SENATE SUBSTITUTE

FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 799

AN ACT

To repeal sections 347.015, 347.179, 351.015, 351.065, 354.010, 354.150, 355.021, 355.066, 357.060, 358.020, 358.440, 359.011, 359.651, 394.020, 394.250, and 417.220, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof sixteen new sections relating to business fees, with an existing penalty provision.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

- 1 Section A. Sections 347.015, 347.179, 351.015, 351.065,
- 2 354.010, 354.150, 355.021, 355.066, 357.060, 358.020, 358.440,
- 3 359.011, 359.651, 394.020, 394.250, and 417.220, RSMo, are
- 4 repealed and sixteen new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be
- 5 known as sections 347.015, 347.179, 351.015, 351.065, 354.010,
- 6 354.150, 355.021, 355.066, 357.060, 358.020, 358.440, 359.011,
- 7 359.651, 394.020, 394.250, and 417.220, to read as follows:
- 8 347.015. As used in sections 347.010 to 347.187, the
- 9 following terms mean:
- 10 (1) "Articles of organization", the articles referred to in
- section 347.039, filed with the secretary for the purpose of
- forming a limited liability company, as the same may be amended
- or restated from time to time as provided in sections 347.010 to
- 14 347.187;
- 15 (2) "Authorized person", manager, or member, if management
- of the limited liability company is vested in the members;
- 17 (3) "Bankruptcy", the entry of an order for relief by the

- 1 court in a proceeding under the United States Bankruptcy Code,
- 2 Title 11, U.S.C., as amended, or its equivalent under a state
- 3 insolvency act or a similar law of other jurisdictions;
- 4 (4) "Business" includes every trade, occupation or
- 5 profession;
- 6 (5) "Contribution", cash, other property, the use of
- 7 property, services rendered, a promissory note or other binding
- 8 obligation to contribute cash or property or perform services or
- 9 any other valuable consideration transferred by a person to the
- 10 limited liability company as a prerequisite for membership in the
- limited liability company and any subsequent transfer to the
- 12 limited liability company by a person in his capacity as a
- 13 member;
- 14 (6) "Court", includes every court and judge having
- 15 jurisdiction in the case;
- 16 (7) "Domestic limited liability company" or "limited
- 17 liability company", a limited liability company organized and
- existing under sections 347.010 to 347.187;
- 19 (8) "Event of withdrawal", an event that causes a person to
- cease to be a member as provided in section 347.123;
- 21 (9) "Foreign limited liability company", a limited
- liability company formed under the laws of any jurisdiction other
- than the state of Missouri:
- 24 (10) "Manager", with respect to a limited liability company
- 25 whose articles of organization state that management of the
- limited liability company is vested in one or more managers, the
- 27 person or persons designated, appointed or elected as such in the
- 28 manner provided in subsection 2 of section 347.079;

- "Member", any person that signs in person or by an 1 2 attorney in fact, or otherwise is a party to the operating agreement at the time the limited liability company is formed and 3 4 is identified as a member in that operating agreement and any 5 person who is subsequently admitted as a member in a limited 6 liability company in accordance with sections 347.010 to 347.187 7 and the operating agreement, until such time as an event of 8 withdrawal occurs with respect to such person;
- 9 (12) "Member's interest", a member's share of the profits 10 and losses of a limited liability company and the right to 11 receive distributions of limited liability company assets;

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- (13) "Military spouse", any person who is the spouse of a uniformed services member;
- (14) "Operating agreement", any valid agreement or agreements, written or oral, among all members, or written declaration by the sole member concerning the conduct of the business and affairs of the limited liability company and the relative rights, duties and obligations of the members and managers, if any;
- 20 [(14)] (15) "Organizer", any of the signers of the articles of organization;
 - [(15)] (16) "Person", includes individuals, partnerships, domestic or foreign limited partnerships, domestic or foreign limited liability companies, domestic or foreign corporations, trusts, business trusts, employee stock ownership trusts, real estate investment trusts, estates, associations, and other business or not-for-profit entities;
- [(16)] (17) "Real property", includes land, any interest,

- 1 leasehold or estate in land and any improvements thereon;
- 2 [(17)] (18) "Secretary", the secretary of state for the
- 3 state of Missouri and its delegates responsible for the
- 4 administration of sections 347.010 to 347.187;
- 5 [(18)] $\underline{(19)}$ "Surviving entity", the surviving or resulting
- 6 person pursuant to a merger or consolidation in which one or more
- 7 domestic limited liability companies are parties;
- 8 (19) "Uniformed services member", a member of the active or
- 9 reserve components of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or
- 10 Coast Guard of the United States who is on active duty, or a
- member on activated status of the National Guard;
- 12 (20) "Veteran", any individual defined as a veteran by the
- 13 United States Department of Veterans' Affairs or its successor
- 14 <u>agency</u>.
- 15 347.179. 1. The secretary shall charge and collect:
- 16 (1) For filing the original articles of organization, a fee
- of one hundred dollars;
- 18 (2) For filing the original articles of organization
- online, in an electronic format prescribed by the secretary of
- 20 state, a fee of forty-five dollars;
- 21 (3) Applications for registration of foreign limited
- 22 liability companies and issuance of a certificate of registration
- 23 to transact business in this state, a fee of one hundred dollars;
- 24 (4) Amendments to and restatements of articles of limited
- liability companies to application for registration of a foreign
- limited liability company or any other filing otherwise provided
- for, a fee of twenty dollars;
- 28 (5) Articles of termination of limited liability companies

- 1 or cancellation of registration of foreign limited liability
- 2 companies, a fee of twenty dollars;
- 3 (6) For filing notice of merger or consolidation, a fee of
- 4 twenty dollars;
- 5 (7) For filing a notice of winding up, a fee of twenty
- 6 dollars;
- 7 (8) For issuing a certificate of good standing, a fee of
- 8 five dollars:
- 9 (9) For a notice of the abandonment of merger or
- 10 consolidation, a fee of twenty dollars;
- 11 (10) For furnishing a copy of any document or instrument, a
- 12 fee of fifty cents per page;
- 13 (11) For accepting an application for reservation of a
- name, or for filing a notice of the transfer or cancellation of
- any name reservation, a fee of twenty dollars;
- 16 (12) For filing a statement of change of address of
- 17 registered office or registered agent, or both, a fee of five
- 18 dollars;
- 19 (13) For any service of notice, demand, or process upon the
- secretary as resident agent of a limited liability company, a fee
- of twenty dollars, which amount may be recovered as taxable costs
- by the party instituting such suit, action, or proceeding causing
- 23 such service to be made if such party prevails therein;
- 24 (14) For filing an amended certificate of registration a
- 25 fee of twenty dollars; and
- 26 (15) For filing a statement of correction a fee of five
- 27 dollars.
- 28 2. Fees mandated in subdivisions (1) and (2) of subsection

