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AN ACT

To repeal sections 144.087, 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 eighteen new sections relating to business fees.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 144.087, 347.015, 347.179, 351.015, 351.065, 354.010, 354.150,

- 2 355.021, 355.066, 357.060, 358.020, 358.440, 359.011, 359.651, 394.020, 394.250, and 417.220,
- 3 RSMo, are repealed and eighteen new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections
- 4 136.005, 144.087, 347.015, 347.179, 351.015, 351.065, 354.010, 354.150, 355.021, 355.066,
- 5 357.060, 358.020, 358.440, 359.011, 359.651, 394.020, 394.250, and 417.220, to read as
- 6 follows:
 - 136.005. Taxing jurisdictions in this state shall not initiate or participate in any
- 2 legal proceeding against any taxpayer to levy, collect, or enforce any business license tax
- 3 without first notifying the taxpayer of the amount of business license tax that may be owed
- 4 and providing the taxpayer an opportunity within ninety days of such notice to pay or
- 5 dispute the amount of business license tax that may be owed. As used in this section,
- 6 "taxing jurisdiction" means any county or city authorized by statute or charter to levy,
- collect, or enforce any business license tax. This section shall not apply to legal proceedings
- 8 commenced prior to January 1, 2016.
 - 144.087. 1. The director of revenue shall require all applicants for retail sales licenses
- 2 and all licensees in default in filing a return and paying their taxes when due to file a bond in an
- 3 amount to be determined by the director, which may be a corporate surety bond or a cash bond,
- 4 but such bond shall not be more than [three] two times the average monthly tax liability of the

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

- taxpayer, estimated in the case of a new applicant, otherwise based on the previous twelve months' experience. At such time as the director of revenue shall deem the amount of a bond required by this section to be insufficient to cover the average monthly tax liability of a given taxpayer, he may require such taxpayer to adjust the amount of the bond to the level satisfactory to the director which will cover the amount of such liability. The director shall, after a reasonable period of satisfactory tax compliance for [two years] one year from the initial date of bonding, release such taxpayer from the bonding requirement as set forth in this section. All itinerant or temporary businesses shall be required to procure the license and post the bond required under the provisions of sections 144.083 and 144.087 prior to the selling of goods at retail, and in the event that such business is to be conducted for less than one month, the amount of the bond shall be determined by the director.
 - 2. All cash bonds shall be deposited by the director of revenue into the state general revenue fund, and shall be released to the taxpayer pursuant to subsection 1 of this section from funds appropriated by the general assembly for such purpose. If appropriated funds are available, the commissioner of administration and the state treasurer shall cause such refunds to be paid within thirty days of the receipt of a warrant request for such payment from the director of the department of revenue.
 - 3. An applicant or licensee in default may, in lieu of filing any bond required under this section, provide the director of revenue with an irrevocable letter of credit, as defined in section 400.5-103, issued by any state or federally chartered financial institution, in an amount to be determined by the director or may obtain a certificate of deposit issued by any state or federally chartered financial institution, in an amount to be determined by the director, where such certificate of deposit is pledged to the department of revenue until released by the director in the same manner as bonds are released pursuant to subsection 1 of this section. As used in this subsection, the term "certificate of deposit" means a certificate representing any deposit of funds in a state or federally chartered financial institution for a specified period of time which earns interest at a fixed or variable rate, where such funds cannot be withdrawn prior to a specified time without forfeiture of some or all of the earned interest.

347.015. As used in sections 347.010 to 347.187, the following terms mean:

- (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 347.187;
- 5 (2) "Authorized person", manager, or member, if management of the limited liability 6 company is vested in the members;

