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Introduced by
Representative Kolodin

AN ACT

**AMENDING SECTION 32-742.01, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS.**

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 32-742.01, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended
3 to read:

4 32-742.01. Investigations

5 A. The board on its own motion, or on receiving a complaint or
6 other information suggesting violations of this chapter or board rules,
7 may conduct or direct an authorized committee to conduct an initial
8 analysis, which shall be completed before the board may open an
9 investigation file pursuant to subsection B to determine whether
10 reasonable cause exists to believe that there is a violation of this
11 chapter or board rules. The board or its authorized committee may
12 designate one or more persons of appropriate competence to assist the
13 board in its initial analysis.

14 B. After an initial analysis if the board finds reasonable cause to
15 believe there is a violation of this chapter or board rules, the board may
16 direct that an investigation file be opened to determine if there is
17 reasonable cause to institute disciplinary proceedings under this chapter.
18 An investigation is not a prerequisite to disciplinary proceedings under
19 this chapter if reasonable cause can be determined without an
20 investigation.

21 C. To assist in the investigation, the board or an authorized
22 committee may designate one or more persons of appropriate competence to
23 be investigators. When completing an investigation, the investigator
24 shall file a report with the board or an authorized committee. Based on
25 the investigator's report, the board or authorized committee may request
26 further investigation, hold voluntary investigative interviews, ~~OR~~ OR make
27 appropriate recommendations for dismissal, letters of concern, consent
28 orders or other disciplinary actions.

29 D. If the board does not find reasonable cause to believe that
30 there is a violation of this chapter or board rules, the board shall close
31 the investigation file.