HOUSE BILL NO. 229

INTRODUCED BY RAMIREZ, GOODOVER, MAEUREK

BY REQUEST OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

IN THE HOUSE

January 14, 1983	Introduced and referred to Committee on Business and Industry.
January 24, 1983	Committee recommend bill do pass. Report adopted.
	Bill printed and placed on members' deaks.
January 26, 1983	Second reading, do pass.
January 27, 1983	Considered correctly engrossed.
January 28, 1983	Third reading, passed. Transmitted to Senate.
IN THE SE	NATE
January 29, 1983	Introduced and referred to Committee on Business and Industry.
March 7, 1983	Committee recommend bill be concurred in. Report adopted.
March 9, 1983	Second reading, concurred in as amended.
March 11, 1983	Third reading, concurred in. Ayes, 49; Noes, 0.

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March 11, 1983	Returned to House with amendments.
March 30, 1983	Second reading, amendments concurred in.
March 31, 1983	Third reading, amendments concurred in.
	Sent to enrolling.

Reported correctly enrolled.

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INTRODUCED BY KAMASA BY REQUEST OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO GENERALLY REVISE AND 5 CLARIFY THE LAWS RELATING TO BUSINESS AND NONPROFIT 6 7 CORPORATIONS; AMENDING SECTIONS 35-1-213. 35-1-301. 8

35-1-303, 35-1-1006, 35-1-1020, 35-2-301, 35-2-805, AND

35-2-819. MCA.**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 35-1-213, MCA, is amended to read:

*35-1-213. Restated articles of incorporation. (1) A corporation may. by action taken in the same manner as required for amendment of articles of incorporation, adopt restated articles of incorporation. The restated articles of incorporation may contain any changes in the articles of incorporation that could be made by amendment regularly adopted. Adoption of restated articles of incorporation containing any such changes shall have the effect of amending the existing articles of incorporation to conform to the restated articles of Incorporation without further action of the board of directors or shareholders. Restated articles of incorporation shall contain a statement that

supersede the theretofore existing articles of

incorporation and amendments thereto. Restated articles of incorporation shall contain all the statements required by this chapter to be included in original articles of incorporation except that:

- (a) the restated articles of incorporation shall set forth the amount aggregate number of its stated-capital shares. issued and unissued. itemized by class and series. if any within each class, which the corporation has authority to Issue at the time of the adoption of the restated articles of incorporation;
- (b) in lieu of setting forth the address of the initial registered office and the name of the initial registered agent at such address, there shall be set forth the address, including street and number, if any, of the registered office and the name of the registered agent at such address at the time of the adoption of the restated articles of incorporation; and
- (c) no statement need be made with respect to the names and addresses of directors constituting the initial board of directors or the names and addresses of the incorporators.
- (2) Restated articles of incorporation when executed and filed in the manner prescribed in this chapter for articles of amendment shall supersede the theretofore existing articles of incorporation and amendments thereto.

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- (3) The restated articles of incorporation when filed shall be accompanied by a statement, executed in duplicate by the corporation by its president or a vice-president and by its secretary or an assistant secretary and verified by one of the officers signing such statement, setting forth the following:
 - (a) the name of the corporation;

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- (b) the date of the adoption of the restated articles of incorporation by the shareholders;
- (c) the number of shares outstanding and the number of shares entitled to vote thereon and, if the shares of any class are entitled to vote thereon as a class, the designation and number of outstanding shares entitled to vote thereon of each such class;
- (d) the number of shares voted for and against the restated articles of incorporation, respectively, and, if the shares of any class are entitled to vote thereon as a class, the number of shares of each such class voted for and against the restated articles of incorporation, respectively;
- (e) if the restated articles of incorporation provide for an exchange, reclassification, or cancellation of issued shares and, if the manner in which the same shall be effected is not set forth in the restated articles of incorporation, then a statement of the manner in which the

1 same shall be effected.*

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Section 2. Section 35-1-301, MCA, is amended to read:

3 *35-1-301. Corporate name. (1) The corporate name:

- 4 (a) shall contain the word "corporation", "company",
 5 "incorporated", or "limited" or shall contain an
 6 abbreviation of one of such words:
- 7 (b) shall not contain any word or phrase which 8 indicates or implies that it is organized for any purpose 9 other than one or more of the purposes contained in its 10 articles of incorporation:
 - (c) shall not be the same as or deceptively similar to any assumed business name. Timited partnership names trademarks or service mark redistered or reserved with the secretary of state or to the name of any domestic corporation existing under the laws of this states or any foreign corporation authorized to transact business in this states or a name the exclusive right to which is, at the time, reserved in the manner provided in this chapter or the name of a corporation which has in effect a registration of its corporate name as provided in this chapter, except that this provision does not apply if the applicant files with the secretary of state either of the following:
 - (i) the written consent of such other corporation or holder of a reserved or registered name to use the name or a deceptively similar name with one or more words added to

make such name distinguishable from such other name; or

- (ii) a certified copy of a final decree of a court of competent jurisdiction establishing the prior right of the applicant to the use of such name in this state.
- (2) A corporation with which another corporation, domestic or foreign, is merged or that is formed by the reorganization or consolidation of one or more domestic or foreign corporations or upon a sale, lease, or other disposition to or exchange with a domestic corporation of all or substantially all the assets of another corporation, domestic or foreign, including its name, may have the same name as that used in this state by any of such corporations if such other corporation was organized under the laws of or is authorized to transact business in this state.
- Section 3. Section 35-1-303, MCA, is amended to read:

 "35-1-303. Registration of corporate name. (1) Any
 corporation organized and existing under the laws of any
 state or territory of the United States may register its
 corporate name under this chapter provided its corporate
 name is not the same as or deceptively similar to any
 assumed business name. Nimited partnership names trademarks
 or service mark registered or reserved with the secretary of
 state or to the name of any domestic corporation existing
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 corporation authorized to transact business in this states

or any corporate name reserved or registered under this chapter.

12) The name must contain the word "Corporation":

4 "company": "incorporated": or "limited" or an abbreviation

5 of one of such words: or such corporation shall: for use in

6 this state; add at the end of its name one of such words or

7 an abbreviation thereof.

*23131 Such registration shall be made by:

(a) filing with the secretary of state:

- (i) an application for registration, executed by the corporation by an officer thereof, setting forth the name of the corporation, the state or territory under the laws of which it is incorporated, the date of its incorporation, a statement that it is carrying on or doing business, and a brief statement of the business in which it is engaged; and
- (ii) a certificate setting forth that such corporation is in good standing under the laws of the state or territory wherein it is organized, executed by the secretary of state of such state or territory or by such other official as may have custody of the records pertaining to corporations;
- (b) paying to the secretary of state a registration fee in the amount of \$1 for each month, or fraction thereof, between the date of filing such application and December 31 of the calendar year in which such application is filed.
- +3+141 Such registration shall be effective until the

close of the calendar year in which the application for registration is filed.*

Section 4. Section 35-1-1006, MCA, is amended to read:

**35-1-1006. Corporate name of foreign corporation. No
certificate of authority shall be issued to a foreign
corporation unless the corporate name of such corporation:

- (1) shall contain the word "corporation", "company", "incorporated", or "limited" or an abbreviation of one of such words or such corporation shall, for use in this state, add at the end of its name one of such words or an abbreviation thereof:
- (2) shall not contain any word or phrase which indicates or implies that it is organized for any purpose other than one or more of the purposes contained in its articles of incorporation or that it is authorized or empowered to conduct the business of banking or insurance;
- (3) shall not be the same as or deceptively similar to any assumed business name. Limited partnership names trademarks or service mark redistered of reserved with the secretary of state of to the name of any domestic corporation existing under the laws of this states or any foreign corporation authorized to transact business in this states or a name the exclusive right to which is at the time reserved in the manner provided in this chapter or the name of a corporation which has in effect a registration of its

name as provided in this chapter, except that this provision does not apply if the foreign corporation applying for a certificate of authority files with the secretary of state any one of the following:

- (a) a resolution of its board of directors adopting a fictitious name for use in transacting business in this state, which fictitious name is not deceptively similar to the name of any domestic corporation, to that of any foreign corporation authorized to transact business in this state, or to any name reserved or registered as provided in this chapter and which fictitious name is registered as an assumed business name under the provisions of Title 30, chapter 13, part 2;
- (b) the written consent of such other corporation or holder of a reserved or registered name to use the same or a deceptively similar name and one or more words are added to make such name distinguishable from such other name; or
- (c) a certified copy of a final decree of a court of competent jurisdiction establishing the prior right of the foreign corporation to the use of the name in this state."