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- 7 (3) "Bankruptcy", the entry of an order for relief by the court in a proceeding under the 8 United States Bankruptcy Code, Title 11, U.S.C., as amended, or its equivalent under a state 9 insolvency act or a similar law of other jurisdictions;
 - (4) "Business" includes every trade, occupation or profession;
- (5) "Contribution", cash, other property, the use of property, services rendered, a 12 promissory note or other binding obligation to contribute cash or property or perform services or any other valuable consideration transferred by a person to the limited liability company as a prerequisite for membership in the limited liability company and any subsequent transfer to the limited liability company by a person in his capacity as a member;
 - (6) "Court", includes every court and judge having jurisdiction in the case;
- (7) "Domestic limited liability company" or "limited liability company", a limited 17 liability company organized and existing under sections 347.010 to 347.187; 18
- 19 (8) "Event of withdrawal", an event that causes a person to cease to be a member as 20 provided in section 347.123;
 - (9) "Foreign limited liability company", a limited liability company formed under the laws of any jurisdiction other than the state of Missouri;
 - (10) "Manager", with respect to a limited liability company whose articles of organization state that management of the limited liability company is vested in one or more managers, the person or persons designated, appointed or elected as such in the manner provided in subsection 2 of section 347.079;
 - (11) "Member", any person that signs in person or by an attorney in fact, or otherwise is a party to the operating agreement at the time the limited liability company is formed and is identified as a member in that operating agreement and any person who is subsequently admitted as a member in a limited liability company in accordance with sections 347.010 to 347.187 and the operating agreement, until such time as an event of withdrawal occurs with respect to such person;
 - (12) "Member's interest", a member's share of the profits and losses of a limited liability company and the right to receive distributions of limited liability company assets;
- 35 (13) "Military spouse", any person who is the spouse of a uniformed services 36 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;
 - [(14)] (15) "Organizer", any of the signers of the articles of organization;

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- [(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, leasehold or estate in land and any improvements thereon;
- 48 **[**(17)**] (18)** "Secretary", the secretary of state for the state of Missouri and its delegates responsible for the administration of sections 347.010 to 347.187;
 - [(18)] (19) "Surviving entity", the surviving or resulting person pursuant to a merger or consolidation in which one or more domestic limited liability companies are parties;
 - (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.
 - 347.179. 1. The secretary shall charge and collect:
 - (1) For filing the original articles of organization, a fee of one hundred dollars;
 - (2) For filing the original articles of organization online, in an electronic format prescribed by the secretary of state, a fee of forty-five dollars;
 - (3) Applications for registration of foreign limited liability companies and issuance of a certificate of registration to transact business in this state, a fee of one hundred dollars;
 - (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;
 - (5) Articles of termination of limited liability companies or cancellation of registration of foreign limited liability companies, a fee of twenty dollars;
 - (6) For filing notice of merger or consolidation, a fee of twenty dollars;
 - (7) For filing a notice of winding up, a fee of twenty dollars;
 - (8) For issuing a certificate of good standing, a fee of five dollars;
- 15 (9) For a notice of the abandonment of merger or consolidation, a fee of twenty dollars;
- 16 (10) For furnishing a copy of any document or instrument, a fee of fifty cents per page;
- 17 (11) For accepting an application for reservation of a name, or for filing a notice of the 18 transfer or cancellation of any name reservation, a fee of twenty dollars;
- 19 (12) For filing a statement of change of address of registered office or registered agent, 20 or both, a fee of five dollars;

- 21 (13) For any service of notice, demand, or process upon the secretary as resident agent 22 of a limited liability company, a fee of twenty dollars, which amount may be recovered as taxable 23 costs by the party instituting such suit, action, or proceeding causing such service to be made if 24 such party prevails therein;
 - (14) For filing an amended certificate of registration a fee of twenty dollars; and
 - (15) For filing a statement of correction a fee of five dollars.
 - 2. Fees mandated in subdivisions (1) and (2) 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 of the limited liability company is **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.
 - 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 of 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;
 - (4) "Control share acquisition" [means], the acquisition, directly or indirectly, by any person of ownership of, or the power to direct the exercise of voting power with respect to, issued and outstanding control shares. For the purposes of this chapter, shares acquired within ninety days of any acquisition of shares or shares acquired pursuant to a plan to make a control share acquisition are considered to have been acquired in the same acquisition. For the purposes of this chapter, a person who acquires shares in the ordinary course of business for the benefit of others in good faith and not for the purpose of circumventing this chapter has voting power only of shares in respect of which that person would be able to exercise or direct the exercise of

