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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Business Entity Names**

3 FOR the purpose of consolidating various statutes relating to the names of business  
4 entities; altering the standard by which business entity names are accepted or  
5 rejected by the Department of Assessments and Taxation; providing exceptions  
6 to the standards for preexisting business entity names; imposing certain  
7 restrictions on the transferee of a reserved entity name under certain  
8 circumstances; granting the State Department of Assessments and Taxation  
9 authority to adopt regulations to implement this Act; and generally relating to  
10 business entity names.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Article - Corporations and Associations  
13 Section 1-406(b), 2-106, 4A-208, 4A-1004, 5-106, 7-101, 7-203(c), 10-102,  
14 10-103, 10-805(a) and 10-904  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (1993 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
18 Article - Corporations and Associations  
19 Section 9-1003, 9-1004, and 9-1103  
20 Annotated Code of Maryland  
21 (1993 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)  
22 (As enacted by Chapter 654 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1997)

23 BY adding to

1 Article - Corporations and Associations  
2 Section 1-501 through 1-508, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle  
3 5. Entity Names"  
4 Annotated Code of Maryland  
5 (1993 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

6 BY repealing  
7 Article - Corporations and Associations  
8 Section 2-107  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (1993 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
12 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

13 **Article - Corporations and Associations**

14 1-406.

15 (b) [(1) Except as provided under paragraph (2) of this subsection, the] THE  
16 name, title, or designation under which a business is conducted SHALL BE RECORDED  
17 WITH THE DEPARTMENT AS PROVIDED IN SUBTITLE 5 OF THIS TITLE. [may not be the  
18 same as or misleadingly similar to:

19 (i) The name of any Maryland corporation, limited partnership,  
20 limited liability partnership, or limited liability company;

21 (ii) The name of any foreign corporation, limited partnership,  
22 limited liability partnership, or limited liability company registered or qualified to do  
23 business in the State; or

24 (iii) Any name which is recorded under this section or reserved  
25 under § 2-107, § 4A-209, or § 10-103 of this article or registered under § 4A-1002, §  
26 7-101 or § 10-904 of this article.

27 (2) The name, title, or designation under which the business of a  
28 professional corporation is conducted may be the same as its corporate name with  
29 permitted omissions as allowed under § 5-109(c) of this article.]

30 **SUBTITLE 5. ENTITY NAMES.**

31 1-501.

32 IN THIS SUBTITLE, "ENTITY" INCLUDES:

33 (1) A CORPORATION;

34 (2) A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY;

- 1 (3) A LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP;
- 2 (4) A LIMITED PARTNERSHIP;
- 3 (5) A LIMITED LIABILITY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP;
- 4 (6) A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION; AND
- 5 (7) A TRADE NAME FILER.

6 1-502.

7 (A) THE NAME OF A CORPORATION MUST INCLUDE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING  
8 WORDS OR AN ABBREVIATION OF ONE OF THE FOLLOWING WORDS:

9 (1) "COMPANY", IF IT IS NOT PRECEDED BY THE WORD "AND" OR A  
10 SYMBOL FOR THE WORD "AND";

11 (2) "CORPORATION";

12 (3) "INCORPORATED"; OR

13 (4) "LIMITED".

14 (B) THE NAME OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY MUST INCLUDE:

15 (1) THE WORDS "LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY";

16 (2) "L.L.C.";

17 (3) "LLC";

18 (4) "L.C."; OR

19 (5) "LC".

20 (C) THE NAME OF A LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP MUST INCLUDE:

21 (1) THE WORDS "LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP";

22 (2) "L.L.P."; OR

23 (3) "LLP".

24 (D) THE NAME OF A LIMITED PARTNERSHIP MUST INCLUDE, ~~WITHOUT~~  
25 ~~ABBREVIATION;~~

26 (1) THE WORDS "LIMITED PARTNERSHIP";

27 (2) "L.P."; OR

28 (3) "LP".