 Section 5. Section 35-1-1020, MCA, is amended to read:

 #35-1-1020. Issuance of certificate notice of revocation -- effect. (1) Upon revoking any such certificate of authority, the secretary of state shall:
- (a) issue a certificate <u>notice</u> of revocation in

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- (b) file one of such eertificates notices in his office;
- (c) mail to such corporation at its registered office in this state e the duplicate notice of such revocation occompanied by one of such certificates.
- (2) Upon the issuance of such eertificate notice of revocation, the authority of the corporation to transact business in this state shall cease.
- Section 6. Section 35-2-301, MCA, is amended to read:

 11 "35-2-301. Corporate name. (1) The corporate name:
- 12 (a) <u>must contain the word "corporation". "company".</u>

 13 "incorporated". or "limited" or an abbreviation of one of

 14 such words:
 - tells shall not contain any word or phrase which indicates or implies that it is organized for any purpose other than one or more of the purposes contained in its articles of incorporation:
 - to any assumed business name. limited partnership name. trademarks or service mark registered or reserved with the secretary of state or to the name of any corporation, whether for profit or not for profit, existing under the laws of this state or any foreign corporation, whether for profit or not for profit.

- conduct affairs in this state or a corporate name reserved or registered as permitted by the laws of this state:
- 3 (c)(d) shall be transliterated into letters of the
 4 English alphabet, if it is not in English.
- 5 (2) The exclusive right to the use of a corporate name
 6 may be reserved by filing in the office of the secretary of
 7 state an application to reserve a specified corporate name,
 8 executed by the applicant. If the secretary of state finds
 9 that such name is available for corporate use, he shall
 10 reserve the same for the exclusive use of such applicant for
 11 a period of 120 days.
 - (3) The right to the exclusive use of a specified corporate name so reserved may be assigned by filing in the office of the secretary of state a notice of such assignment, executed by the person for whom such name was reserved and specifying the name and address of the transferee.
- Section 7. Section 35-2-805. MCA, is amended to read:

 "35-2-805. Corporate name. No certificate of authority

 ahall may be issued to a foreign corporation unless the

 corporate name of such corporation:
- 22 (1) contains the word "corporation", "company".

 23 "incorporated", or "limited" or an abbreviation of one of

 24 such words:
- 25 <u>fill2</u> shall does not contain any word or phrase which

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13 (3)(4) shall--be is transliterated into letters of the 14 English alphabet, if it is not in English.*

Section 8. Section 35-2-819, NCA, is amended to read:

16 "35-2-819. Issuance of eertificate of

17 revocation -- effect. (1) Upon revoking any such certificate

18 of authority, the secretary of state shall:

- 19 (a) issue a certificate police of revocation in 20 duplicate;
- 21 (b) file one of such certificates <u>notices</u> In his 22 office;
- 23 (c) mail to such corporation at its registered office
 24 in this state a <u>the_duplicate</u> notice of such revocation
 25 accompanied by one-of-such-certificates.

1 (2) Upon the issuance of such <u>certificate notics</u> of
2 revocation, the authority of the corporation to conduct
3 affairs in this state shall cease.**

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BY REQUEST OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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1 incorporation and amendments thereto. Restated articles of 2 incorporation shall contain all the statements required by 3 this chapter to be included in original articles of 4 incorporation except that:

- (a) the restated articles of incorporation shall set forth the amount aggregate number of its stated—capital shares. Issued and unissued, itemized by class and series, if any, within each class, which the corporation has authority to Issue at the time of the adoption of the restated articles of incorporation;
- (b) in lieu of setting forth the address of the initial registered office and the name of the initial registered agent at such address, there shall be set forth the address, including street and number, if any, of the registered office and the name of the registered agent at such address at the time of the adoption of the restated articles of incorporation; and
- (C) no statement need be made with respect to the names and addresses of directors constituting the initial board of directors or the names and addresses of the incorporators.
- 22 (2) Restated articles of incorporation when executed 23 and filed in the manner prescribed in this chapter for 24 articles of amendment shall supersede the theretofore 25 existing articles of incorporation and amendments thereto.

