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By: **Chairman, Economic Matters Committee (Departmental - Assessments  
and Taxation)**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Foreign Corporations - Qualification**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing the requirement that a foreign corporation provide a  
4 certificate of good standing when registering to do business in Maryland.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
6 Article - Corporations and Associations  
7 Section 7-203  
8 Annotated Code of Maryland  
9 (1993 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

12 **Article - Corporations and Associations**

13 7-203.

14 (a) Before doing any intrastate business in this State, a foreign corporation  
15 shall qualify with the Department.

16 (b) To qualify, the corporation shall[:

17 (1) Certify] CERTIFY to the Department:

18 [(i)] (1) The address of the corporation; and

19 [(ii)] (2) The name and address of its resident agent in this State[;

20 (2) File with the Department a certificate which:

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

1 (ii) Is executed by the official of that place who has custody of the  
2 pertinent records].

3 (c) Unless terminated by the corporation, the qualification is effective as long  
4 as:

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

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

8 (3) If the corporation qualifies or changes its name after June 1, 1951,  
9 the name of the corporation complies with the requirements of Title 2 of this article  
10 relating to corporate names.

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