- 1 of this section and for application for reservation of a name 2 in subdivision (11) of subsection 1 of this section shall be 3 waived if an organizer who is listed as a member in the operating 4 agreement of the limited liability company is a veteran, a member 5 of the Missouri National Guard or any other active duty military,
- resides in the state of Missouri, and provides proof of such service to the secretary of state.
- / service to the secretary of state.

- 3. Fees mandated in subdivisions (1), (2), and (3) of subsection 1 of this section and for application for reservation of a name in subdivision (11) of subsection 1 of this section shall be waived if an organizer who is listed as a member in the operating agreement if the limited liability company is a military spouse, and provides a copy of a marriage certificate, and proof of his or her spouse's service to the secretary.
- 351.015. As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires, the following terms mean:
- (1) "Articles of incorporation", includes the original articles of incorporation and all amendments thereto, and includes articles of merger or consolidation;
- (2) "Authorized shares" [means], the aggregate number of shares of stock of all classes, whether with or without par value, which the corporation is authorized to issue. Shares of its own stock belonging to a corporation shall be deemed to be issued shares but not outstanding shares;
- (3) "Certificate of stock" [means], a written instrument signed by or bearing the facsimile signature of the proper corporate officers, as required by this chapter, evidencing the fact that the person therein named is the holder of record of the

- share or shares therein described;
- 2 (4) "Control share acquisition" [means], the acquisition,
- directly or indirectly, by any person of ownership of, or the
- 4 power to direct the exercise of voting power with respect to,
- 5 issued and outstanding control shares. For the purposes of this
- 6 chapter, shares acquired within ninety days of any acquisition of
- 7 shares or shares acquired pursuant to a plan to make a control
- 8 share acquisition are considered to have been acquired in the
- 9 same acquisition. For the purposes of this chapter, a person who
- 10 acquires shares in the ordinary course of business for the
- 11 benefit of others in good faith and not for the purpose of
- 12 circumventing this chapter has voting power only of shares in
- 13 respect of which that person would be able to exercise or direct
- 14 the exercise of votes without further instruction from others.
- 15 The acquisition of any shares of an issuing public corporation
- does not constitute a control share acquisition if the
- 17 acquisition is consummated in any of the following circumstances:
- 18 (a) Prior to June 13, 1984;
- 19 (b) Pursuant to a contract in existence prior to June 13,
- 20 1984;

- 21 (c) Pursuant to a will or other testamentary disposition,
- 22 the laws of descent and distribution or by intervivos gift where
- 23 such gift is made in good faith and not for the purpose of
- 24 circumventing section 351.407;
- 25 (d) Pursuant to a public offering, a private placement, or
- any other issuance of shares by an issuing public corporation;
- 27 (e) By, on behalf of, or pursuant to any benefit or other
- 28 compensation plan or arrangement of an issuing public

1 corporation;

- 2 (f) Pursuant to the conversion of debt securities into 3 shares of an issuing public corporation under the terms of such 4 debt securities;
 - (g) Pursuant to a binding contract, other than any contract created by, pursuant to, or in connection with a tender offer, whereby the holders of shares representing at least two-thirds of the voting power of an issuing public corporation, such holders acting simultaneously, agreed to sell such shares to any person;
 - (h) Pursuant to the satisfaction of a pledge or other security interest created in good faith and not for the purpose of circumventing section 351.407;
 - (i) Pursuant to a merger or consolidation effected in compliance with sections 351.410 to 351.458 if the issuing public corporation is a party to the agreement of merger or consolidation;
 - (j) Pursuant to a binding contract or other arrangement with any individual, foreign or domestic corporation (whether or not for profit), partnership, limited liability company, unincorporated society or association, or other entity which, at any time within one year prior to the acquisition in question, owned shares representing more than fifty percent of the voting power of the issuing public corporation;
 - (k) By or from any person whose shares have been previously accorded voting rights pursuant to section 351.407; provided, the acquisition entitles the person making the acquisition, directly or indirectly, alone or as a part of a group, to exercise or direct the exercise of voting power of the corporation in the

election of directors within a range of the voting power not in excess of the range of voting power associated with the shares to which voting rights have been previously accorded;

- (5) "Control shares" [means], shares that, except for this chapter, would have voting power with respect to shares of an issuing public corporation that, when added to all other shares of the issuing public corporation owned by a person or in respect to which that person may exercise or direct the exercise of voting power, would entitle that person, immediately after acquisition of the shares, directly or indirectly, alone or as a part of a group, to exercise or direct the exercise of the voting power of the issuing public corporation in the election of directors within any of the following ranges of voting power:
- (a) One-fifth or more but less than one-third of all voting power;
 - (b) One-third or more but less than a majority of all
 voting power;
 - (c) A majority or more of all voting power; provided, however, that shares which the person or the group have owned or of which the person or the group could have exercised or directed the voting for more than ten years shall not be deemed to be control shares and shall not be aggregated for the purpose of determining inclusion within the above-stated ranges;
 - (6) "Corporation" or "domestic corporation", includes corporations organized under this chapter or subject to some or all of the provisions of this chapter except a foreign corporation;
 - (7) "Foreign corporation" [means] $_{L}$ a corporation for profit

- 1 organized under laws other than the laws of this state;
- 2 (8) "Incorporator" [means], a signer of the original
- 3 articles of incorporation;

