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Attorney General Office Amendments

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Chief Sponsor: Ken Ivory

Senate Sponsor: 2 LONG TITLE 3 **General Description:** 4 5 This bill addresses the attorney general and the Office of Attorney General. 6 **Highlighted Provisions:** This bill: 7 8 describes the attorney general's ethical obligations in relation to the Office of Attorney 9 General; and 10 requires the attorney general to discharge the attorney general's duties in an ethical 11 manner. 12 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:** 13 None 14 **Other Special Clauses:** 15 None **Utah Code Sections Affected:** 16 **ENACTS:** 17 18 **67-5-1.7**, Utah Code Annotated 1953 19 20 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah: 21 Section 1. Section **67-5-1.7** is enacted to read: <u>67-5-1.7</u>. Ethical Obligations -- Office and position of attorney general. 23 (1) The attorney general shall:

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- (a) treat the Office of Attorney General as a public trust:
- (b) use the powers and resources of the Office of Attorney General to advance the public interest and public confidence in the institutions of the state;
- (c) ensure that the Office of Attorney General is not used for personal or financial gain; and
 - (d) ensure that private or special interests do not improperly or unduly influence the actions of the Office of Attorney General.

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31	(2) In order to ensure that the standards described in Subsection (1) are pursued and upheld.
32	the attorney general shall:
33	(a) conduct all official duties described in Section 67-5-1 with integrity and in a manner
34	that justifies the confidence placed in the attorney general by the people of Utah;
35	(b) promote policies that reflect, to the fullest extent, the interests of the public;
36	(c) provide timely and transparent responses to public record requests and legislative
37	inquiries, subject to legal limitations; and
38	(d) in accordance with Title 20A, Chapter 11, Part 16, Conflict of Interest Disclosures,
39	disclose any financial, personal, or professional interest that conflicts with, or that
10	could reasonably be perceived as conflicting with, the duties of the position of
4 1	attorney general.
12	Section 2. Effective Date.
13	This bill takes effect on May 7, 2025.