

(a) Service of process on the resident agent of a corporation, limited partnership, OR LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, or any other person binds the corporation, limited partnership, OR LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, or other person in any action, suit, or proceeding which is pending, filed, or instituted against it under the provisions of this article.

(b) (1) Any notice required by law to be served by personal service on a resident agent or other agent or officer of any Maryland or foreign corporation [or], limited partnership, OR LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY required by statute to have a resident agent in this State may be served on the corporation [or], limited partnership, OR LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY in the manner provided by the Maryland Rules relating to the service of process on corporations.

(2) Service under the Maryland Rules is equivalent to personal service on a resident agent or other agent or officer of a corporation [or], limited partnership, OR LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY mentioned in paragraph (1) of this subsection.

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(a) Any person who owns, operates, or directs an unincorporated organization, firm, association, or other entity which includes in its name the word "corporation", "incorporated", or, except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, "limited" or an abbreviation of any of these words or which holds itself out to the public as a corporation is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding \$500.

(b) This section does not prohibit:

(1) [a] A limited partnership from using the term "limited partnership" in its name; OR

(2) A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY FROM USING THE TERMS "LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY" OR "L.L.C." IN ITS NAME.

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(b) (1) Except as provided under paragraph (2) of this subsection, the name, title, or designation under which a business is conducted may not be the same as or misleadingly similar to:

(i) The name of any Maryland corporation [or], limited partnership, OR LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY;

(ii) The name of any foreign corporation [or], limited partnership, OR LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY registered or qualified to do business in the State; or

(iii) Any name which is recorded under this section or reserved under § 2-107, § 4A-209, or § 10-103 of this article or registered under § 4A-1002, § 7-101 or § 10-904 of this article.