- (9) "Interested shares" [means], the shares of an issuing public corporation in respect of which any of the following persons may exercise or direct the exercise of the voting power of the corporation in the election of directors:
 - (a) An acquiring person or member of a group with respect to a control share acquisition;
 - (b) Any officer of the issuing public corporation elected or appointed by the directors of the issuing public corporation;
 - (c) Any employee of the issuing public corporation who is also a director of such corporation;
 - (10) "Issuing public corporation", unless the articles of incorporation provide otherwise as to the applicability of this section, [means] a corporation that has a class of voting stock registered with the securities and exchange commission under Section 12 of the Exchange Act and is either (a) a corporation incorporated under the laws of the state of Missouri, or, (b) subdivision (2) of section 351.690 notwithstanding, any insurance company organized pursuant to the laws of Missouri and doing business under the provisions of chapter 376, provided that the bylaws of such insurance company expressly state that such insurance company shall, for the purposes of this chapter, be included within the definition of "issuing public corporation";
 - (11) "Military spouse", any person who is the spouse of a uniformed services member;
 - (12) "Net assets", for the purpose of determining the right

- of a corporation to purchase its own shares and of determining
- 2 the right of a corporation to declare and pay dividends and the
- 3 liabilities of directors therefor, shall not include shares of
- 4 its own stock belonging to a corporation;
- 5 [(12)] (13) "Paid-in surplus" [means], all that part of the
- 6 consideration received by the corporation for, or on account of,
- 7 all shares issued which does not constitute stated capital minus
- 8 such formal reductions from said sum as may have been effected in
- 9 a manner permitted by this chapter;
- [(13)] (14) "Person", includes, without limitation, an
- individual, a foreign or domestic corporation whether not for
- 12 profit or for profit, a partnership, a limited liability company,
- an unincorporated society or association, two or more persons
- having a joint or common interest, or any other entity;
- 15 [(14)] $\underline{(15)}$ "Registered office" [means], that office
- maintained by the corporation in this state, the address of which
- is on file in the office of the secretary of state;
- [(15)] $\underline{(16)}$ "Shareholder" [means], one who is a holder of
- 19 record of shares in a corporation;
- [(16)] (17) "Shares", are the units into which the
- 21 shareholders' rights to participate in the control of the
- corporation, in its surplus or profits, or in the distribution of
- 23 its assets, are divided;
- [(17)] (18) "Stated capital" [means], at any particular
- 25 time the sum of:
- 26 (a) The par value of all shares then issued having a par
- 27 value; and
- 28 (b) The consideration received by the corporation for all

shares then issued without par value except such part thereof as may have been allocated otherwise than to stated capital in a manner permitted by law; and

- (c) Such amounts not included in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subdivision as may have been transferred to the stated capital account of the corporation, whether upon the issue of shares as a share dividend or otherwise, minus such formal reductions from said sum as may have been effected in a manner permitted by this chapter;
- [(18)] (19) "Subscriber" [means], one who subscribes for shares in a corporation, whether before or after incorporation;
- (20) "Uniformed services member", a member of the active or reserve components of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard of the United States who is on active duty, or a member on activated status of the National Guard;
- (21) "Veteran", any individual defined as a veteran by the United States Department of Veterans' Affairs or its successor agency.
- 351.065. 1. No corporation shall be organized under the general and business corporation law of Missouri unless the persons named as incorporators shall at or before the filing of the articles of incorporation pay to the director of revenue three dollars for the issuance of the certificate and fifty dollars for the first thirty thousand dollars or less of the authorized shares of the corporation and a further sum of five dollars for each additional ten thousand dollars of its authorized shares, and no increase in the authorized shares of the corporation shall be valid or effectual unless the

each ten thousand dollars or less of the increase in the

authorized shares of the corporation, and the corporation shall

file a duplicate receipt issued by the director of revenue for

corporation has paid the director of revenue five dollars for

5 the payments required by this section to be made with the

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- 6 secretary of state as is provided by this chapter for the filing
- 7 of articles of incorporation; except that the requirements of
- 8 this section to pay incorporation taxes and fees shall not apply
- 9 to foreign railroad corporations which built their lines of
- railway into or through this state prior to November 21, 1943.
- 2. For the purpose of this section, the dollar amount of authorized shares is the par value thereof in the case of shares with par value and is one dollar per share in the case of shares without par value.
- 3. Fees mandated in subsection 1 of this section shall be waived if a majority shareholder, officer, or director of the organizing corporation is:
 - (1) A military spouse, and provides a copy of a marriage certificate, and proof of his or her spouse's service to the secretary; or
 - (2) A veteran, a member of the Missouri National Guard or any other active duty military, who resides in the state of Missouri, and provides proof of such service to the secretary of state.
- 25 354.010. As used in sections 354.010 to 354.380, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the following terms mean:
- 27 (1) "Corporation", a domestic health services corporation 28 subject to the provisions of sections 354.010 to 354.380;

1 (2) "Director", the director of the department of
2 insurance, financial institutions and professional registration
3 of the state of Missouri;

- (3) "Health services", the health care and services provided by hospitals, or other health care institutions, organizations, associations or groups, and by doctors of medicine, osteopathy, dentistry, chiropractic, optometry and podiatry, nursing services, medical appliances, equipment and supplies, drugs, medicines, ambulance services, and other therapeutic services and supplies;
- (4) "Health services corporation", any not-for-profit corporation heretofore or hereafter organized or operating for the purposes of establishing and operating a nonprofit plan or plans under which prepaid hospital care, medical-surgical care and other health care and services, or reimbursement therefor, may be furnished to a member or beneficiary;
- (5) "Member" or "beneficiary", a natural person who is entitled to receive health services, or reimbursement therefor, pursuant to a contract made by a health services corporation with or for the benefit of such person;
- (6) "Membership contract", any agreement, contract or certificate by which a health services corporation describes the health services or benefits to be provided thereunder to its members or beneficiaries;
- (7) "Military spouse", any person who is the spouse of a uniformed services member;
- 27 <u>(8)</u> "Not-for-profit corporation", a nonprofit domestic 28 corporation organized under or accepting the provisions of