- votes without further instruction from others. The acquisition of any shares of an issuing public corporation does not constitute a control share acquisition if the acquisition is consummated in any of the following circumstances:
 - (a) Prior to June 13, 1984;
 - (b) Pursuant to a contract in existence prior to June 13, 1984;
 - (c) Pursuant to a will or other testamentary disposition, the laws of descent and distribution or by intervivos gift where such gift is made in good faith and not for the purpose of circumventing section 351.407;
 - (d) Pursuant to a public offering, a private placement, or any other issuance of shares by an issuing public corporation;
 - (e) By, on behalf of, or pursuant to any benefit or other compensation plan or arrangement of an issuing public corporation;
 - (f) Pursuant to the conversion of debt securities into shares of an issuing public corporation under the terms of such 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;
- 38 (h) Pursuant to the satisfaction of a pledge or other security interest created in good faith 39 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;
- 54 (5) "Control shares" [means], shares that, except for this chapter, would have voting 55 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], a corporation for profit organized under laws other than the laws of this state;
 - (8) "Incorporator" [means], a signer of the original 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 the right of a corporation to declare and pay dividends and the

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- 92 liabilities of directors therefor, shall not include shares of its own stock belonging to a 93 corporation;
- [(12)] (13) "Paid-in surplus" [means], all that part of the consideration received by the 95 corporation for, or on account of, all shares issued which does not constitute stated capital minus such formal reductions from said sum as may have been effected in a manner permitted by this chapter;
- 98 [(13)] (14) "Person", includes, without limitation, an individual, a foreign or domestic 99 corporation whether not for profit or for profit, a partnership, a limited liability company, an 100 unincorporated society or association, two or more persons having a joint or common interest, or any other entity;
- 102 [(14)] (15) "Registered office" [means], that office maintained by the corporation in this 103 state, the address of which is on file in the office of the secretary of state;
- [(15)] (16) "Shareholder" [means], one who is a holder of record of shares in a 104 corporation; 105
- 106 [(16)] (17) "Shares", are the units into which the shareholders' rights to participate in 107 the control of the corporation, in its surplus or profits, or in the distribution of its assets, are 108 divided;
 - [(17)] (18) "Stated capital" [means], at any particular time the sum of:
 - (a) The par value of all shares then issued having a par value; and
- 111 (b) The consideration received by the corporation for all shares then issued without par 112 value except such part thereof as may have been allocated otherwise than to stated capital in a 113 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;
- 123 (21) "Veteran", any individual defined as a veteran by the United States 124 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

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- 4 of the certificate and fifty dollars for the first thirty thousand dollars or less of the authorized
- 5 shares of the corporation and a further sum of five dollars for each additional ten thousand
- 6 dollars of its authorized shares, and no increase in the authorized shares of the corporation shall
- 7 be valid or effectual unless the corporation has paid the director of revenue five dollars for each
- 8 ten thousand dollars or less of the increase in the authorized shares of the corporation, and the
- 9 corporation shall file a duplicate receipt issued by the director of revenue for the payments
- 10 required by this section to be made with the secretary of state as is provided by this chapter for
- 11 the filing of articles of incorporation; except that the requirements of this section to pay
- 12 incorporation taxes and fees shall not apply to foreign railroad corporations which built their
- 13 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.
 - 354.010. As used in sections 354.010 to 354.380, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the following terms mean:
 - (1) "Corporation", a domestic health services corporation subject to the provisions of sections 354.010 to 354.380;
 - (2) "Director", the director of the department of insurance, financial institutions and professional registration 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;
- 11 (4) "Health services corporation", any not-for-profit corporation heretofore or hereafter 12 organized or operating for the purposes of establishing and operating a nonprofit plan or plans 13 under which prepaid hospital care, medical-surgical care and other health care and services, or 14 reimbursement therefor, may be furnished to a member or beneficiary;

