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# DELAWARE STATE SENATE 153rd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### SENATE BILL

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 8 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE GENERAL CORPORATION LAW.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE (Two-thirds of all members elected to each house thereof concurring therein):

Section 1. Amend § 144, Title 8 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and insertions as shown by underline as follows:

§ 144. Interested directors; directors and officers; controlling stockholder transactions; quorum.

- (a) No contract An Except for a controlling stockholder transaction addressed in subsection (b) or (c) of this section, an act or transaction involving or between a corporation or 1 or more of its subsidiaries, on the one hand, and 1 or more of its directors or officers, on the other hand, or involving or between a corporation or 1 or more of its subsidiaries, on the one hand, and any other corporation, partnership (general or limited), limited liability company, statutory trust, association, or any other entity or organization in which 1 or more of its directors or officers, officers—are directors, stockholders, partners, managers, members, or officers, or have a financial interest, on the other hand, shall be void or voidable solely for this reason, or solely because may not be the subject of equitable relief, or give rise to an award of damages or other sanction, against a director or officer of the corporation, because of the foregoing circumstances or the receipt of any benefit by any such director, officer, or entity or organization or because the director or officer is present at or participates in the meeting of the board or committee which authorizes the contract act or transaction, or solely because any such or was involved in the initiation, negotiation, or approval of the act or transaction (including by virtue of a director's or officer's votes are vote being counted for such purpose, purpose), if:
  - (1) The material facts as to the director's or officer's relationship or interest and as to the eontract\_act or transaction transaction, including any involvement in the initiation, negotiation, or approval of the act or transaction, are disclosed or are known to all members of the board of directors or thea committee thereof, and the board or committee in good faith and without gross negligence authorizes the contract\_act or transaction by the affirmative votes of a majority of the disinterested directors then serving on the board or such committee (as applicable), even though the disinterested directors be less than a quorum; or provided that if a majority of the directors are not disinterested directors with respect to the act or transaction, such act or transaction shall be approved (or recommended for approval)

23 by a committee of the board of directors that consists of 2 or more directors, each of whom the board of directors has 24 determined to be a disinterested director with respect to the act or transaction; or 25 (2) The material facts as to the director's or officer's relationship or interest and as to the contract act or transaction transaction, including any involvement in the initiation, negotiation, or approval of the act or transaction, 26 are disclosed or are known to the stockholders entitled to vote thereon, and the contract act or transaction is specifically 27 28 approved or ratified in good faith by thean informed, uncoerced, affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast by the 29 disinterested stockholders; or 30 (3) The contract act or transaction is fair as to the corporation and its stockholders, corporation as of the time 31 it is authorized, approved or ratified by the board of directors, a committee or the stockholders. corporation. 32 (b) A controlling stockholder transaction (other than any going private transaction) may not be the subject of 33 equitable relief, or give rise to an award of damages or other sanction, against a director or officer of the corporation or any 34 controlling stockholder or member of a control group, by reason of a claim based upon a breach of fiduciary duty by a 35 director, officer, controlling stockholder, or member of a control group, if: 36 (1) The material facts as to such controlling stockholder transaction (including the controlling stockholder's or 37 control group's interest therein) are disclosed or are known to all members of a committee of the board of directors to 38 which the board has expressly delegated the authority to negotiate (or oversee the negotiation of) and to reject such 39 controlling stockholder transaction, and such controlling stockholder transaction is approved (or recommended for 40 approval) in good faith by and without gross negligence by a majority of the disinterested directors then serving on the committee (; provided that the committee does not include consists of 2 or more directors, each of whom the board of 41 42 directors has determined to be a disinterested director with respect to the controlling stockholder and that a majority of the members of the committee approving such controlling stockholder transaction are disinterested directors); or 43 44 (2) The material facts as to such controlling stockholder transaction are disclosed or are known to the 45 stockholders entitled to vote thereon, such Such controlling stockholder transaction is conditioned on a vote of the 46 disinterested stockholders at or prior to, by its terms, as in effect at the time it is submitted to stockholders for their 47 approval or ratification, on the approval of or ratification by disinterested stockholders, and such controlling stockholder transaction is approved or ratified by the an informed, uncoerced, affirmative vote of a majority of the votes 48 49 cast by the disinterested stockholders; or 50 (3) Such controlling stockholder transaction is fair as to the corporation and its stockholders. 51 (c) A controlling stockholder transaction constituting a going private transaction may not be the subject of equitable relief, or give rise to an award of damages or other sanction, against a director or officer of the corporation or any 52

