

(a) Any foreign corporation may register its name in this State if the name is not the same as or misleadingly similar to:

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

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

(3) Any name reserved under § 2-107, § 4A-209, or § 10-103 of this article, registered under this section, § 4A-1002, or § 10-904 of this article, or recorded under § 1-406 of this article.

7-206.

(a) A foreign corporation that is qualified or registered to do business in this State shall file an officially certified statement with the Department within 60 days after the corporation:

(1) Merges into another corporation;

(2) Consolidates with another corporation;

(3) Dissolves; or

(4) Amends or supplements the instrument under which it was organized to change the name of the corporation or terminate its existence.

(b) The officially certified statement shall:

(1) Be executed by the official of that place who has custody of the pertinent record; and

(2) Include the action taken and the date the action was taken.

(c) (1) A representative of the successor corporation shall file with the Department an affidavit indicating whether the corporation [or], limited partnership, OR LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY merging out of existence or consolidating owns an interest in land in Maryland.

(2) The Department may not process a filing under this section until the information required by this subsection and § 3-117 of this article is provided.

8-501.1.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) "Business trust" means an unincorporated trust or association, including a Maryland real estate investment trust, a common-law trust, or a Massachusetts trust, which is engaged in business and in which property is acquired, held, managed, administered, controlled, invested, or disposed of by trustees for the benefit and profit of any person who may become a holder of a transferable unit of beneficial interest in the trust.