

**490A.1512 Required purchase by professional limited liability company of its own membership interests.**

1. Notwithstanding any other statute or rule of law, a professional limited liability company shall purchase its own membership interests as provided in this section; and the members of a professional limited liability company and their executors, administrators, legal representatives, and successors in interest, shall sell and transfer the membership interests held by them as provided in this section.

2. Upon the death of a member, the professional limited liability company shall immediately purchase all membership interests held by the deceased member.

3. In order to remain a member of a professional limited liability company, a member shall at all times be licensed to practice in this state a profession which the professional limited liability company is authorized to practice. When a member does not have or ceases to have this qualification, the professional limited liability company shall immediately purchase all membership interests held by that member.

4. When a person other than a member of record becomes entitled to have membership interests of a professional limited liability company transferred into that person's name or to exercise voting rights, except as a proxy, with respect to membership interests of the professional limited liability company, the professional limited liability company shall immediately purchase the membership interests. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, this section shall be applicable whether the event occurs as a result of appointment of a guardian or conservator for a member or the member's property, transfer of membership interests by operation of law, involuntary transfer of membership interests, judicial proceedings, execution, levy, bankruptcy proceedings, receivership proceedings, foreclosure or enforcement of a pledge or encumbrance, or any other situation or occurrence. However, this section does not apply to any voluntary transfer of membership interests as defined in this chapter.

5. Membership interests purchased by the professional limited liability company under this section shall be transferred to the professional limited liability company as of the close of business on the date of the death or other event which requires purchase. The member and the member's executors, administrators, legal representatives, or successors in interest, shall promptly do all things which may be necessary or convenient to cause transfer to be made as of the transfer date. However, the membership interests shall promptly be transferred on the books and records of the professional limited liability company as of the transfer date, notwithstanding any delay in transferring or surrendering the membership interests or certificates representing the membership interests, and the transfer shall be valid and effective for all purposes as of the close of business on the transfer date. The purchase price for such membership interests shall be paid as provided in this chapter, but the transfer of membership interests to the professional limited liability company as provided in this section shall not be delayed or affected by any delay or default in making payment.

6. Notwithstanding subsections 1 through 5, purchase by the professional limited liability company is not required upon the occurrence of any event other than death of a member, if the professional limited liability company is dissolved within sixty days after the occurrence of the event. The articles of organization or operating agreement of the professional limited liability company may provide that purchase is not required upon the death of a member, if the professional limited liability company is dissolved within sixty days after the date of the member's death.

7. Unless otherwise provided in the articles of organization or an operating agreement of the professional limited liability company or in an agreement among all members of the professional limited liability company all of the following apply:

*a.* The purchase price for membership interests shall be their book value as of the end of the month immediately preceding the death or other event which requires purchase. Book value shall be determined from the books and records of the professional limited liability company in accordance with the regular

method of accounting used by the professional limited liability company, uniformly and consistently applied. Adjustments to book value shall be made, if necessary, to take into account work in process and accounts receivable. A final determination of book value made in good faith by an independent certified public accountant or firm of certified public accountants employed by the professional limited liability company for the purpose shall be conclusive on all persons.

*b.* The purchase price shall be paid in cash as follows:

(1) Upon the death of a member, thirty percent of the purchase price shall be paid within ninety days after death, and the balance shall be paid in three equal annual installments on the first three anniversaries of the death.

(2) Upon the happening of any other event referred to in this section, one-tenth of the purchase price shall be paid within ninety days after the date of the event, and the balance shall be paid in three equal annual installments on the first three anniversaries of the date of the event.

*c.* Interest from the date of death or other event shall be payable annually on principal payment dates, at the rate of six percent per annum on the unpaid balance of the purchase price.

*d.* All persons who are members of the professional limited liability company on the date of death or other event, and their executors, administrators, and legal representatives, shall, to the extent the professional limited liability company fails to meet its obligations under this section, be jointly liable for the payment of the purchase price and interest in proportion to their percentage of ownership of the professional limited liability company's membership interests, disregarding membership interests of the deceased or withdrawing member.

*e.* The part of the purchase price remaining unpaid after the initial payment shall be evidenced by a negotiable promissory note, which shall be executed by the professional limited liability company and all members liable for payment. Any person liable on the note shall have the right to prepay the note in full or in part at any time.

*f.* If the person making any payment is not reasonably able to determine which of two or more persons is entitled to receive a payment, or if the payment is payable to a person who is unknown, or who is under disability and there is no person legally competent to receive the payment, or who cannot be found after the exercise of reasonable diligence by the person making the payment, it shall be deposited with the treasurer of state and shall be subject to the provisions of section 490.1440 with respect to funds deposited with the treasurer of state upon the voluntary or involuntary dissolution of a business corporation.

8. Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section, no part of the purchase price shall be required to be paid until the certificates, if any, representing the membership interests have been surrendered to the professional limited liability company.

9. Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section, payment of any part of the purchase price for membership interests of a deceased member shall not be required until the executor or administrator of the deceased member provides any indemnity, release, or other document from any taxing authority, which is reasonably necessary to protect the professional limited liability company against liability for estate, inheritance, and death taxes.

10. The articles of organization or an operating agreement of the professional limited liability company or an agreement among all members of a professional limited liability company may provide for a different purchase price, a different method of determining the purchase price, a different interest rate or no interest, and other terms, conditions, and schedules of payment.

11. The articles of organization or an operating agreement of the professional limited liability company or an agreement among all members of a professional limited liability company may provide for the optional or mandatory purchase of its own membership interests by the professional limited liability company in other situations, subject to any applicable law regarding such a purchase.

92 Acts, ch 1151, § 96