1 ~~(E)~~ (E) THE NAME OF A LIMITED LIABILITY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP MUST  
2 INCLUDE:

3 (1) THE WORDS "LIMITED LIABILITY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP";

4 (2) "L.L.L.P." OR

5 (3) "LLLP".

6 ~~(E)~~ (F) (1) THE CORPORATE NAME OF A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION  
7 MUST INCLUDE:

8 (I) THE WORD "CHARTERED";

9 (II) THE ABBREVIATION "CHTD.";

10 (III) THE WORDS "PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION";

11 (IV) THE ABBREVIATION "P.A.";

12 (V) THE WORDS "PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION"; OR

13 (VI) THE ABBREVIATION "P.C.".

14 (2) A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION NEED NOT USE ANY WORD  
15 SPECIFIED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION IF:

16 (I) THE CORPORATION HAS REGISTERED THE NAME TO BE USED  
17 IN THE MANNER PROVIDED IN § 1-406 OF THIS ARTICLE; AND

18 (II) THE NAME IS THE SAME AS ITS CORPORATE NAME EXCEPT FOR  
19 THE ALLOWABLE OMISSIONS.

20 1-503.

21 (A) AN ENTITY NAME MAY NOT CONTAIN LANGUAGE STATING OR IMPLYING  
22 THAT THE ENTITY IS ORGANIZED FOR A PURPOSE OTHER THAN THAT ALLOWED BY  
23 THE ENTITY'S:

24 (1) ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION, IF THE ENTITY IS A CORPORATION;

25 (2) ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION, IF THE ENTITY IS A LIMITED LIABILITY  
26 COMPANY;

27 (3) CERTIFICATE OF LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP, IF THE ENTITY  
28 IS A LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP;

29 (4) CERTIFICATE OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, IF THE ENTITY IS A  
30 LIMITED PARTNERSHIP; OR

1 (5) ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION, IF THE ENTITY IS A PROFESSIONAL  
2 CORPORATION.

3 (B) THE NAME OF A LIMITED PARTNERSHIP MAY NOT CONTAIN THE NAME OF  
4 A LIMITED PARTNER UNLESS:

5 (1) IT IS ALSO THE NAME OF A GENERAL PARTNER; OR

6 (2) THE BUSINESS OF THE LIMITED PARTNERSHIP HAD BEEN CARRIED  
7 ON UNDER THE NAME BEFORE THE ADMISSION OF THAT LIMITED PARTNER.

8 (C) EXCEPT FOR WORDS SPECIFIED IN ~~§ 1-502(E)~~ § 1-502(F) OF THIS SUBTITLE,  
9 THE NAME OF A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION MAY NOT USE ANY OTHER WORD,  
10 ABBREVIATION, AFFIX, OR PREFIX THAT INDICATES IT IS A CORPORATION.

11 1-504.

12 AN ENTITY NAME MUST BE DISTINGUISHABLE UPON THE RECORDS OF THE  
13 DEPARTMENT FROM:

14 (1) THE ENTITY NAME OF AN ENTITY ORGANIZED OR AUTHORIZED TO  
15 TRANSACT BUSINESS IN THE STATE;

16 (2) AN ENTITY NAME RESERVED OR REGISTERED UNDER THIS  
17 SUBTITLE; AND

18 (3) THE DISCLOSED ASSUMED NAME ADOPTED BY A FOREIGN ENTITY  
19 AUTHORIZED TO TRANSACT BUSINESS IN THIS STATE.

20 1-505.

21 (A) (1) A PERSON MAY RESERVE THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF AN ENTITY NAME,  
22 INCLUDING A DISCLOSED ASSUMED NAME FOR A FOREIGN ENTITY WHOSE ENTITY  
23 NAME IS NOT AVAILABLE, BY DELIVERING AN APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT  
24 FOR FILING.

25 (2) THE APPLICATION MUST SET FORTH THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF  
26 THE APPLICANT AND THE ENTITY NAME PROPOSED TO BE RESERVED.