- 1 chapter 355 or incorporated under chapter 352;
- 2 (9) "Uniformed services member", a member of the active or
- 3 reserve components of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or
- 4 Coast Guard of the United States who is on active duty, or a
- 5 member on activated status of the National Guard;
- 6 (10) "Veteran", any individual defined as a veteran by the
- 7 <u>United States Department of Veterans' Affairs or its successor</u>
- 8 agency.
- 9 354.150. 1. Every health services corporation subject to
- the provisions of sections 354.010 to 354.380 shall pay the
- 11 following fees to the director for the administration and
- 12 enforcement of the provisions of this chapter:
- 13 (1) For filing the declaration required on organization of
- each domestic company, two hundred fifty dollars;
- 15 (2) For filing statement and certified copy of charter
- required of foreign companies, two hundred fifty dollars;
- 17 (3) For filing application to renew certificate of
- 18 authority, along with all required annual reports, including the
- annual statement, actuarial statement, risk-based capital report,
- 20 report of valuation of policies or other obligations of
- 21 assurance, and audited financial report of any company doing
- 22 business in this state, one thousand five hundred dollars;
- 23 (4) For filing any paper, document, or report not filed
- under subdivision (1), (2), or (3) of this section but required
- 25 to be filed in the office of the director, fifty dollars each;
- 26 (5) For affixing the seal of office of the director, ten
- 27 dollars:

(6) For accepting each service of process upon the company,

- 1 ten dollars.
- 2 2. Fees mandated in subdivision (1) of subsection 1 of this
- 3 section shall be waived if a majority shareholder, officer, or
- 4 director of the organizing corporation is a veteran, a member of
- 5 the Missouri National Guard or any other active duty military,
- 6 resides in the state of Missouri, and provides proof of such
- 7 service to the secretary of state.
- 8 3. Fees mandated in subdivisions (1) and (2) of subsection
- 9 1 of this section shall be waived if a majority shareholder,
- officer, or director of the organizing corporation is a military
- 11 spouse, and provides a copy of a marriage certificate, and proof
- of his or her spouse's service to the secretary.
- 13 355.021. 1. The secretary of state shall collect the
- 14 following fees when the documents described in this subsection
- 15 are delivered for filing:
- 16 (1) Articles of incorporation, twenty dollars;
- 17 (2) Application for reserved name, twenty dollars;
- 18 (3) Notice of transfer of reserved name, two dollars;
- 19 (4) Application for renewal of reserved name, twenty
- 20 dollars;
- 21 (5) Corporation's statement of change of registered agent
- or registered office or both, five dollars;
- 23 (6) Agent's statement of change of registered office for
- 24 each affected corporation, five dollars;
- 25 (7) Agent's statement of resignation, five dollars;
- 26 (8) Amendment of articles of incorporation, five dollars;
- 27 (9) Restatement of articles of incorporation with
- amendments, five dollars;

- 1 (10) Articles of merger, five dollars;
- 2 (11) Articles of dissolution, five dollars;
- 3 (12) Articles of revocation of dissolution, five dollars;
- 4 (13) Application for reinstatement following administrative 5 dissolution, twenty dollars;
- 6 (14) Application for certificate of authority, twenty dollars:
- 8 (15) Application for amended certificate of authority, five 9 dollars;
- 10 (16) Application for certificate of withdrawal, five dollars;
- 12 (17) Corporate registration report filed annually, ten
 13 dollars if filed in a written format or five dollars if filed
 14 electronically in a format prescribed by the secretary of state;
- 15 (18) Corporate registration report filed biennially, twenty 16 dollars if filed in a written format or ten dollars if filed 17 electronically in a format prescribed by the secretary of state;
- 18 (19) Articles of correction, five dollars;
- 19 (20) Certificate of existence or authorization, five dollars;
- 21 (21) Any other document required or permitted to be filed 22 by this chapter, five dollars.
- 23 2. The secretary of state shall collect a fee of ten
 24 dollars upon being served with process under this chapter. The
 25 party to a proceeding causing service of process is entitled to
 26 recover the fee paid the secretary of state as costs if the party
 27 prevails in the proceeding.
- 28 3. The secretary of state shall collect the following fees

- 1 for copying and certifying the copy of any filed document
- 2 relating to a domestic or foreign corporation: in a written
- 3 format fifty cents per page plus five dollars for certification,
- 4 or in an electronic format five dollars for certification and
- 5 copies.
- 6 4. Fees mandated in subdivisions (1) and (2) of subsection
- 7 1 of this section shall be waived if an initial officer or
- 8 director of the nonprofit corporation is a veteran, a member of
- 9 the Missouri National Guard or any other active duty military,
- 10 resides in the state of Missouri, and provides proof of such
- 11 service to the secretary of state.
- 5. Fees mandated in subdivisions (1) and (2) of subsection
- 13 <u>1 of this section and subsection 3 of this section shall be</u>
- waived if an initial officer or director of the nonprofit
- corporation is a military spouse, and provides a copy of a
- 16 marriage certificate, and proof of his or her spouse's service to
- 17 the secretary.
- 18 355.066. Unless the context otherwise requires or unless
- otherwise indicated, as used in this chapter the following terms
- 20 mean:
- 21 (1) "Approved by or approval by the members", approved or
- 22 ratified by the affirmative vote of a majority of the voters
- 23 represented and voting at a duly held meeting at which a quorum
- is present, which affirmative votes also constitute a majority of
- 25 the required quorum, or by a written ballot or written consent in
- 26 conformity with this chapter, or by the affirmative vote, written
- 27 ballot or written consent of such greater proportion, including
- 28 the votes of all the members of any class, unit or grouping as

- 1 may be provided in the articles, bylaws or this chapter for any specified member action;
- 3 (2) "Articles of incorporation" or "articles", amended and 4 restated articles of incorporation and articles of merger;

- (3) "Board" or "board of directors", the board of directors except that no person or group of persons is the board of directors because of powers delegated to that person or group pursuant to section 355.316;
- (4) "Bylaws", the code or codes of rules, other than the articles, adopted pursuant to this chapter for the regulation or management of the affairs of the corporation, irrespective of the name or names by which such rules are designated. Bylaws shall not include legally enforceable covenants, declarations, indentures or restrictions imposed upon members by validly recorded indentures, declarations, covenants, restrictions or other recorded instruments, as they apply to real property;
- (5) "Class", a group of memberships which have the same rights with respect to voting, dissolution, redemption and transfer. For the purpose of this section, "rights" shall be considered the same if they are determined by a formula applied uniformly;
- 22 (6) "Corporation", public benefit and mutual benefit 23 corporations;
- 24 (7) "Delegates", those persons elected or appointed to vote 25 in a representative assembly for the election of a director or 26 directors or on other matters;
 - (8) "Deliver", includes mail;
 - (9) "Directors", individuals, designated in the articles or

- 1 bylaws or elected by the incorporator or incorporators, and their
- 2 successors and individuals elected or appointed by any other name
- 3 or title to act as members of the board;
- 4 (10) "Distribution", the payment of a dividend or any part
- of the income or profit of a corporation to its members,
- 6 directors or officers;
- 7 (11) "Domestic corporation", a Missouri corporation;
- 8 (12) "Effective date of notice", is defined in section
- 9 355.071;
- 10 "Employee", does not include an officer or director
- 11 who is not otherwise employed by the corporation;
- 12 (14) "Entity", domestic corporations and foreign
- corporations, business corporations and foreign business
- 14 corporations, for-profit and nonprofit unincorporated
- associations, business trusts, estates, partnerships, trusts, and
- 16 two or more persons having a joint or common economic interest,
- and a state, the United States, and foreign governments;
- 18 (15) "File", "filed" or "filing", filed in the office of
- 19 the secretary of state;
- 20 (16) "Foreign corporation", a corporation organized under a
- law other than the laws of this state which would be a nonprofit
- 22 corporation if formed under the laws of this state;
- 23 "Governmental subdivision", includes authority,
- 24 county, district, and municipality;
- 25 (18) "Includes", denotes a partial definition;
- 26 (19) "Individual", a natural person;
- 27 (20) "Means", denotes a complete definition;
- 28 (21) "Member", without regard to what a person is called in

- 1 the articles or bylaws, any person or persons who on more than
- one occasion, pursuant to a provision of a corporation's articles
- 3 or bylaws, have the right to vote for the election of a director
- 4 or directors; but a person is not a member by virtue of any of
- 5 the following:
- 6 (a) Any rights such person has as a delegate;
- 7 (b) Any rights such person has to designate a director or 8 directors; or
- 9 (c) Any rights such person has as a director;
- 10 (22) "Membership", the rights and obligations a member or 11 members have pursuant to a corporation's articles, bylaws and 12 this chapter;
- 13 (23) "Military spouse", any person who is the spouse of a

 14 uniformed services member;
- 15 <u>(24)</u> "Mutual benefit corporation", a domestic corporation
 16 which is formed as a mutual benefit corporation pursuant to
 17 sections 355.096 to 355.121 or is required to be a mutual benefit
 18 corporation pursuant to section 355.881;
- 19 [(24)] (25) "Notice" [is defined], as described in section 20 355.071;
- 21 [(25)] (26) "Person", includes any individual or entity;
- [(26)] (27) "Principal office", the office, in or out of
- 23 this state, so designated in the corporate registration report
- filed pursuant to section 355.856 where the principal offices of
- a domestic or foreign corporation are located;
- [(27)] (28) "Proceeding", includes civil suits and
- 27 criminal, administrative, and investigatory actions;
- [(28)] (29) "Public benefit corporation", a domestic

- 1 corporation which is formed as a public benefit corporation
- 2 pursuant to sections 355.096 to 355.121, or is required to be a
- 3 public benefit corporation pursuant to section 355.881;
- 4 [(29)] (30) "Record date", the date established pursuant to
- 5 sections 355.181 to 355.311 on which a corporation determines the
- 6 identity of its members for the purposes of this chapter;
- 7 [(30)] (31) "Resident", a full-time resident of a long-term
- 8 care facility or residential care facility;
- 9 [(31)] (32) "Secretary", the corporate officer to whom the
- 10 board of directors has delegated responsibility pursuant to
- 11 subsection 2 of section 355.431 for custody of the minutes of the
- directors' and members' meetings and for authenticating the
- 13 records of the corporation;
- [(32)] (33) "State", when referring to a part of the United
- 15 States, includes a state or commonwealth, and its agencies and
- 16 governmental subdivisions, and any territory or insular
- 17 possession, and its agencies and governmental subdivisions, of
- 18 the United States;
- 19 (34) "Uniformed services member", a member of the active or
- 20 reserve components of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or
- 21 Coast Guard of the United States who is on active duty, or a
- 22 member on activated status of the National Guard;
- [(33)] (35) "United States", includes any agency of the
- 24 United States;
- 25 (36) "Veteran", any individual defined as a veteran by the
- United States Department of Veterans' Affairs or its successor
- 27 agency;
- [(34)] (37) "Vote", includes authorization by written

- 1 ballot and written consent; and
- 2 [(35)] (38) "Voting power", the total number of votes
- 3 entitled to be cast for the election of directors at the time the
- 4 determination of voting power is made, excluding a vote which is
- 5 contingent upon the happening of a condition or event that has
- 6 not occurred at the time. Where a class is entitled to vote as a
- 7 class for directors, the determination of voting power of the
- 8 class shall be based on the percentage of the number of directors
- 9 the class is entitled to elect out of the total number of
- 10 authorized directors.
- 11 357.060. 1. For incorporation under this chapter as herein
- 12 provided, there shall be paid to and collected by the state
- director of revenue a fee of fifty dollars for the first fifty
- 14 thousand dollars or less of capital stock, and the further sum of
- 15 five dollars for each additional ten thousand dollars of its
- 16 capital stock. The limitation upon the aggregate amount of
- 17 capital stock shall be the same as in respect to other
- 18 corporations.
- 19 2. Fees mandated in subsection 1 of this section shall be
- 20 waived if the association of persons signing the written articles
- of association and agreement includes:
- 22 <u>(1)</u> A military spouse, and provides a copy of a marriage
- 23 certificate, and proof of his or her spouse's service to the
- 24 <u>secretary; or</u>
- 25 (2) A veteran, a member of the Missouri National Guard or
- any other active duty military, who resides in the state of
- 27 Missouri, and provides proof of such service to the secretary of
- 28 state.

