

HOUSE BILL 308

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By: **Delegates Qi and Hill**

Introduced and read first time: January 15, 2026

Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing an address supplied by a commercial mail receiving agency
4 to be designated as the principal office of a Maryland corporation, limited liability
5 company, limited liability partnership, or limited partnership, under certain
6 circumstances; providing for the disclosure of certain contact information by a
7 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)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article – Corporations and Associations
16 Section 1–101(w)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2025 Replacement Volume)

19 BY adding to
20 Article – Corporations and Associations
21 Section 1–407
22 Annotated Code of Maryland
23 (2025 Replacement Volume)

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

26 **Article – Corporations and Associations**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 1–101.

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

4 (w) “Principal office” means:

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

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

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

17 **1–407.**

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

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

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