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- 15 (5) "Member" or "beneficiary", a natural person who is entitled to receive health 16 services, or reimbursement therefor, pursuant to a contract made by a health services corporation 17 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;
- 21 (7) "Military spouse", any person who is the spouse of a uniformed services 22 member;
 - (8) "Not-for-profit corporation", a nonprofit domestic corporation organized under or accepting the provisions of chapter 355 or incorporated under chapter 352;
 - (9) "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;
 - (10) "Veteran", any individual defined as a veteran by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or its successor agency.
 - 354.150. 1. Every health services corporation subject to the provisions of sections 354.010 to 354.380 shall pay the following fees to the director for the administration and enforcement of the provisions of this chapter:
- 4 (1) For filing the declaration required on organization of each domestic company, two bundred fifty dollars;
 - (2) For filing statement and certified copy of charter required of foreign companies, two hundred fifty dollars;
 - (3) For filing application to renew certificate of authority, along with all required annual reports, including the annual statement, actuarial statement, risk-based capital report, report of valuation of policies or other obligations of assurance, and audited financial report of any company doing business in this state, one thousand five hundred dollars;
 - (4) For filing any paper, document, or report not filed under subdivision (1), (2), or (3) of this section but required to be filed in the office of the director, fifty dollars each;
 - (5) For affixing the seal of office of the director, ten dollars;
 - (6) For accepting each service of process upon the company, ten dollars.
 - 2. Fees mandated in subdivision (1) of subsection 1 of this section shall be waived if a majority shareholder, officer, or director of the organizing corporation is **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.
 - 3. Fees mandated in subdivisions (1) and (2) of subsection 1 of this section shall be waived if a majority shareholder, officer, or director of the organizing corporation is a

- 22 military spouse, and provides a copy of a marriage certificate, and proof of his or her
- 23 spouse's service to the secretary.
 - 355.021. 1. The secretary of state shall collect the following fees when the documents
- 2 described in this subsection are delivered for filing:
- 3 (1) Articles of incorporation, twenty dollars;
- 4 (2) Application for reserved name, twenty dollars;
- 5 (3) Notice of transfer of reserved name, two dollars;
- 6 (4) Application for renewal of reserved name, twenty dollars;
- 7 (5) Corporation's statement of change of registered agent or registered office or both, five 8 dollars;
- 9 (6) Agent's statement of change of registered office for each affected corporation, five dollars;
- 11 (7) Agent's statement of resignation, five dollars;
- 12 (8) Amendment of articles of incorporation, five dollars;
- 13 (9) Restatement of articles of incorporation with amendments, five dollars;
- 14 (10) Articles of merger, five dollars;
- 15 (11) Articles of dissolution, five dollars;
- 16 (12) Articles of revocation of dissolution, five dollars;
- 17 (13) Application for reinstatement following administrative dissolution, twenty dollars;
- 18 (14) Application for certificate of authority, twenty dollars;
- 19 (15) Application for amended certificate of authority, five dollars;
- 20 (16) Application for certificate of withdrawal, five dollars;
- 21 (17) Corporate registration report filed annually, ten dollars if filed in a written format 22 or five dollars if filed electronically in a format prescribed by the secretary of state;
- 23 (18) Corporate registration report filed biennially, twenty dollars if filed in a written 24 format or ten dollars if filed electronically in a format prescribed by the secretary of state;
 - (19) Articles of correction, five dollars;
 - (20) Certificate of existence or authorization, five dollars;
 - (21) Any other document required or permitted to be filed by this chapter, five dollars.
- 28 2. The secretary of state shall collect a fee of ten dollars upon being served with process under this chapter. The party to a proceeding causing service of process is entitled to recover the fee paid the secretary of state as costs if the party prevails in the proceeding.
- 3. The secretary of state shall collect the following fees for copying and certifying the copy of any filed document relating to a domestic or foreign corporation: in a written format fifty cents per page plus five dollars for certification, or in an electronic format five dollars for
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- 35 4. Fees mandated in subdivisions (1) and (2) of subsection 1 of this section shall be waived if an initial officer or director of the nonprofit corporation is a veteran, a member of the 36 Missouri National Guard or any other active duty military, resides in the state of Missouri, and 37 38 provides proof of such service to the secretary of state.
 - 5. Fees mandated in subdivisions (1) and (2) of subsection 1 of this section and subsection 3 of this section shall be waived if an initial officer or director of the nonprofit corporation is a military spouse, and provides a copy of a marriage certificate, and proof of his or her spouse's service to the secretary.

