

Chapter 247

(House Bill 308)

AN ACT concerning

Corporations and Associations – Principal Offices – Private Mailboxes

FOR the purpose of authorizing an address *in this State* supplied by a commercial mail receiving agency to be designated as the principal office of a Maryland corporation, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, or limited partnership, ~~under certain circumstances; providing for the disclosure of certain contact information by a commercial mail receiving agency;~~ and generally relating to the principal offices of corporate entities.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 Article – Corporations and Associations
 Section 1–101(a)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2025 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to
Article – Corporations and Associations
Section 1–101(h–1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2025 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – Corporations and Associations
 Section 1–101(w)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2025 Replacement Volume)

~~BY adding to~~
~~Article – Corporations and Associations~~
~~Section 1–407~~
~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
~~(2025 Replacement Volume)~~

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

Article – Corporations and Associations

1–101.

(a) In this article, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the following words have the meanings indicated.

(H-1) “COMMERCIAL MAIL RECEIVING AGENCY” MEANS A PERSON THAT IS AUTHORIZED BY THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE TO ACCEPT THE DELIVERY OF MAIL ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER PERSON AS A BUSINESS SERVICE.

(w) “Principal office” means:

(1) The place in this State filed or recorded with the Department as the principal office of a Maryland corporation, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, or limited partnership; [or]

(2) ~~SUBJECT TO § 1-407 OF THIS TITLE, AN~~ **AN ADDRESS IN THIS STATE SUPPLIED BY A COMMERCIAL MAIL RECEIVING AGENCY WITH WHICH A MARYLAND CORPORATION, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP, OR LIMITED PARTNERSHIP HAS A VALID COMMERCIAL MAIL RECEIVING AGREEMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH U.S. POSTAL SERVICE REGULATIONS; OR**

(3) If there is no principal office designated **UNDER ITEM (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION OR ADDRESS SUPPLIED UNDER ITEM (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION**, the main office of the Maryland corporation, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, or limited partnership in this State for the transaction of business.

~~1-407.~~

~~(A) IN THIS SECTION, “COMMERCIAL MAIL RECEIVING AGENCY” MEANS A PERSON THAT IS AUTHORIZED BY THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE TO ACCEPT THE DELIVERY OF MAIL ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER PERSON AS A BUSINESS SERVICE.~~

~~(B) IF A PERSON DESIGNATES AN ADDRESS PROVIDED BY A COMMERCIAL MAIL RECEIVING AGENCY AS A PRINCIPAL OFFICE FOR PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE, THE PERSON ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THE MAIL RECEIVING AGENCY SHALL PROVIDE THE CONTACT INFORMATION INCLUDED IN USPS FORM 1583 TO THE DEPARTMENT OR A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY ON REQUEST.~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2026.

Approved by the Governor, April 28, 2026.