

**ESTATES AND PROTECTED INDIVIDUALS CODE (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 386 of 1998**

**700.7402 Creating trust; requirements.**

Sec. 7402. (1) A trust is created only if all of the following apply:

- (a) The settlor has capacity to create a trust.
- (b) The settlor indicates an intention to create the trust.
- (c) The trust has a definite beneficiary or is either of the following:
  - (i) A charitable trust.

(ii) A trust for a noncharitable purpose under section 7409 or a trust for the care of an animal under section 7408.

- (d) The trustee has duties to perform.
- (e) The same person is not the sole trustee and sole beneficiary.

(2) A trust beneficiary is definite if the trust beneficiary can be ascertained now or in the future, subject to any applicable rule against perpetuities.

(3) A power in a trustee to select a trust beneficiary from an indefinite class is valid only in a charitable trust.

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