355.066. Unless the context otherwise requires or unless otherwise indicated, as used in this chapter the following terms mean:

- (1) "Approved by or approval by the members", approved or ratified by the affirmative vote of a majority of the voters represented and voting at a duly held meeting at which a quorum is present, which affirmative votes also constitute a majority of the required quorum, or by a 6 written ballot or written consent in conformity with this chapter, or by the affirmative vote, written ballot or written consent of such greater proportion, including the votes of all the members of any class, unit or grouping as may be provided in the articles, bylaws or this chapter for any specified member action;
- 10 "Articles of incorporation" or "articles", amended and restated articles of (2) 11 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;
 - (6) "Corporation", public benefit and mutual benefit corporations;
- 25 (7) "Delegates", those persons elected or appointed to vote in a representative assembly 26 for the election of a director or directors or on other matters;
 - (8) "Deliver", includes mail;

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- 28 (9) "Directors", individuals, designated in the articles or bylaws or elected by the incorporator or incorporators, and their successors and individuals elected or appointed by any other name or title to act as members of the board;
- 31 (10) "Distribution", the payment of a dividend or any part of the income or profit of a corporation to its members, directors or officers;
 - (11) "Domestic corporation", a Missouri corporation;
 - (12) "Effective date of notice", is defined in section 355.071;
- 35 (13) "Employee", does not include an officer or director who is not otherwise employed by the corporation;
 - (14) "Entity", domestic corporations and foreign corporations, business corporations and foreign business corporations, for-profit and nonprofit unincorporated associations, business trusts, estates, partnerships, trusts, and two or more persons having a joint or common economic interest, and a state, the United States, and foreign governments;
- 41 (15) "File", "filed" or "filing", filed in the office of the secretary of state;
- 42 (16) "Foreign corporation", a corporation organized under a law other than the laws of 43 this state which would be a nonprofit corporation if formed under the laws of this state;
 - (17) "Governmental subdivision", includes authority, county, district, and municipality;
- 45 (18) "Includes", denotes a partial definition;
- 46 (19) "Individual", a natural person;
- 47 (20) "Means", denotes a complete definition;
- 48 (21) "Member", without regard to what a person is called in the articles or bylaws, any 49 person or persons who on more than one occasion, pursuant to a provision of a corporation's 50 articles or bylaws, have the right to vote for the election of a director or directors; but a person 51 is not a member by virtue of any of the following:
 - (a) Any rights such person has as a delegate;
 - (b) Any rights such person has to designate a director or directors; or
- 54 (c) Any rights such person has as a director;
- 55 (22) "Membership", the rights and obligations a member or members have pursuant to 56 a corporation's articles, bylaws and this chapter;
- 57 (23) "Military spouse", any person who is the spouse of a uniformed services member;
- 59 **(24)** "Mutual benefit corporation", a domestic corporation which is formed as a mutual 60 benefit corporation pursuant to sections 355.096 to 355.121 or is required to be a mutual benefit corporation pursuant to section 355.881;
- 62 [(24)] (25) "Notice" [is defined], as described in section 355.071;
- [(25)] (26) "Person", includes any individual or entity;

- [(26)] (27) "Principal office", the office, in or out of 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 criminal, administrative, and investigatory actions;
 - [(28)] **(29)** "Public benefit corporation", a domestic corporation which is formed as a public benefit corporation pursuant to sections 355.096 to 355.121, or is required to be a public benefit corporation pursuant to section 355.881;
 - [(29)] (30) "Record date", the date established pursuant to sections 355.181 to 355.311 on which a corporation determines the identity of its members for the purposes of this chapter;
 - [(30)] (31) "Resident", a full-time resident of a long-term care facility or residential care facility;
 - [(31)] (32) "Secretary", the corporate officer to whom the board of directors has delegated responsibility pursuant to subsection 2 of section 355.431 for custody of the minutes of the directors' and members' meetings and for authenticating the records of the corporation;
 - [(32)] (33) "State", when referring to a part of the United States, includes a state or commonwealth, and its agencies and governmental subdivisions, and any territory or insular possession, and its agencies and governmental subdivisions, of the United States;
 - (34) "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;
 - [(33)] (35) "United States", includes any agency of the United States;
 - (36) "Veteran", any individual defined as a veteran by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or its successor agency;
 - [(34)] (37) "Vote", includes authorization by written ballot and written consent; and
 - [(35)] (38) "Voting power", the total number of votes entitled to be cast for the election of directors at the time the determination of voting power is made, excluding a vote which is contingent upon the happening of a condition or event that has not occurred at the time. Where a class is entitled to vote as a class for directors, the determination of voting power of the class shall be based on the percentage of the number of directors the class is entitled to elect out of the total number of authorized directors.
- 357.060. 1. For incorporation under this chapter as herein provided, there shall be paid to and collected by the state director of revenue a fee of fifty dollars for the first fifty thousand dollars or less of capital stock, and the further sum of five dollars for each additional ten thousand dollars of its capital stock. The limitation upon the aggregate amount of capital stock
- 5 shall be the same as in respect to other corporations.