33	controlling stockholder of member of a control group by feason of a <u>claim based upon a</u> breach of fiduciary duty by a
54	director, officer, controlling stockholder, or member of a control group, if:
55	(1) Such controlling stockholder transaction is approved (or recommended for approval) in accordance with
56	paragraph (b)(1) of this section and approved in accordance with paragraph (b)(2) of this section; or
57	(2) Such controlling stockholder transaction is fair as to the corporation and its stockholders.
58	(b)(d)(1) Common or interested directors may be counted in determining the presence of a quorum at a meeting of
59	the board of directors or of a committee which authorizes the contract act or transaction.
60	(2) Any director of a corporation that has a class of stock listed on a national securities exchange shall be
61	presumed to be a disinterested director with respect to an act or transaction to which such director is not a party if the
62	board of directors shall have determined that such director is an independent director or satisfies the relevant applicable
63	criteria for determining director independence from the corporation and, if applicable with respect to the act or
64	transaction, the controlling stockholder or control group, under anythe rules (and interpretations thereof) promulgated
65	by such exchange (treating the applicable controlling stockholder and control group as if they were the corporation for
66	purposes of applying such criteria to determine independence from a controlling stockholder or control group), which
67	presumption shall be heightened and may only be rebutted by substantial and particularized facts that such director has
68	a material interest in such act or transaction or has a material relationship with a person with a material interest in such
69	act or transaction.
70	(3) The designation, nomination or vote in the election of the director to the board of directors by any person
71	that has a material interest in an act or transaction shall not, of itself, be evidence that a director is not a disinterested
72	director with respect to an act or transaction to which such director is not a party.
73	(4) No person shall be deemed a controlling stockholder unless such person satisfies the criteria in paragraph
74	(e)(2) of this section. No 2 or more persons that are not controlling stockholders shall be a control group unless they
75	satisfy the criteria in paragraph (e)(1) of this section.
76	(5) No person who is a controlling stockholder or member of a control group shall be liable in such capacity to
77	the corporation or its stockholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty other than for:
78	a. A breach of the duty of loyalty to the corporation or the other stockholders;
79	b. Acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of
80	<u>law; or</u>
81	c. Any transaction from which the person derived an improper personal benefit.
82	(6) Nothing in subsections (a) or (c) of this section shall:

83	a. Limit or eliminate the right of any person to seek equitable relief on the grounds that an act or
84	transaction, including a controlling stockholder transaction, was not authorized or approved in compliance with the
85	procedures set forth in this chapter, was not authorized or approved in compliance with the certificate of
86	incorporation or bylaws of the corporation, or is in violation of any plan-or, agreement or order of any
87	governmental authority to which the corporation is a party or subject; or
88	b. Limit judicial review for purposes of injunctive relief of provisions or devices designed or intended to
89	deter, delay, or preclude a change of control or other transaction involving the corporation or a change in the
90	composition of the board of directors-: or
91	c. Limit or eliminate the right of any person to seek relief on the grounds that a stockholder or other
92	person knowingly aided and abetted a breach of fiduciary duty by one or more of the directors of the corporation.
93	(7) Shares irrevocably accepted for purchase or exchange pursuant to an offer contemplated by § 251(h) of
94	this title shall be deemed voted in favor of the act or transaction-and shares owned or controlled by disinterested
95	stockholders that have not been irrevocably accepted for purchase or exchange pursuant to such an offer shall be
96	deemed voted against the act or transaction for purposes of determining whether the transaction has been approved for
97	purposes of subsections (a)(2), (b)(2) and (c)(1) of this section.
98	(e) For purposes of this section:
99	(1) "Control group" means 2 or more persons that are not controlling stockholders that, by virtue of an
100	agreement, arrangement, or understanding between or among such persons, constitute a controlling stockholder.
101	(2) "Controlling stockholder" means any person that, together with such person's affiliates and associates:
102	a. Owns or controls a majority in voting power of the outstanding stock of the corporation entitled to vote
103	generally in the election of directors; or in the election of directors who have a majority in voting power of the
104	votes of all directors on the board of directors;
105	b. Has the right, by contract or otherwise, to cause the election of nominees who are selected at the
106	discretion of such person and who constitute either a majority of the members of the board of directors or directors
107	entitled to cast a majority in voting power of the votes of all directors on the board of directors; or
108	bc. Has the power functionally equivalent to that of a stockholder that owns or controls a majority in
109	voting power of the outstanding stock of the corporation entitled to vote generally in the election of directors by
110	virtue of ownership or control of at least one-third in voting power of the outstanding stock of the corporation
111	entitled to vote generally in the election of directors or for in the election of directors who have a majority in voting

