

original statement is continued for 12 years after the last date to which the filing was effective whereupon it lapses in the same manner as provided in subsection (2) unless another continuation statement is filed prior to such lapse. Succeeding continuation statements may be filed in the same manner to continue the effectiveness of the original statement. Unless a statute on disposition of public records provides otherwise, the filing officer may remove the record of a lapsed statement from the files and destroy it[.] IMMEDIATELY IF HE HAS RETAINED A MICROFILM OR OTHER PHOTOGRAPHIC RECORD, OR IN OTHER CASES AFTER 6 YEARS AFTER THE LAPSE.

(4) Upon presentation of such a financing or continuation statement, or any amendment thereof, to the filing officer, other than one relating to fixtures under § 9-401(1)(a), he shall mark it with an identifying file number and with the date and hour of filing and give a receipt therefor and he shall record same in the financing records for public inspection. In addition the filing officer shall index such a financing or continuation statement alphabetically according to the name of the debtor and shall note in such index the name of the secured party, the identifying file number, the liber and folio number of the record reference of such financing or continuation statement, and the date of filing. It shall not be necessary to index such statement according to the name of the secured party. The index shall also contain sufficient space for the noting therein of an amendment, assignment, termination or release relating thereto and with respect to any amendment of a financing statement or a continuation statement the fact of such amendment shall be noted in the index of the statement being amended with the record reference of such amendment. After recording such statement, or amendment, the original shall be delivered or mailed to the secured party or his agent whose name and address for purposes of delivery shall be indicated on the statement or amendment. With respect to a financing or continuation statement or any amendment thereof, relating to fixtures, same shall be indexed and recorded among the land records as a mortgage effecting an interest in land.

(5) The uniform fee for the filing, indexing, furnishing a receipt for such filing, and recording for a financing statement, or for a continuation statement, or for any amendment thereof, whether recorded in the financing records or the land records, shall be the amount determined under § 7-202 of the Courts Article.

(6) IF THE DEBTOR IS A TRANSMITTING UTILITY (SUBSECTION (5) OF § 9-401.) AND A FILED FINANCING STATEMENT SO STATES, IT IS EFFECTIVE UNTIL A TERMINATION STATEMENT IS FILED. A REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE WHICH IS EFFECTIVE AS A FILING AS TO COLLATERAL WHICH IS OR IS TO BECOME FIXTURES UNDER SUBSECTION (6) OF § 9-402 REMAINS EFFECTIVE UNTIL THE MORTGAGE IS RELEASED OR SATISFIED OF RECORD OR ITS EFFECTIVENESS OTHERWISE TERMINATES AS TO THE REAL ESTATE.

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