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- 2. Fees mandated in subsection 1 of this section shall be waived if the association of persons signing the written articles of association and agreement includes:
 - (1) A military spouse who provides a copy of a marriage certificate and proof of his or her spouse's service to the secretary; or
- 10 **(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.
 - 3. For purposes of this section, the following terms shall mean:
- 14 (1) "Military spouse", any person who is the spouse of a uniformed services 15 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;
 - (3) "Veteran", any individual defined as a veteran by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or its successor agency.

358.020. In this chapter:

- 2 (1) "Bankrupt", includes a debtor pursuant to a voluntary or involuntary petition filed 3 under the Federal Bankruptcy Code or a person or entity subject to an insolvency or similar 4 proceeding under state law;
 - (2) "Business", includes every trade, occupation, or profession;
 - (3) "Conveyance", includes every assignment, lease, mortgage, or encumbrance;
- 7 (4) "Court", includes every court and judge having jurisdiction in the case;
 - (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 such jurisdiction;
- 11 (6) "Military spouse", any person who is the spouse of a uniformed services 12 member;
 - (7) "Person", includes individuals, partnerships, domestic or foreign limited partnerships, domestic or foreign limited liability companies, domestic or foreign corporations, trusts, business trusts, real estate investment trusts, estates and other associations or business entities;
 - [(7)] (8) "Real property", includes land and any interest or estate in land; [and]
- [(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;

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- 20 (10) "Uniformed services member", a member of the active or reserve components 21 of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard of the United States who is 22 on active duty, or a member on activated status of the National Guard;
- 23 (11) "Veteran", any individual defined as a veteran by the United States 24 Department of Veterans Affairs or its successor agency.
- 358.440. 1. To register as a limited liability partnership pursuant to this section, a written application shall be filed with the office of the secretary of state. The application shall set forth:
 - (1) The name of the partnership;
 - (2) The address of a registered office and the name and address of a registered agent for service of process required to be maintained by section 358.470;
 - (3) The number of partners in the partnership at the date of application;
 - (4) A brief statement of the principal business in which the partnership engages;
- 9 (5) That the partnership thereby applies for registration as a registered limited liability partnership; and
 - (6) Any other information the partnership determines to include in the application.
 - 2. The application shall be signed on behalf of the partnership by a majority of the partners or by one or more partners authorized by a majority in interest of the partners to sign the application on behalf of the partnership.
 - 3. The application shall be accompanied by a fee payable to the secretary of state of twenty-five dollars for each partner of 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 as an agent or fiduciary need not exhibit evidence of the partner's authority as a prerequisite to filing. Any signature on such document may be a facsimile. If the secretary of state finds that the filing conforms to law, the secretary of state shall:
 - (1) Endorse on the copy the word "Filed" and the month, day and year of the filing;
 - (2) File the original in the secretary of state's office; and
 - (3) Return the copy to the person who filed it or to the 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 the partnership as a limited liability partnership as of the date of filing the notice in the office of the secretary of state. The withdrawal notice shall be accompanied by a filing fee of twenty dollars.
- 11. If a partnership that has registered pursuant to this section ceases to be registered as provided in subsection 6 or 10 of this section, that fact shall not affect the status of the