112	power of the votes of all directors on the board of directors and power to exercise managerial authority over the
113	business and affairs of the corporation.
114	(3) "Controlling stockholder transaction" means an act or transaction between the corporation or 1 or more of
115	its subsidiaries, on the one hand, and a controlling stockholder or a control group, on the other hand, or an act or
116	transaction from which a controlling stockholder or a control group receives a financial or other benefit not shared with
117	the corporation's stockholders generally.
118	(4) "Disinterested director" means a director who is not a party to the act or transaction and does not have a
119	material interest in the act or transaction or a material relationship with a person that has a material interest in the act or
120	transaction.
121	(5) "Disinterested stockholder" means any stockholder that does not have a material interest in the act or
122	transaction at issue or, if applicable, a material relationship with anythe controlling stockholder or other member of the
123	control group, or any other person that has a material interest in the act or transaction.
124	(6) "Fair as to the corporation" means the act or transaction at issue, as a whole, is beneficial to the
125	corporation, or its stockholders in their capacity as such, given the consideration paid to or received by the corporation
126	or its stockholders or other benefit conferred on the corporation or its stockholders and taking into appropriate account
127	whether the act or transaction meets both of the following:
128	a. It is fair in terms of the fiduciary's dealings with the corporation.
129	b. It is comparable to what might have been obtained in an arm's length transaction available to the
130	<u>corporation.</u>
131	(76) "Going private transaction" means:
132	a. For a corporation with a class of equity securities registered undersubject to § 12(dg) or 15(gd) of the
133	Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or listed on a national securities exchange, a Rule 13e-3 transaction (as defined in
134	17 CFR § 240.13e-3(a)(3) or any successor provision); and
135	b. For any other corporation not subject to which paragraph (e)(76)a. of this section does not apply, any
136	controlling stockholder transaction, whether by including a merger, recapitalization, share purchase, consolidation,
137	amendment to the certificate of incorporation, tender or exchange offer, conversion, transfer, domestication or
138	continuance, pursuant to which all or substantially all of the shares of the corporation's capital stock held by the
139	disinterested stockholders (but not those of the controlling stockholder or control group) are cancelled or.
140	converted, purchased or otherwise acquired or cease to be outstanding.

141	(87) "Material interest" means an actual or potential benefit, including the avoidance of a detriment, other
142	than one which would devolve on the corporation or the stockholders generally, that (i) in the case of a director, would
143	reasonably be expected to impair the objectivity of the director's judgment when participating in the negotiation
144	authorization or approval of the act or transaction at issue and (ii) in the case of a stockholder or any other person
145	(other than a director), would be material to such stockholder or such other person.
146	(98) "Material relationship" means a familial, financial, professional, employment, or other relationship that
147	(i) in the case of a director, would reasonably be expected to impair the objectivity of the director's judgment when
148	participating in the negotiation, authorization or approval of the act or transaction at issue and (ii) in the case of a
149	stockholder, would be material to such stockholder.
150	Section 2. Amend § 220, Title 8 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and
151	insertions as shown by underline as follows:
152	§ 220. Inspection of books and records.
153	(a) As used in this section:
154	(1) "Books and records" means all of the following:
155	a. The certificate of incorporation, as defined in § 104 of this title, including a copy of any agreement of
156	other instrument incorporated by reference in the certificate of incorporation.
157	b. The bylaws then in effect, including a copy of any agreement or other instrument incorporated by
158	reference in the bylaws.
159	c. Minutes of all meetings of stockholders and the signed consents evidencing all action taken by
160	stockholders without a meeting, in each case for the 3 years preceding the date of the demand under subsection (b)
161	of this section.
162	d. All communications in writing or by electronic transmission to stockholders generally within the past 3
163	years preceding the date of the demand under subsection (b) of this section.
164	e. Minutes of any meeting of the board of directors or any committee of the board of directors and records
165	of any action of the board of directors or any such committee.
166	f. Materials provided to the board of directors or any committee of the board of directors in connection
167	with actions taken by the board of directors or any such committee.
168	g. Annual financial statements of the corporation for the 3 years preceding the date of the demand under
169	subsection (b) of this section.
170	h. Any agreement entered into under § 122(18) of this title.