27 (3) IF THE DEPARTMENT FINDS THAT THE ENTITY NAME APPLIED FOR  
28 IS AVAILABLE, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL RESERVE THE NAME FOR THE APPLICANT'S  
29 EXCLUSIVE USE FOR A 30-DAY PERIOD.

30 (B) (1) THE OWNER OF A RESERVED ENTITY NAME MAY TRANSFER THE  
31 RESERVATION TO ANOTHER PERSON BY DELIVERING TO THE DEPARTMENT A  
32 SIGNED NOTICE OF THE TRANSFER THAT STATES THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE  
33 TRANSFEREE.

34 (2) THE TRANSFEREE UNDER THIS SUBSECTION:

1                   (I)     HAS THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF THE RESERVED ENTITY NAME FOR  
2 A 30-DAY PERIOD STARTING FROM THE DATE OF THE OWNER'S SIGNED NOTICE OF  
3 THE TRANSFER PROVIDED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION; AND

4                   (II)    MAY NOT TRANSFER THE RESERVED ENTITY NAME TO  
5 ANOTHER PERSON.

6 1-506.

7       (A)     A FOREIGN ENTITY MAY REGISTER ITS ENTITY NAME OR ITS ENTITY NAME  
8 WITH ANY CHANGES REQUIRED BY § 1-502 OR § 1-503 OF THIS SUBTITLE, IF THE  
9 NAME IS DISTINGUISHABLE UPON THE RECORDS OF THE DEPARTMENT AS PROVIDED  
10 IN § 1-504 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

11       (B)     A FOREIGN ENTITY SHALL REGISTER ITS ENTITY NAME BY DELIVERING TO  
12 THE DEPARTMENT FOR FILING AN APPLICATION SETTING FORTH ITS ENTITY NAME,  
13 OR ITS ENTITY NAME WITH ANY CHANGES REQUIRED BY § 1-502 OR § 1-503 OF THIS  
14 SUBTITLE, THE STATE OR COUNTRY AND DATE OF ITS ORGANIZATION, AND A BRIEF  
15 DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE OF THE BUSINESS IN WHICH IT IS ENGAGED.

16       (C)     THE NAME IS REGISTERED FOR THE APPLICANT'S EXCLUSIVE USE UPON  
17 THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE APPLICATION.

18       (D)     (1)     A FOREIGN CORPORATION WHOSE REGISTRATION IS EFFECTIVE MAY  
19 RENEW IT FOR SUCCESSIVE YEARS BY DELIVERING TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR  
20 FILING A RENEWAL APPLICATION, WHICH COMPLIES WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF  
21 SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, BETWEEN OCTOBER 1 AND DECEMBER 31 OF THE  
22 PRECEDING YEAR.

23               (2)     THE RENEWAL APPLICATION WHEN FILED RENEWS THE  
24 REGISTRATION FOR THE FOLLOWING CALENDAR YEAR.

25 1-507.

26       AN ENTITY NAME THAT WAS RECORDED, REGISTERED, OR RESERVED PRIOR TO  
27 OCTOBER 1, 1998, MAY CONTINUE TO BE USED EVEN IF THE NAME DOES NOT COMPLY  
28 WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBTITLE.

29 1-508.

30       THE DEPARTMENT MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS  
31 SUBTITLE.

32 2-106.

33       (A)     A CORPORATION SHALL RECORD ITS NAME WITH THE DEPARTMENT AS  
34 PROVIDED IN TITLE 1, SUBTITLE 5 OF THIS ARTICLE.

1 [(a) The name of the corporation shall indicate its corporate status. Corporate  
2 status is indicated if the name contains one of the following words or an abbreviation  
3 of one of them:

4 (1) "Company", if it is not preceded by the word "and" or a symbol for  
5 "and";

6 (2) "Corporation";

7 (3) "Incorporated"; or

8 (4) "Limited".

9 (b) The name of a corporation may not:

10 (1) Contain any word or phrase which indicates or implies that it is  
11 organized for any purpose not contained in its charter; or

12 (2) Be the same as or misleadingly similar to:

13 (i) The name of any Maryland corporation, limited partnership,  
14 limited liability partnership, or limited liability company;

15 (ii) The name of any foreign corporation, limited partnership,  
16 limited liability partnership, or limited liability company registered or qualified to do  
17 business in this State;

18 (iii) Any name which is recorded under § 1-406 or reserved under §  
19 2-107, § 4A-209, § 9-804, or § 10-103 or registered under § 4A-1002, § 7-101, or §  
20 10-904 of this article; or

21 (iv) A name that a foreign corporation has assumed under  
22 subsection (c) of this section.]

23 [(c)] (B) The Department may permit a foreign corporation that has a name  
24 prohibited by [subsection (b)(2) of this section] TITLE 1, SUBTITLE 5 OF THIS ARTICLE  
25 to register or qualify to do business in this State, if the foreign corporation agrees:

26 (1) To transact business in this State only under a disclosed assumed  
27 name that meets the requirements of [this section;] TITLE 1, SUBTITLE 5 OF THIS  
28 ARTICLE; and

29 (2) To use the assumed name in all of its dealings with the Department  
30 and the conduct of its affairs in this State.

31 [2-107.

32 (a) The exclusive right to use a specified name for a corporation may be  
33 reserved by:

34 (1) A person who intends to organize a Maryland corporation;

1 (2) A Maryland corporation which proposes to change its name;

2 (3) A foreign corporation which intends to register or qualify to do  
3 business in this State; or

4 (4) A foreign corporation registered or qualified to do business in this  
5 State which proposes to change its name.

6 (b) (1) A person may reserve a specified name by filing a signed application  
7 with the Department.

8 (2) If the Department finds that the name is available for corporate use,  
9 the Department shall reserve the name for 30 days for the exclusive use of the  
10 applicant.

11 (c) The exclusive right to use a reserved name may be transferred to another  
12 person or corporation by filing with the Department a notice of the transfer which  
13 specifies the name and address of the transferee and is signed by the applicant for  
14 whom the name was reserved.]

15 4A-208.

16 The name of each limited liability company as set forth in its articles of  
17 ORGANIZATION SHALL COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF TITLE 1, SUBTITLE 5  
18 OF THIS ARTICLE. [organization:

19 (1) Shall contain either the words "limited liability company" or any of  
20 the following abbreviations:

21 (i) "L.L.C.";

22 (ii) "LLC";

23 (iii) "L.C."; or

24 (iv) "LC";

25 (2) May not contain any word or phrase which indicates or implies that it  
26 is organized for any purpose not stated in its articles of organization; and

27 (3) May not be the same as or misleadingly similar to:

28 (i) The name of any corporation, limited partnership, or limited  
29 liability company organized under the laws of this State;

30 (ii) The name of any foreign corporation, foreign limited  
31 partnership, or foreign limited liability company registered or qualified to do business  
32 in this State; or

33 (iii) Any name which is reserved or registered under § 2-107, §  
34 4A-209, § 7-101, § 10-103, or § 10-904 or recorded under § 1-406 of this article.]

1 4A-1004.

2 A foreign limited liability company may register with the Department under any  
3 name, whether or not it is the name under which it is registered in its state of  
4 ORGANIZATION, AS PROVIDED UNDER TITLE 1, SUBTITLE 5 OF THIS ARTICLE  
5 [organization, that could be registered by a domestic limited liability company].

6 5-106.

7 [(a)] The name of a domestic professional corporation or of a foreign  
8 professional corporation authorized to transact business in the State MUST COMPLY  
9 WITH TITLE 1, SUBTITLE 5 OF THIS ARTICLE. [must:

10 (1) Satisfy the requirements of § 2-106(b) of this article; and

11 (2) Contain the words "professional corporation", "professional  
12 association", or "chartered", or the abbreviations "P.C.", "P.A.", or "Chtd".

13 (b) Except for words specified in subsection (a)(2) of this section, a professional  
14 corporation may not use in its corporate name any other word, abbreviation, affix, or  
15 prefix which indicates that it is a corporation.