- partnership as a registered limited liability partnership prior to the date the partnership ceased to be registered pursuant to this section.
 - 12. A document filed under this section may be amended or 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 of amendment shall contain:
 - (1) The name of the partnership;
 - (2) The identity of the document being amended;
- 74 (3) The part of the document being amended; and
- 75 (4) The amendment or correction.
 - 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 not exceed two hundred dollars; provided that no amendment of an application or a renewal application is required as a result of a change after the application or renewal application is filed in the number of partners of the registered limited liability partnership or in the business in which the registered limited liability partnership engages. All moneys from such fees shall be deposited into the general revenue fund. The status of a partnership as a registered limited liability partnership shall not be affected by changes after the filing of an application or a renewal application in the information stated in the application or renewal application.
 - 13. No later than ninety days after the happening of any of the following events, an amendment to an application or a renewal 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 the partners to execute an amendment to the application or renewal application:
 - (1) A change in the name of the registered limited liability partnership;
 - (2) Except as provided in subsections 2 and 3 of section 358.470, a change in the address of the registered office or a change in the name or address of the registered agent of the registered limited liability partnership.
 - 14. Unless otherwise provided in this chapter or in the certificate of amendment of an application or a renewal application, a certificate of amendment of an application or a renewal application or a withdrawal notice of an application or a renewal application shall be effective at the time of its filing with the secretary of state.
 - 15. The secretary of state may provide forms for the application specified in subsection 1 of this section, the renewal application specified in subsection 9 of this section, the withdrawal notice specified in subsection 10 of this section, and the amendment or correction specified in subsection 12 of this section.

- 102 16. The secretary of state may remove from its active records the registration of a partnership whose registration has been withdrawn, revoked or has expired.
 - 17. The secretary of state may revoke the filing of a document filed under this section if the secretary of state determines that the filing fee for the document was paid by an instrument that was dishonored when presented by the state for payment. The secretary of state shall return the document and give notice of revocation to the filing party by regular mail. Failure to give or receive notice does not invalidate the revocation. A revocation of a filing does not affect an earlier filing.
 - 18. If any person signs a document required or permitted to be filed pursuant to sections 358.440 to 358.500 which the person 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 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 application, shall not affect the status of a partnership as a registered limited liability partnership.
 - 19. Before transacting business in this state, a foreign 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
 - (2) Register as a limited liability partnership as provided in this section by filing an application which shall, in addition to the other matters required to be set forth in such 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.

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- 138 21. Fees mandated in subsection 3 of this section shall be waived if a general partner of the partnership is:
- 140 **(1)** A military spouse, and provides a copy of a marriage certificate, and proof of 141 his or her spouse's service to the secretary; or
- 142 **(2)** A veteran, a member of the Missouri National Guard or any other active duty 143 military, resides in the state of Missouri, and provides proof of such service to the secretary of 144 state.
 - 359.011. As used in this chapter, the following terms mean:
 - 2 (1) "Certificate of limited partnership", the certificate referred to in section 359.091, and 3 the certificate as amended or 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;
 - (3) "Event of withdrawal of a general partner", an event that causes a person to cease to be a general partner as provided 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;
 - 15 (6) "Limited partner", a person who has been admitted to a limited partnership as a 16 limited partner in accordance with the partnership agreement;
 - (7) "Limited partnership" and "domestic limited partnership", a partnership formed by two or more persons under the laws of this state and having one or more general partners and one or more limited partners;
- 20 (8) "Military spouse", any person who is the spouse of a uniformed services 21 member;
 - (9) "Partner", a limited or general partner;
- [(9)] (10) "Partnership agreement", any valid agreement, written or oral, of the partners as to the affairs of a limited 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 receive distributions of partnership assets;
- [(11)] (12) "Person", a natural person, partnership, limited partnership (domestic or foreign), domestic or foreign limited liability company, trust, estate, association, or corporation;