171	i. Director and officer independence questionnaires.
172	(2) "Proper purpose" means a purpose reasonably related to a stockholder's interest as a stockholder.
173	(1)(3) "Stockholder" means a person who is a holder of record of stock in a stock corporation, or a person
174	who is the beneficial owner of shares of such stock held either in a voting trust or by a nominee on behalf of such
175	person.
176	(2)(4) "Subsidiary" means any entity directly or indirectly owned, in whole or in part, by the corporation of
177	which the stockholder is a stockholder and over the affairs of which the corporation directly or indirectly exercises
178	control, and includes, without limitation, corporations, partnerships, limited partnerships, limited liability partnerships
179	limited liability companies, statutory trusts and/or joint ventures.
180	(3)(5) "Under oath" includes statements the declarant affirms to be true under penalty of perjury under the
181	laws of the United States or any state.
182	(b)(1) Any Subject to paragraph (b)(2) of this section, any stockholder, in person or by attorney or other agent
183	shall, upon written demand under oath stating the purpose thereof, have the right during the usual hours for business to
184	inspect for any proper purpose, and to make copies and extracts from:
185	(1)a. The corporation's stock ledger, a list of its stockholders, and its other books and records; and
186	(2)b. A subsidiary's books and records, to the extent that:
187	a.1. The corporation has actual possession and control of such records of such subsidiary; or
188	b.2. The corporation could obtain such records through the exercise of control over such subsidiary
189	provided that as of the date of the making of the demand:
190	1.A. The stockholder inspection of such books and records of the subsidiary would not constitute
191	a breach of an agreement between the corporation or the subsidiary and a person or persons not affiliated
192	with the corporation; and
193	2.B. The subsidiary would not have the right under the law applicable to it to deny the
194	corporation access to such books and records upon demand by the corporation.
195	(2) A stockholder may inspect and copy the corporation's books and records only if all of the following apply:
196	a. The stockholder's demand is made in good faith and for a proper purpose.
197	b. The stockholder's demand describes with reasonable particularity the stockholder's purpose and the
198	books and records the stockholder seeks to inspect.
199	c. The books and records sought are specifically related to the stockholder's purpose.

(3) The corporation may impose reasonable restrictions on the confidentiality, use, or distribution of books and records and may require, as a condition to producing books and records to a stockholder under any demand under this subsection, that the stockholder agree that any information included in the corporation's books and records is deemed incorporated by reference in any complaint filed by or at the direction of the stockholder in relation to the subject matter referenced in the demand. The corporation may redact portions of any books and records produced to such stockholder under this subsection to the extent the portions so redacted are not specifically related to the stockholder's purpose.

## (4) This section does not affect:

a. The right of a stockholder to seek discovery of books and records if the stockholder is in litigation with the corporation, to the same extent as any other litigant; or

b. The power of a court, independently of this chapter, to compel the production of corporate records for inspection and to impose reasonable restrictions as provided in paragraph (b)(3) of this section, provided that, in the case of production of books and records described in paragraph (a)(1) of this section at the request of a stockholder, the stockholder has met the requirements of this subsection.

- (5) In every instance where the stockholder is other than a record holder of stock in a stock corporation, or a member of a nonstock corporation, the demand under oath shall state the person's status as a stockholder, be accompanied by documentary evidence of beneficial ownership of the stock, and state that such documentary evidence is a true and correct copy of what it purports to be. A proper purpose shall mean a purpose reasonably related to such person's interest as a stockholder.
- (6) In every instance where an attorney or other agent shall be the person who seeks the right to inspection, the demand under oath shall be accompanied by a power of attorney or such other writing which authorizes the attorney or other agent to so act on behalf of the stockholder.
- (7) The demand under oath shall be directed to the corporation at its registered office in this State or at its principal place of business.
- (d) Any director shall have the right to examine the corporation's stock ledger, a list of its stockholders and stockholders, its other books and records records, and other corporate records for a purpose reasonably related to the director's position as a director. The Court of Chancery is hereby vested with the exclusive jurisdiction to determine whether a director is entitled to the inspection sought. The Court may summarily order the corporation to permit the director to inspect any and all books and records, the stock-ledger and ledger, the list of stockholders stockholders, the books and records, and other corporate records and to make copies or extracts therefrom. The burden of proof shall be upon

