as practicable after the close of each fiscal year, the Association shall submit to the President, through the Department of the Treasury, and the States (including State insurance regulators), and shall publish on the website of the Association, a written report regarding the conduct of its business, and the exercise of the other rights and powers granted by this subchapter, during such fiscal year.

# (b) Financial statements

Each report submitted under subsection (a) with respect to any fiscal year shall include audited financial statements setting forth the financial position of the Association at the end of such fiscal year and the results of its operations (including the source and application of its funds) for such fiscal year.

(Pub. L. 106-102, title III, §327, as added Pub. L. 114-1, title II, §202(a), Jan. 12, 2015, 129 Stat. 24.)