

## ETHICS VIDEO UPDATE

In 2007, following the last update of the Ethics Act Video, the Alaska Legislature passed a number of amendments to the Executive Branch Ethics Act. Some of those amendments modify information accompanying the dramatizations illustrating ethics issues in the video or add new rules that you should know.

The definition of “official action” was changed to include the words “advice, participation, or assistance” suggesting a broader concept than the original definition.

The definition of “matter” in the Ethics Act section addressing post state employment was changed to eliminate an exception for work on legislation and regulations. That is, work on legislation or regulations may now result in a post state employment limitation.

There is a new rule relating to gifts. All gifts from lobbyists required to be registered with the Alaska Public Offices Commission, regardless of value, are presumed to be improper, unless the giver is an immediate family member of the public officer.

The video refers to four forms available to assist in making the disclosures required by the Ethics Act. Additional forms have been added and may be found on the Department of Law’s ethics web page.

There are provisions of the Ethics Act Code of Conduct that are not discussed in the video. If you are uncertain whether your circumstances may result in a violation of the Ethics Act, you should review the Act and consult with your ethics supervisor.