- 1 3. For purposes of this section, the following terms shall
- 2 mean:
- 3 (1) "Military spouse", any person who is the spouse of a
- 4 uniformed services member;
- 5 (2) "Uniformed services member", a member of the active or
- 6 reserve components of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or
- 7 Coast Guard of the United States who is on active duty, or a
- 8 member on activated status of the National Guard;
- 9 (3) "Veteran", any individual defined as a veteran by the
- 10 United States Department of Veterans' Affairs or its successor
- 11 agency.
- 12 358.020. In this chapter:
- 13 (1) "Bankrupt", includes a debtor pursuant to a voluntary
- or involuntary petition filed under the Federal Bankruptcy Code
- or a person or entity subject to an insolvency or similar
- 16 proceeding under state law;
- 17 (2) "Business", includes every trade, occupation, or
- 18 profession;
- 19 "Conveyance", includes every assignment, lease,
- 20 mortgage, or encumbrance;
- 21 (4) "Court", includes every court and judge having
- 22 jurisdiction in the case;
- 23 (5) "Foreign registered limited liability partnership"
- [means], a limited liability partnership formed pursuant to an
- agreement governed by the laws of another jurisdiction and
- registered as a limited liability partnership under the laws of
- 27 such jurisdiction;
- 28 (6) "Military spouse", any person who is the spouse of a

- 1 uniformed services member;
- 2 (7) "Person", includes individuals, partnerships, domestic
- 3 or foreign limited partnerships, domestic or foreign limited
- 4 liability companies, domestic or foreign corporations, trusts,
- 5 business trusts, real estate investment trusts, estates and other
- 6 associations or business entities;
- 7 [(7)] (8) "Real property", includes land any interest
- 8 or estate in land; [and]
- 9 [(8)] (9) "Registered limited liability partnership"
- [means], a partnership formed pursuant to an agreement governed
- by the laws of this state, registered pursuant to section 358.440
- and complying with sections 358.450 and 358.460;
- 13 (10) "Uniformed services member", a member of the active or
- 14 reserve components of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or
- 15 Coast Guard of the United States who is on active duty, or a
- member on activated status of the National Guard;
- 17 (11) "Veteran", any individual defined as a veteran by the
- 18 <u>United States Department of Veterans' Affairs or its successor</u>
- 19 <u>agency</u>.
- 20 358.440. 1. To register as a limited liability partnership
- 21 pursuant to this section, a written application shall be filed
- 22 with the office of the secretary of state. The application shall
- 23 set forth:
- 24 (1) The name of the partnership;
- 25 (2) The address of a registered office and the name and
- 26 address of a registered agent for service of process required to
- 27 be maintained by section 358.470;
- 28 (3) The number of partners in the partnership at the date

- 1 of application;
- 2 (4) A brief statement of the principal business in which
- 3 the partnership engages;
- 4 (5) That the partnership thereby applies for registration
- 5 as a registered limited liability partnership; and
- 6 (6) Any other information the partnership determines to
- 7 include in the application.
- 8 2. The application shall be signed on behalf of the
- 9 partnership by a majority of the partners or by one or more
- 10 partners authorized by a majority in interest of the partners to
- 11 sign the application on behalf of the partnership.
- 12 3. The application shall be accompanied by a fee payable to
- the secretary of state of twenty-five dollars for each partner of
- 14 the partnership, but the fee shall not exceed one hundred
- dollars. All moneys from the payment of this fee shall be
- deposited into the general revenue fund.
- 4. A person who files a document according to this section
- 18 as an agent or fiduciary need not exhibit evidence of the
- 19 partner's authority as a prerequisite to filing. Any signature
- on such document may be a facsimile. If the secretary of state
- 21 finds that the filing conforms to law, the secretary of state
- 22 shall:
- 23 (1) Endorse on the copy the word "Filed" and the month, day
- 24 and year of the filing;
- 25 (2) File the original in the secretary of state's office;
- 26 and
- 27 (3) Return the copy to the person who filed it or to the
- 28 person's representative.

5. A partnership becomes a registered limited liability partnership on the date of the filing in the office of the secretary of state of an application that, as to form, meets the requirements of subsections 1 and 2 of this section and that is accompanied by the fee specified in subsection 3 of this section, or at any later time specified in the application.

- 6. An initial application filed under subsection 1 of this section by a partnership registered by the secretary of state as a limited liability partnership expires one year after the date of registration unless earlier withdrawn or revoked or unless renewed in accordance with subsection 9 of this section.
- 7. If a person is included in the number of partners of a registered limited liability partnership set forth in an application, a renewal application or a certificate of amendment of an application or a renewal application, the inclusion of such person shall not be admissible as evidence in any action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, for the purpose of determining whether such person is liable as a partner of such registered limited liability partnership. The status of a partnership as a registered limited liability partnership and the liability of a partner of such registered limited liability partnership shall not be adversely affected if the number of partners stated in an application, a renewal application or a certificate of amendment of an application or a renewal application is erroneously stated provided that the application, renewal application or certificate of amendment of an application or a renewal application was filed in good faith.

8. Any person who files an application or a renewal application in the office of the secretary of state pursuant to this section shall not be required to file any other documents pursuant to chapter 417 which requires filing for fictitious names.

- 9. An effective registration may be renewed before its expiration by filing in duplicate with the secretary of state an application containing current information of the kind required in an initial application, including the registration number as assigned by the secretary of state. The renewal application shall be accompanied by a fee of one hundred dollars on the date of renewal plus, if the renewal increases the number of partners, fifty dollars for each partner added, but the fee shall not exceed two hundred dollars. All moneys from such fees shall be deposited into the general revenue fund. A renewal application filed under this section continues an effective registration for one year after the date the effective registration would otherwise expire.
 - 10. A registration may be withdrawn by filing with the secretary of state a written withdrawal notice signed on behalf of the partnership by a majority of the partners or by one or more partners authorized by a majority of the partners to sign the notice on behalf of the partnership. A withdrawal notice shall include the name of the partnership, the date of registration of the partnership's last application under this section, and a current street address of the partnership's principal office in this state or outside the state, as applicable. A withdrawal notice terminates the registration of

- 1 the partnership as a limited liability partnership as of the date
- of filing the notice in the office of the secretary of state.
- 3 The withdrawal notice shall be accompanied by a filing fee of
- 4 twenty dollars.
- 5 11. If a partnership that has registered pursuant to this
- 6 section ceases to be registered as provided in subsection 6 or 10
- 7 of this section, that fact shall not affect the status of the
- 8 partnership as a registered limited liability partnership prior
- 9 to the date the partnership ceased to be registered pursuant to
- 10 this section.
- 12. A document filed under this section may be amended or
- 12 corrected by filing with the secretary of state articles of
- amendment, signed by a majority of the partners or by one or more
- partners authorized by a majority of the partners. The articles
- 15 of amendment shall contain:
- 16 (1) The name of the partnership;
- 17 (2) The identity of the document being amended;
- 18 (3) The part of the document being amended; and
- 19 (4) The amendment or correction.