the corporation to establish that the inspection such director seeks is for an improper purpose. The Court may, in its 231 discretion, prescribe any limitations or conditions with reference to the inspection, or award such other and further relief as 232 the Court may deem just and proper. 233 (e) In any proceeding brought by a stockholder under subsection (c) of this section to compel the inspection of 234 book and records, the Court of Chancery may not order the corporation to produce any records of the corporation other than 235 the books and records set forth in paragraph (a)(1) of this section, except as otherwise expressly provided in subsection (f) 236 or subsection (g) of this section. 237 (f) If the corporation does not have any of the books and records described in paragraphs (a)(1)c., (a)(1)e., or 238 (a)(1)g. of this section or, in the case of corporation that has a class of stock listed on a national securities exchange, 239 paragraph (a)(1)i. of this section, the Court of Chancery may order the corporation to produce additional records of the 240 corporation constituting the functional equivalent of any such books and records in response to a demand for inspection 241 brought by a stockholder under subsection (b) of this section and to impose reasonable restrictions as provided in paragraph 242 (b)(3) of this section, only if and to the extent the stockholder has met the requirements of subsection (b) of this section, and 243 only to the extent necessary and essential to fulfill the stockholder's proper purpose. 244 (g) In any proceeding brought by a stockholder under subsection (c) of this section to compel the inspection of 245 book and records, the Court of Chancery may order the corporation to produce, in addition to any books and records or 246 other records ordered to be produced pursuant to subsection (e) of this section, other specific records of the corporation 247 only if and to the extent: 248 (1) such stockholder has met the requirements of subsection (b) of this section; 249 (2) such stockholder has made a showing of a compelling need for an inspection of such records to further the stockholder's proper purpose; and 250 251 (3) such stockholder has demonstrated by clear and convincing evidence that such specific records are necessary 252 and essential to further such purpose. 253 (h) The Court of Chancery may impose reasonable restrictions as provided in paragraph (b)(3) of this section to 254 any records of the corporation produced pursuant to subsection (f) or subsection (g) of this section. 255 Section 3. Sections 1 and 2 of this Act shall take effect on the date the Governor signs this Act and shall apply to 256 all acts and transactions (including demands to inspect books and records), whether occurring before, on or after such date, 257 except that Sections 1 and 2 of this Act shall not apply to or affect any action or proceeding commenced in a court of 258 competent jurisdiction that is completed or pending on or before February 17, 2025.

