

SECTION ~~2~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1998.

Approved May 12, 1998.

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**CHAPTER 444**

**(House Bill 82)**

AN ACT concerning

**Foreign Corporations - Qualification**

FOR the purpose of repealing the requirement that a foreign corporation provide a certificate of good standing when registering to do business in Maryland.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Corporations and Associations

Section 7-203

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1993 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

**Article - Corporations and Associations**

7-203.

(a) Before doing any intrastate business in this State, a foreign corporation shall qualify with the Department.

(b) To qualify, the corporation shall[:

(1) Certify] CERTIFY to the Department:

[(i)] (1) The address of the corporation; and

[(ii)](2) The name and address of its resident agent in this State[;

(2) File with the Department a certificate which:

(i) States that the corporation is in good standing under the laws of the place where it is organized; and

(ii) Is executed by the official of that place who has custody of the pertinent records].

(c) Unless terminated by the corporation, the qualification is effective as long as:

(1) The corporation has a resident agent in this State;