

# HOUSE BILL 1446

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By: **Delegate McComas**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Department of Assessments and Taxation – Registering Entity Names –**  
3 **Limitations**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting certain entity names from being registered with the State  
5 Department of Assessments and Taxation except under certain circumstances;  
6 requiring the Department to make a certain determination under certain  
7 circumstances; prohibiting the Department from registering a certain entity name  
8 under certain circumstances; prohibiting the registration of a certain entity name  
9 for a certain period of time under certain circumstances; and generally relating to  
10 registering entity names with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation.

11 BY adding to  
12 Article – Corporations and Associations  
13 Section 1–509  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Corporations and Associations**  
19 **1–509.**

20 **(A) (1) AN ENTITY NAME THAT INDICATES THE ENTITY NAME WILL BE**  
21 **USED FOR A PROFESSION OR AN OCCUPATION THAT REQUIRES LICENSURE MAY NOT**  
22 **BE REGISTERED WITH THE DEPARTMENT UNLESS THE ENTITY HAS THE**  
23 **APPROPRIATE LICENSURE.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DETERMINE WHETHER THE ENTITY**  
2 **HAS THE APPROPRIATE LICENSURE AND, IF NOT, MAY NOT REGISTER THE ENTITY**  
3 **NAME.**

4           **(B) AN ENTITY NAME THAT INCLUDES THE NAME OF AN INDIVIDUAL MAY**  
5 **NOT BE REGISTERED WITH THE DEPARTMENT UNLESS THE ENTITY REGISTERING**  
6 **THE NAME IS THAT INDIVIDUAL.**

7           **(C) IF AN ENTITY HAS FORFEITED THE RIGHT TO DO BUSINESS IN**  
8 **MARYLAND, AND THE RIGHT TO USE THE ENTITY NAME IS FORFEITED, THE ENTITY**  
9 **NAME MAY NOT BE REGISTERED WITH THE DEPARTMENT UNTIL AT LEAST 24**  
10 **MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE PROCLAMATION OF FORFEITURE.**

11           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
12 October 1, 2016.