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- 29 [(12)] (13) "Registered limited liability limited partnership", a limited partnership 30 complying with section 359.172;
- [(13)] (14) "State", a state, territory, or possession of the United States, the District of Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico;
- 33 (15) "Uniformed services member", a member of the active or reserve components 34 of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard of the United States who is 35 on active duty, or a member on activated status of the National Guard;
- 36 (16) "Veteran", any individual defined as a veteran by the United States 37 Department of Veterans Affairs or its successor agency.
 - 359.651. 1. The secretary of state shall charge the fee specified for filing the following:
- 2 (1) Certificates of limited partnership: one hundred dollars;
- 3 (2) Applications for registration of foreign limited partnerships and issuance of a 4 certificate of registration to transact business in this state: one hundred dollars;
 - (3) Amendments to and restatements of certificates of limited partnerships or to applications for registration of foreign limited partnerships or any other filing not otherwise provided for: twenty dollars;
- 8 (4) Cancellations of certificates of limited partnerships or of registration of foreign 9 limited partnerships: twenty dollars;
 - (5) A consent required to be filed under this chapter: twenty dollars;
- 11 (6) A change of address of registered agent, or change of registered agent, or both: five dollars;
 - (7) A partner list: one dollar each page;
- 14 (8) Reservation of name: twenty dollars;
- 15 (9) Rescission fee: one hundred dollars.
- 2. Fees mandated in subdivision (1) of subsection 1 of this section shall be waived if a general partner of the partnership is **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.
 - 3. Fees mandated in subdivisions (1) and (2) of subsection 1 of this section shall be waived if a general partner of the partnership is a military spouse, and provides a copy of a marriage certificate, and proof of his or her spouse's service to the secretary.
 - 394.020. In this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires, **the following terms** mean:
- 3 (1) "Member" [means], each incorporator of a cooperative and each person admitted to 4 and retaining membership therein, and shall include a husband and wife admitted to joint 5 membership;

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- 6 (2) "Military spouse", any person who is the spouse of a uniformed services 7 member:
 - (3) "Person", includes any natural person, firm, association, corporation, business trust, partnership, federal agency, state or political subdivision or agency thereof, or any body politic; [and]
- 11 [(3)] (4) "Rural area", shall be deemed to mean any area of the United States not 12 included within the boundaries of any city, town or village having a population in excess of 13 fifteen hundred inhabitants, and such term shall be deemed to include both the farm and nonfarm 14 population thereof;
- (5) "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 16 on active duty, or a member on activated status of the National Guard; 17
- 18 (6) "Veteran", any individual defined as a veteran by the United States Department 19 of Veterans Affairs or its successor agency.
 - 394.250. 1. There shall be charged and collected for:
- (1) Filing articles of incorporation, ten dollars; 2
- 3 (2) Filing articles of amendment, one dollar;
- 4 (3) Filing articles of consolidation or merger, ten dollars;
- (4) Filing articles of conversion, ten dollars; 5
- 6 (5) Filing certificate of election to dissolve, one dollar;
- 7 (6) Filing articles of dissolution, two dollars; and
- 8 (7) Filing certificate of change of principal office, two dollars.
- 9 2. All fees shall be made payable to and collected by the state director of revenue.
 - 3. Fees mandated in subdivision (1) of subsection 1 of this section shall be waived if an initial member of the cooperative 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
- 14 (2) A veteran, a member of the Missouri National Guard or any other active duty 15 military, resides in the state of Missouri, and provides proof of such service to the secretary of state. 16
- 417.220. 1. For the registration or renewal of each fictitious name under sections 2 417.200 to 417.230 there shall be paid to the state director of revenue a fee of two dollars if filed electronically in a format prescribed by the secretary of state or if filed in a written format prescribed by the secretary of state.
- 5 2. Fees mandated in subsection 1 of this section shall be waived if a party owning any interest or part in the business is:

- 7 (1) A military spouse, and provides a copy of a marriage certificate, and proof of 8 his or her spouse's service to the secretary; or
- 9 **(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.
 - 3. For purposes of this section, the following terms shall mean:
- 13 (1) "Military spouse", any person who is the spouse of a uniformed services 14 member;
- 15 (2) "Uniformed services member", a member of the active or reserve components 16 of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard of the United States who is 17 on active duty, or a member on activated status of the National Guard;
- 18 (3) "Veteran", any individual defined as a veteran by the United States Department 19 of Veterans Affairs or its successor agency.

