CHAPTER 132

(House Bill 161)

AN ACT concerning

Corporations and Associations - Documents

FOR the purpose of expanding the types of documents that the Department of Assessments and Taxation may process by facsimile transmission or on an expedited basis; and establishing fees for the processing of certain documents on an expedited basis.

BY adding to

Article - Commercial Law

Section 9-401(8)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1992 Replacement Volume and 1992 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Corporations and Associations

Section 1-201(c), 1-203(8), and 1-203.2

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1985 Replacement Volume and 1992 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Commercial Law

9-401.

(8) IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER AUTHORIZED MEANS OF FILING, A FILING THAT MUST BE MADE WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION UNDER THIS SECTION MAY BE MADE BY FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION UNDER § 1–201 OF THE CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS ARTICLE.

Article - Corporations and Associations

1-201.

- (c) (1) In this subsection "facsimile device" means a machine that transmits, receives, and copies documents electronically or telephonically over telecommunication lines.
- (2) [The] AS PROVIDED IN § 1-203.2 OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE Department may accept [domestic or foreign charter or limited partnership] documents that are filed for record by means of a facsimile device.
- (3) Documents filed for record by means of a facsimile device are subject to the regular filing fees and expedited filing fees provided in § 1–203 of this subtitle.