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### **SYNOPSIS**

Section 1 of this Act amends § 144 of Title 8 to provide safe harbor procedures for acts or transactions in which one or more directors or officers as well as controlling stockholders and members of control groups have interests or relationships that might render them interested or not independent with respect to the act or transaction. Under revised § 144(a), certain acts or transactions involving such directors or officers will be protected if approved or ratified recommended by a majority of the disinterested directors or, either serving on a board or a committee thereof, or approved or ratified by a majority of the votes cast by the disinterested stockholders entitled to vote thereon, in each case upon disclosure or in full knowledge of the material facts giving rise to the conflict or potential conflict. If a majority of the directors are not disinterested directors with respect to the act or transaction, any such disinterested director approval or recommendation must be provided through a disinterested director committee. In addition, the amendments define what parties constitute a controlling stockholder or control group and provide safe harbor procedures that can be followed to insulate from challenge specified acts or transactions from which a controlling stockholder or control group receives a unique benefit. Under new § 144(b), a controlling stockholder transaction that does not constitute a "going private transaction" may be entitled to the statutory safe harbor protection if it is <u>negotiated and approved</u> or recommended, as applicable, by a <del>committee consisting of a majority</del> of the disinterested directors or then serving on the committee, or is conditioned on the approval of or ratification by disinterested stockholders and is approved or ratified by a majority of the votes cast by the disinterested Under new § 144(c), a controlling stockholder transaction that constitutes a "going private stockholders. transaction" may be entitled to the statutory safe harbor protection if it is negotiated and approved or recommended, as applicable, by a committee consisting of a majority of disinterested directors and then serving on the committee and is conditioned on the approval of or ratification by disinterested stockholders and is approved or ratified by a vote of a majority of the votes cast by the disinterested stockholders entitled to vote thereon. With respect to any approval or recommendation by a committee, the safe harbor only applies if the act or transaction or controlling stockholder transaction, as applicable, was approved by a committee consisting of at least two directors, all of whom, in the first instance, have been determined by the board of directors to be disinterested directors. Revised § 144 provides that any approval or recommendation, as applicable, of disinterested directors or a disinterested director committee must be made in good faith and without gross negligence, making clear that the statute does not displace the common law requirements regarding core fiduciary conduct as contemplated by cases such as Flood v. Synutra International, Inc., 195 A.3d 754 (Del. 2018), and In re MFW Shareholders Litigation, 67 A.3d 496 (Del. Ch. 2013), aff'd sub nom., Kahn v. M & F Worldwide Corp., 88 A.3d 635 (Del.2014). Revised § 144 does not limit the right of any person to seek relief on the grounds that a stockholder or other person aided and abetted a breach of fiduciary duty by one or more directors. Consistent with existing case law, the stockholder or other person must have knowingly participated in a breach of fiduciary duty to establish an aiding and abetting claim. *In re Mindbody*, Inc., 2024 WL 4926910 (Del. Dec. 2, 2024). The amendments to § 144 also set forth criteria for determining the independence and disinterestedness of directors and stockholders. The amendments provide that controlling stockholders and control groups, in their capacity as such, cannot be liable for monetary damages for breach of the duty of care. § 144 is intended to provide a comprehensive liability exculpation scheme with respect to the fiduciary duties owed by stockholders and with respect to when the safe harbors in §§ 144(b) and (c) apply. § 144 does not provide for the elimination of liability or safe harbors for stockholders who are not controlling stockholders or part of a control group because those stockholders do not owe fiduciary duties to the corporation or other stockholders. The amendments do not displace any safe harbor procedures or other protections available at common law  $\tau_a$ including processes and procedures that comply with the pre-amendment common law but do not conform to the § 144 safe harbors. The references in § 144 to an act or transaction being "fair as to the corporation and its stockholders," which would apply if the applicable disinterested director and disinterested stockholder safe harbors are not used, is intended to be consistent with the entire fairness doctrine developed in the common law.

Section 2 of this Act amends § 220 of Title 8 to define the materials that a stockholder may demand to inspect pursuant to a request for books and records of the corporation. The amendments also set forth certain conditions that a stockholder must satisfy in order to make an inspection of books and records. The amendments make clear that information from books and records obtained by a stockholder from a production under § 220 will be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any complaint filed by or at the direction of a stockholder on the basis of information obtained through a demand for books and records. New § 220(b)(4) preserves whatever independent rights of inspection exist under the referenced sources and does not create any rights, either expressly or by implication. New § 220(e) provides that if the corporation does not have specified books and records, including minutes of board and committee meetings, actions of board or any committee, financial statements and director and

officer independence questionnaires, the Court of Chancery may order the production of additional corporate records necessary and essential for the stockholder's proper purpose. New § 220(g) provides that a stockholder may obtain additional specific records if the stockholder has made a showing of a compelling need to further a proper purpose for the inspection and has demonstrated by clear and convincing evidence that such specific records are necessary and essential to further such purpose.

Section 3 of this Act provides that Sections 1 and 2 of this Act shall take effect on the date the Governor signs this Act and shall apply to all acts and transactions (including demands to inspect books and records), whether occurring before, on or after such date, except that Sections 1 and 2 of this Act shall not apply to or affect any action or proceeding commenced in a court of competent jurisdiction that is completed or pending on or before February 17, 2025. The lack of retroactivity to pending actions and proceedings shall not in any way affect the ability of a court, by reference to existing case law, to reach an outcome consistent with one that would be dictated by this Act.

This Act requires a greater than majority vote for passage because § 1 of Article IX of the Delaware Constitution requires the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members elected to each house of the General Assembly to amend the general corporation law.