- 21 The articles of amendment shall be accompanied by a filing fee of
- twenty dollars plus, if the amendment increases the number of
- partners, fifty dollars for each partner added, but the fee shall
- 24 not exceed two hundred dollars; provided that no amendment of an
- 25 application or a renewal application is required as a result of a
- 26 change after the application or renewal application is filed in
- 27 the number of partners of the registered limited liability
- 28 partnership or in the business in which the registered limited

- 1 liability partnership engages. All moneys from such fees shall
- 2 be deposited into the general revenue fund. The status of a
- 3 partnership as a registered limited liability partnership shall
- 4 not be affected by changes after the filing of an application or
- 5 a renewal application in the information stated in the
- 6 application or renewal application.
- 7 13. No later than ninety days after the happening of any of
- 8 the following events, an amendment to an application or a renewal
- 9 application reflecting the occurrence of the event or events
- shall be executed and filed by a majority in interest of the
- partners or by one or more partners authorized by a majority of
- 12 the partners to execute an amendment to the application or
- 13 renewal application:
- 14 (1) A change in the name of the registered limited
- 15 liability partnership;
- 16 (2) Except as provided in subsections 2 and 3 of section
- 17 358.470, a change in the address of the registered office or a
- 18 change in the name or address of the registered agent of the
- 19 registered limited liability partnership.
- 20 14. Unless otherwise provided in this chapter or in the
- 21 certificate of amendment of an application or a renewal
- 22 application, a certificate of amendment of an application or a
- renewal application or a withdrawal notice of an application or a
- 24 renewal application shall be effective at the time of its filing
- 25 with the secretary of state.
- 26 15. The secretary of state may provide forms for the
- 27 application specified in subsection 1 of this section, the
- renewal application specified in subsection 9 of this section,

- 1 the withdrawal notice specified in subsection 10 of this section,
- 2 and the amendment or correction specified in subsection 12 of
- 3 this section.
- 4 16. The secretary of state may remove from its active
- 5 records the registration of a partnership whose registration has
- 6 been withdrawn, revoked or has expired.
- 7 17. The secretary of state may revoke the filing of a
- 8 document filed under this section if the secretary of state
- 9 determines that the filing fee for the document was paid by an
- instrument that was dishonored when presented by the state for
- 11 payment. The secretary of state shall return the document and
- 12 give notice of revocation to the filing party by regular mail.
- 13 Failure to give or receive notice does not invalidate the
- 14 revocation. A revocation of a filing does not affect an earlier
- 15 filing.

- 16 18. If any person signs a document required or permitted to
- be filed pursuant to sections 358.440 to 358.500 which the person
- 18 knows is false in any material respect with the intent that the
- document be delivered on behalf of a partnership to the secretary
- of state for filing, such person shall be guilty of a class A
- 21 misdemeanor. Unintentional errors in the information set forth
- in an application filed pursuant to subsection 1 of this section,
- or changes in the information after the filing of the
- 24 application, shall not affect the status of a partnership as a
- 25 registered limited liability partnership.
- 26 19. Before transacting business in this state, a foreign
- 27 registered limited liability partnership shall:
 - (1) Comply with any statutory or administrative

- registration or filing requirements governing the specific type of business in which the partnership is engaged; and
- 3 (2) Register as a limited liability partnership as provided 4 in this section by filing an application which shall, in addition 5 to the other matters required to be set forth in such 6 application, include a statement:

- (a) That the secretary is irrevocably appointed the agent of the foreign limited liability partnership for service of process if the limited liability partnership fails to maintain a registered agent in this state or if the agent cannot be found or served with the exercise of reasonable diligence; and
- (b) Of the address of the office required to be maintained in the jurisdiction of its organization by the laws of that jurisdiction or, if not so required, of the principal office of the foreign limited liability partnership.
- 20. A partnership that registers as a limited liability partnership shall not be deemed to have dissolved as a result thereof and is for all purposes the same partnership that existed before the registration and continues to be a partnership under the laws of this state. If a registered limited liability partnership dissolves, a partnership which is a successor to such registered limited liability partnership and which intends to be a registered limited liability partnership shall not be required to file a new registration and shall be deemed to have filed any documents required or permitted under this chapter which were filed by the predecessor partnership.
 - 21. Fees mandated in subsection 3 of this section shall be waived if a general partner of the partnership is:

1 (1) A military spouse, and provides a copy of a marriage
2 certificate, and proof of his or her spouse's service to the
3 secretary; or

- (2) A veteran, a member of the Missouri National Guard or any other active duty military, resides in the state of Missouri, and provides proof of such service to the secretary of state.
- 7 359.011. As used in this chapter, the following terms mean:
- 8 (1) "Certificate of limited partnership", the certificate
 9 referred to in section 359.091, and the certificate as amended or
 10 restated;
 - (2) "Contribution", any cash, property, services rendered, or a promissory note or other binding obligation to contribute cash or property or to perform services, which a partner contributes to a limited partnership in his capacity as a partner;
- 16 (3) "Event of withdrawal of a general partner", an event
 17 that causes a person to cease to be a general partner as provided
 18 in section 359.241;
 - (4) "Foreign limited partnership", a partnership formed under the laws of any country or of any state other than this state and having as partners one or more general partners and one or more limited partners;
 - (5) "General partner", a person who has been admitted to a limited partnership as a general partner in accordance with the partnership agreement and named in the certificate of limited partnership as a general partner;
 - (6) "Limited partner", a person who has been admitted to a limited partnership as a limited partner in accordance with the

