

HOUSE BILL 308

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ENROLLED BILL

— *Economic Matters/Judicial Proceedings* —

Introduced by **Delegates Qi and Hill**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

_____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

Speaker.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Corporations and Associations – Principal Offices – Private Mailboxes**

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

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article – Corporations and Associations
11 Section 1–101(a)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2025 Replacement Volume)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



1 BY adding to
 2 Article – Corporations and Associations
 3 Section 1–101(h–1)
 4 Annotated Code of Maryland
 5 (2025 Replacement Volume)

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 7 Article – Corporations and Associations
 8 Section 1–101(w)
 9 Annotated Code of Maryland
 10 (2025 Replacement Volume)

11 ~~BY adding to~~
 12 ~~Article – Corporations and Associations~~
 13 ~~Section 1–407~~
 14 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
 15 ~~(2025 Replacement Volume)~~

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 1–101.

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

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

25 (w) “Principal office” means:

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

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

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

5 ~~1-407.~~

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

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

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

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.