Article - Corporations and Associations

§7–205.

(a)   As long as it is subject to suit in this State, a foreign corporation which has registered or qualified to do business in this State shall maintain:

(1)   A resident agent in this State whose name and address is certified to the Department; and

(2)   An address which is certified to the Department.

(b)   The Department may act as a resident agent for a foreign corporation that does business in this State:

(1)   Without a resident agent; or

(2)   With a resident agent who cannot be found or served with the exercise of reasonable diligence.

(c)   A foreign corporation registered or qualified to do business in this State:

(1)   At any time may certify to the Department the address of a principal office in this State, which may be a business office of the corporation; and

(2)   With respect to an address so certified, shall certify to the Department:

(i)   Any subsequent change in the address of the principal office; and

(ii)   The fact that it no longer has the principal office in this State.

(d)   Except as provided in subsection (e) of this section, each certification by a foreign corporation which relates to its resident agent, address, or principal office shall be executed for the corporation by its president or one of its vice–presidents.

(e)   A foreign corporation and its resident agent may change the resident agent, his address, or the address of a principal office of the corporation in the same manner as provided for a Maryland corporation under § 2–108 of this article.

(f)   (1)   A resident agent of a foreign corporation may resign by filing with the Department a counterpart or photocopy of his signed resignation.

(2)   Unless a later time is specified in the resignation, it is effective:

(i)   At the time it is filed with the Department, if the corporation has appointed a successor resident agent; or

(ii)   Ten days after it is filed with the Department, if the corporation has not appointed a successor resident agent.