- partnership agreement;
- 2 (7) "Limited partnership" and "domestic limited
- 3 partnership", a partnership formed by two or more persons under
- 4 the laws of this state and having one or more general partners
- 5 and one or more limited partners;
- 6 (8) "Military spouse", any person who is the spouse of a uniformed services member;
- 8 (9) "Partner", a limited or general partner;
- 9 [(9)] (10) "Partnership agreement", any valid agreement,
- 10 written or oral, of the partners as to the affairs of a limited
- 11 partnership and the conduct of its business;
- [(10)] (11) "Partnership interest", a partner's share of
- the profits and losses of a limited partnership and the right to
- 14 receive distributions of partnership assets;
- [(11)] (12) "Person", a natural person, partnership,
- limited partnership (domestic or foreign), domestic or foreign
- 17 limited liability company, trust, estate, association, or
- 18 corporation;
- 19 [(12)] (13) "Registered limited liability limited
- 20 partnership", a limited partnership complying with section
- 21 359.172;
- [(13)] (14) "State", a state, territory, or possession of
- 23 the United States, the District of Columbia, or the Commonwealth
- 24 of Puerto Rico;
- 25 "Uniformed services member", a member of the active or
- reserve components of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or
- 27 Coast Guard of the United States who is on active duty, or a
- 28 member on activated status of the National Guard;

- 1 (16) "Veteran", any individual defined as a veteran by the
- 2 <u>United States Department of Veterans' Affairs or its successor</u>
- 3 agency.
- 4 359.651. 1. The secretary of state shall charge the fee
- 5 specified for filing the following:
- 6 (1) Certificates of limited partnership: one hundred
- 7 dollars;
- 8 (2) Applications for registration of foreign limited
- 9 partnerships and issuance of a certificate of registration to
- 10 transact business in this state: one hundred dollars;
- 11 (3) Amendments to and restatements of certificates of
- 12 limited partnerships or to applications for registration of
- foreign limited partnerships or any other filing not otherwise
- 14 provided for: twenty dollars;
- 15 (4) Cancellations of certificates of limited partnerships
- or of registration of foreign limited partnerships: twenty
- 17 dollars;
- 18 (5) A consent required to be filed under this chapter:
- 19 twenty dollars;
- 20 (6) A change of address of registered agent, or change of
- 21 registered agent, or both: five dollars;
- 22 (7) A partner list: one dollar each page;
- 23 (8) Reservation of name: twenty dollars;
- 24 (9) Rescission fee: one hundred dollars.
- 2. Fees mandated in subdivision (1) of subsection 1 of this
- 26 section shall be waived if a general partner of the partnership
- 27 is a veteran, a member of the Missouri National Guard or any
- other active duty military, resides in the state of Missouri, and

- 1 provides proof of such service to the secretary of state.
- 2 3. Fees mandated in subdivisions (1) and (2) of subsection
- 3 1 of this section shall be waived if a general partner of the
- 4 partnership is a military spouse, and provides a copy of a
- 5 marriage certificate, and proof of his or her spouse's service to
- 6 the secretary.
- 7 394.020. In this chapter, unless the context otherwise
- 8 requires, the following terms mean:
- 9 (1) "Member" [means], each incorporator of a cooperative
- and each person admitted to and retaining membership therein, and
- shall include a husband and wife admitted to joint membership;
- 12 (2) "Military spouse", any person who is the spouse of a
- 13 <u>uniformed services member;</u>
- 14 (3) "Person", includes any natural person, firm,
- association, corporation, business trust, partnership, federal
- 16 agency, state or political subdivision or agency thereof, or any
- 17 body politic; [and]
- [(3)] (4) "Rural area", shall be deemed to mean any area of
- 19 the United States not included within the boundaries of any city,
- town or village having a population in excess of fifteen hundred
- inhabitants, and such term shall be deemed to include both the
- farm and nonfarm population thereof;
- 23 <u>(5) "Uniformed services member", a member of the active or</u>
- 24 reserve components of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or
- 25 <u>Coast Guard of the United States who is on active duty, or a</u>
- 26 member on activated status of the National Guard;
- 27 (6) "Veteran", any individual defined as a veteran by the
- 28 United States Department of Veterans' Affairs or its successor

- 1 agency.
- 2 394.250. 1. There shall be charged and collected for:
- 3 (1) Filing articles of incorporation, ten dollars;
- 4 (2) Filing articles of amendment, one dollar;
- 5 (3) Filing articles of consolidation or merger, ten
- 6 dollars;
- 7 (4) Filing articles of conversion, ten dollars;
- 8 (5) Filing certificate of election to dissolve, one dollar;
- 9 (6) Filing articles of dissolution, two dollars; and
- 10 (7) Filing certificate of change of principal office, two
- 11 dollars.
- 12 2. All fees shall be made payable to and collected by the
- 13 state director of revenue.
- 14 3. Fees mandated in subdivision (1) of subsection 1 of this
- section shall be waived if an initial member of the cooperative
- 16 is:
- 17 (1) A military spouse, and provides a copy of a marriage
- 18 certificate, and proof of his or her spouse's service to the
- 19 secretary; or
- 20 (2) A veteran, a member of the Missouri National Guard or
- 21 any other active duty military, resides in the state of Missouri,
- and provides proof of such service to the secretary of state.
- 417.220. 1. For the registration or renewal of each
- 24 fictitious name under sections 417.200 to 417.230 there shall be
- 25 paid to the state director of revenue a fee of two dollars if
- 26 filed electronically in a format prescribed by the secretary of
- 27 state or if filed in a written format prescribed by the secretary
- of state.

1	2.	Fees	mandated	in	sub	section	1 0	f this	s se	ectio	on shall	be
2	waived if	fapa	arty ownir	ng a	any	interest	or	part	in	the	business	is <u>:</u>

3 (1) A military spouse, and provides a copy of a marriage
4 certificate, and proof of his or her spouse's service to the
5 secretary; or

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- (2) A veteran, a member of the Missouri National Guard or any other active duty military, resides in the state of Missouri, and provides proof of such service to the secretary of state.
- 9 <u>3. For purposes of this section, the following terms shall</u>
 10 <u>mean:</u>
- 11 (1) "Military spouse", any person who is the spouse of a

 12 uniformed services member;
 - (2) "Uniformed services member", a member of the active or reserve components of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard of the United States who is on active duty, or a member on activated status of the National Guard;
- 17 <u>(3) "Veteran", any individual defined as a veteran by the</u>

 18 <u>United States Department of Veterans' Affairs or its successor</u>

 19 <u>agency.</u>