16 (c) A professional corporation need not use any word specified under  
17 subsection (a)(2) of this section in its corporate name if:

18 (1) The corporation has registered the name to be used in the manner  
19 provided in § 1-406 of this article; and

20 (2) The name is the same as its corporate name except for the permitted  
21 omissions.]

22 7-101.

23 [(a)] Any foreign corporation may register its name in this State AS PROVIDED  
24 UNDER TITLE 1, SUBTITLE 5 OF THIS ARTICLE. [if the name is not the same as or  
25 misleadingly similar to:

26 (1) The name of any Maryland corporation, limited partnership, limited  
27 liability partnership, or limited liability company;

28 (2) The name of any foreign corporation, limited partnership, limited  
29 liability partnership, or limited liability company registered or qualified to do  
30 business in this State; or

31 (3) Any name reserved under § 2-107, § 4A-209, § 9-804, or § 10-103 of  
32 this article, registered under this section, § 4A-1002, or § 10-904 of this article, or  
33 recorded under § 1-406 of this article.

34 (b) To register its name, the corporation shall file with the Department:

1 (1) An application for registration, executed for and verified by an officer  
2 of the corporation, which sets forth:

3 (i) The name of the corporation;

4 (ii) The place where it is organized;

5 (iii) The date of its organization;

6 (iv) A statement that it is carrying on business; and

7 (v) A brief description of the business in which it is engaged; and

8 (2) A certificate which:

9 (i) States that the corporation is in good standing under the laws of  
10 the place where it is organized; and

11 (ii) Is executed by the official of that place who has custody of the  
12 pertinent records.

13 (c) A registration is effective until the end of the calendar year in which the  
14 application for registration is filed.

15 (d) (1) A corporation which registers its name may renew the registration  
16 annually by filing:

17 (i) An application for renewal; and

18 (ii) A certificate of good standing as required for the original  
19 registration.

20 (2) A renewal application may be filed between October 1 and December  
21 31 of each year.

22 (3) A renewal application extends the registration for the following  
23 calendar year.]

24 7-203.

25 (c) Unless terminated by the corporation, the qualification is effective as long  
26 as:

27 (1) The corporation has a resident agent in this State;

28 (2) The corporation does not forfeit its right to do intrastate business  
29 under the laws of this State; and

30 (3) If the corporation qualifies or changes its name after June 1, 1951,  
31 the name of the corporation complies with the requirements of Title [2] 1, SUBTITLE  
32 5 of this article [relating to corporate names].

1 9-1003.

2 The name of each limited liability partnership as set forth in the certificate of  
3 limited liability PARTNERSHIP SHALL COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE 1,  
4 SUBTITLE 5 OF THIS ARTICLE. [partnership:

5 (1) Shall contain either the words "limited liability partnership" or the  
6 abbreviation "L.L.P." or "LLP" as the last words or letters of its name;

7 (2) May not contain any word or phrase which indicates or implies that it  
8 is organized for any purpose not stated in its certificate of limited liability  
9 partnership; and

10 (3) May not be the same as or misleadingly similar to:

11 (i) The name of any corporation, limited partnership, limited  
12 liability company, or limited liability partnership organized under the laws of this  
13 State;

14 (ii) The name of any foreign corporation, foreign limited  
15 partnership, foreign limited liability company, or foreign limited liability partnership  
16 registered or qualified to do business in this State; or

17 (iii) Any name which is reserved or registered under § 2-107, §  
18 4A-209, § 7-101, § 9-1004, § 10-103, or § 10-904 of this article or recorded under §  
19 1-406 of this article.]

20 9-1004.

21 [(a)] The exclusive right to use a specified name for a domestic or foreign  
22 limited liability partnership may be reserved AS PROVIDED IN TITLE 1, SUBTITLE 5 OF  
23 THIS ARTICLE. [by:

24 (1) A person who intends to register a domestic limited liability  
25 partnership;

26 (2) A domestic limited liability partnership that proposes to change its  
27 name;

28 (3) A foreign limited liability partnership that intends to register to do  
29 business in this State; or

30 (4) A foreign limited liability partnership registered to do business in  
31 this State that proposes to change its name.

