

(1) SHALL CONTAIN EITHER THE WORDS "LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP" OR THE ABBREVIATION "L.L.P." OR "LLP" AS THE LAST WORDS OR LETTERS OF ITS NAME;

(2) MAY NOT CONTAIN ANY WORD OR PHRASE WHICH INDICATES OR IMPLIES THAT IT IS ORGANIZED FOR ANY PURPOSE NOT STATED IN ITS CERTIFICATE OF LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP; AND

(3) MAY NOT BE THE SAME AS OR MISLEADINGLY SIMILAR TO:

(I) THE NAME OF ANY CORPORATION, LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, OR LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF THIS STATE;

(II) THE NAME OF ANY FOREIGN CORPORATION, FOREIGN LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, FOREIGN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, OR FOREIGN LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP REGISTERED OR QUALIFIED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE; OR

(III) ANY NAME WHICH IS RESERVED OR REGISTERED UNDER § 2-107, § 4A-209, § 7-101, § 9-804, § 10-103, OR § 10-904 OR RECORDED UNDER § 1-406 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(B) (1) EVERY 5 YEARS FOLLOWING THE YEAR IN WHICH THE LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP IS ~~FORMED~~ REGISTERED, EACH LIMITED LIABILITY ~~COMPANY~~ PARTNERSHIP SHALL FILE BY SEPTEMBER 15 A FORM PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT AFFIRMING THAT THE LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP IS ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN THE BUSINESS FOR WHICH IT WAS FORMED.

(2) A FAILURE TO FILE THE AFFIRMATION ON TIME SHALL RESULT IN FORFEITURE OF THE RIGHT TO USE THE NAME SET FORTH IN THE CERTIFICATE OF LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP.

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(A) THE EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO USE A SPECIFIED NAME FOR A DOMESTIC OR FOREIGN LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP MAY BE RESERVED BY:

(1) A PERSON WHO INTENDS TO REGISTER A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP;

(2) A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP THAT PROPOSES TO CHANGE ITS NAME;

(3) A FOREIGN LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP THAT INTENDS TO REGISTER TO DO BUSINESS IN THE STATE OF MARYLAND; OR

(4) A FOREIGN LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP REGISTERED TO DO BUSINESS IN THE STATE OF MARYLAND THAT PROPOSES TO CHANGE ITS NAME.

(B) (1) A PERSON MAY RESERVE A SPECIFIED NAME BY FILING A SIGNED APPLICATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT.