

moted by his or her remaining longer in the custody and subject to the control of the management of said Asylum and Training School, said judge or judges shall certify the same, and which shall be authority for the retention of the control of such inmate until otherwise ordered.

Approved April 7, 1900.

CHAPTER 522.

AN ACT to incorporate "The Southern Commercial Agency."

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Thomas S. Hodson, Howard S. Hodson, T. Sherwood Hodson, Jr., John K. Wimbrough and Eli M. Shilling, all of Baltimore City, and their successors shall be, and are hereby made and constituted a body corporate by the name and style of "The Southern Commercial Agency," and as such shall be capable in law to conduct a Collection Agency and to collect claims, notes, drafts and other instruments, negotiable or otherwise, and to prosecute or sue the same, either personally or by attorneys to be designated by it. To report on the financial standing of firms and individuals to their subscribers and others entitled to receive the same. To designate attorneys at other points in any of the United States or foreign countries, with such powers and duties, relating to the aforesaid claims, notes, etc., as may be assigned to them by the corporation or agreed upon between the corporation and the creditors. To publish a list of such attorneys and the aforesaid rules governing their appointment, terms of representation and other information for the use of subscribers and others. In addition to the general powers conferred by the law on corporations it shall have power to acquire the goodwill, rights and property of any person, firm, association or corporation in the same or any kindred business, and to hold or dispose of the same and to consolidate the property and business so acquired with the business of this corporation, or to conduct same and exercise all the power necessary or convenient in or about the management of the said business.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the affairs of the said corporation shall be managed for the first year by the aforesaid Thomas S. Hodson, Howard S. Hodson, T. Sherwood Hodson, Jr., John K. Wimbrough and Eli M. Shilling, of Baltimore City, as a board of directors, or until their successors are duly elected and qualified. After the first year the directors shall be elected by the shareholders, comprising this

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