32 (b) (1) A person may reserve a specified name by filing a signed application  
33 with the Department.

34 (2) If the Department finds that the name is available for use by a  
35 limited liability partnership, the Department shall reserve the name for 30 days for  
36 the exclusive use of the applicant.

1 (c) The exclusive right to use a reserved name may be transferred to another  
2 person by filing with the Department a notice of the transfer which specifies the  
3 name and address of the transferee and is signed by the applicant for whom the name  
4 was reserved.]

5 9-1103.

6 A foreign limited liability partnership may register with the Department under  
7 any name, whether or not it is the name under which it is registered in its state of  
8 ORGANIZATION AS PROVIDED IN TITLE 1, SUBTITLE 5 OF THIS ARTICLE [organization,  
9 that could be registered by a domestic limited liability partnership].

10 10-102.

11 The name of each limited partnership as set forth in its CERTIFICATE SHALL  
12 COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF TITLE 1, SUBTITLE 5 OF THIS ARTICLE.  
13 [certificate:

14 (1) Shall contain without abbreviation the words "limited partnership";

15 (2) May not contain the name of a limited partner unless:

16 (i) It is also the name of a general partner; or

17 (ii) The business of the limited partnership had been carried on  
18 under that name before the admission of that limited partner;

19 (3) May not contain any word or phrase which indicates or implies that it  
20 is organized for any purpose not stated in its certificate; and

21 (4) May not be the same as or misleadingly similar to:

22 (i) The name of any corporation, limited liability company, limited  
23 partnership, or limited liability partnership organized under the laws of the State of  
24 Maryland;

25 (ii) The name of any foreign corporation, foreign limited liability  
26 company, foreign limited partnership, or foreign limited liability partnership  
27 registered or qualified to do business in the State of Maryland; or

28 (iii) Any name which is reserved or registered under § 2-107, §  
29 4A-209, § 4A-1002, § 7-101, § 10-103, or § 10-904, or recorded under § 1-406 of this  
30 article.]

31 10-103.

32 [(a)] The exclusive right to use a specified name for a domestic or foreign  
33 limited partnership may be reserved AS PROVIDED IN TITLE 1, SUBTITLE 5 OF THIS  
34 ARTICLE. [by:

35 (1) A person who intends to organize a domestic limited partnership;

1 (2) A domestic limited partnership which proposes to change its name;

2 (3) A foreign limited partnership which intends to register to do business  
3 in the State of Maryland; or

4 (4) A foreign limited partnership registered to do business in the State of  
5 Maryland which proposes to change its name.

6 (b) (1) A person may reserve a specified name by filing a signed application  
7 with the Department.

8 (2) If the Department finds that the name is available for use by a  
9 limited partnership, the Department shall reserve the name for 30 days for the  
10 exclusive use of the applicant.

11 (c) The exclusive right to use a reserved name may be transferred to another  
12 person by filing with the Department a notice of the transfer which specifies the  
13 name and address of the transferee and is signed by the applicant for whom the name  
14 was reserved.]

15 10-805.

16 (a) A limited partnership may register as a limited liability partnership under  
17 § 9-801 of this article by:

18 (1) Including, in the limited partnership's certificate of limited  
19 partnership filed under § 10-201 of this title or in an amendment of its certificate of  
20 limited partnership filed under § 10-202 of this title, the information described in §  
21 9-801(a) of this article; and

22 (2) Using [either the words "limited liability limited partnership" or the  
23 abbreviation "L.L.L.P." or "LLLP" as the last words or letters of its name] A NAME  
24 THAT COMPLIES WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF TITLE 1, SUBTITLE 5 OF THIS  
25 ARTICLE.

26 10-904.

27 A foreign limited partnership may register with the Department under any  
28 name (whether or not it is the name under which it is registered in its state of  
29 organization) AS PROVIDED IN TITLE 1, SUBTITLE 5 OF THIS ARTICLE [that could be  
30 registered by a domestic limited partnership].

31 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
32 effect October 1, 1998.

