

[18.

(a) Any person or persons, engaged in any mercantile, trading or manufacturing business as an agent or agents, or doing business in any name or under any title or designation other than his or their own name or names, shall, within thirty days from June 1, 1922, or thereafter prior to commencing such business, file in the office of the clerk of the circuit court for the county wherein such business is conducted, and with the Department of Assessments and Taxation, a certificate in writing, under oath, disclosing the true and correct name or names and the address or addresses of the principal or principals or true owner or owners of the said business, the character and location thereof and the name, title or designation under which said business is conducted, the form of which certificate shall be as follows:

State of Maryland, C .... of .... ss.:

I, or we, hereby certify that ....., residing at ....., is, or are, the owner, or owners, of the business of ....., located and conducted at ....., in the city, or town, of ....., in the county of ....., in the State of Maryland, in the name, or under the style, title or designation of .....

(Signed)

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this .... day of ....., 19...

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(Official title).

(b) The oath required under subsection (a) of this section may be taken before any officer authorized under the laws of this State to administer an oath.]

[19.

The clerks of the circuit courts for the several counties and the Department of Assessments and Taxation shall keep a public record, to be known as the "agency record," wherein shall be recorded all certificates filed in accordance with the provisions of § 18 of this article properly indexed so as to disclose the name or names of the real owner or owners of such business and the name, title or designation under which the same is conducted, and shall charge and receive a fee of ten dollars for recording such certificates and one dollar for each name to be indexed.]

20.

If any person or persons, [so] conducting any [such] MERCANTILE, TRADING, OR MANUFACTURING business, as agent or agents, or in any name or under any title or designation other than in the real name or names of the true owner or owners thereof, shall fail to file the certificate provided for in [§ 18 of this article] § 1-406 OF THE CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS ARTICLE, then and in that event any person or corporation who shall become a creditor of such person or persons for money, merchandise or anything of value furnished or supplied for the use or benefit of such