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- (3) The restated articles of incorporation when filed shall be accompanied by a statement, executed in duplicate by the corporation by its president or a vice-president and by its secretary or an assistant secretary and verified by one of the officers signing such statement, setting forth the following:
- (a) the name of the corporation;

- (b) the date of the adoption of the restated articles of incorporation by the shareholders;
- (c) the number of shares outstanding and the number of shares entitled to vote thereon and, if the shares of any class are entitled to vote thereon as a class, the designation and number of outstanding shares entitled to vote thereon of each such class:
- (d) the number of shares voted for and against the restated articles of incorporation, respectively, and, if the shares of any class are entitled to vote thereon as a class, the number of shares of each such class voted for and against the restated articles of incorporation, respectively:
- (e) if the restated articles of incorporation provide for an exchange, reclassification, or cancellation of issued shares and, if the manner in which the same shall be effected is not set forth in the restated articles of incorporation, then a statement of the manner in which the

same shall be effected.**

Section 2. Section 35-1-301, MCA, is amended to read:
 *35-1-301. Corporate name. (1) The corporate name:

- 4 (a) shall contain the word "corporation", "company",
 5 "incorporated", or "limited" or shall contain an
 6 abbreviation of one of such words;
- 7 (b) shall not contain any word or phrase which 8 indicates or implies that it is organized for any purpose 9 other than one or more of the purposes contained in its 10 articles of incorporation;
 - (c) shall not be the same as or deceptively similar to any assumed business name. Timited partnership names trademarks or service mark registered or reserved with the secretary of state or to the name of any domestic corporation existing under the laws of this states or any foreign corporation authorized to transact business in this states or a name the exclusive right to which is, at the time, reserved in the manner provided in this chapter or the name of a corporation which has in effect a registration of its corporate name as provided in this chapter, except that this provision does not apply if the applicant files with the secretary of state either of the following:
 - (i) the written consent of such other corporation or holder of a reserved or registered name to use the name or a deceptively similar name with one or more words added to

make such name distinguishable from such other name; or

- (ii) a certified copy of a final decree of a court of competent jurisdiction establishing the prior right of the applicant to the use of such name in this state.
- domestic or foreign, is merged or that is formed by the reorganization or consolidation of one or more domestic or foreign corporations or upon a sale, lease, or other disposition to or exchange with a domestic corporation of all or substantially all the assets of another corporation, domestic or foreign, including its name, may have the same name as that used in this state by any of such corporations if such other corporation was organized under the laws of or is authorized to transact business in this state."
- Section 3. Section 35-1-303, MCA, is amended to read:

 #35-1-303. Registration of corporate name. (1) Any
 corporation organized and existing under the laws of any
 state or territory of the United States may register its
 corporate name under this chapter provided its corporate
 name is not the same as or deceptively similar to any
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 or service mark registered or reserved with the secretary of
 state or to the name of any domestic corporation existing
 under the laws of this state, or the name of any foreign
 corporation authorized to transact business in this states

1 or any corporate name reserved or registered under this
2 chapter.

3 (2) The name must contain the word "corporation"s
4 "company": "incorporated": or "limited" or an abbreviation
5 of one of such words: or such corporation shall: for use in
6 this state: add at the end of its name one of such words or
7 an abbreviation thereof.

#2+13) Such registration shall be made by:

(a) filing with the secretary of state:

- (i) an application for registration, executed by the corporation by an officer thereof, setting forth the name of the corporation, the state or territory under the laws of which it is incorporated, the date of its incorporation, a statement that it is carrying on or doing business, and a brief statement of the business in which it is engaged; and
- (ii) a certificate setting forth that such corporation is in good standing under the laws of the state or territory wherein it is organized, executed by the secretary of state of such state or territory or by such other official as may have custody of the records pertaining to corporations;
- (b) paying to the secretary of state a registration fee in the amount of \$1 for each month, or fraction thereof, between the date of filing such application and December 31 of the calendar year in which such application is filed.
- †3†(4) Such registration shall be effective until the

close of the calendar year in which the application for registration is filed.

Section 4. Section 35-1-1006, MCA; is amended to read:

"35-1-1006. Corporate name of foreign corporation. No
certificate of authority shall be issued to a foreign
corporation unless the corporate name of such corporation:

- (1) shall contain the word "corporation", "company", "incorporated", or "limited" or an abbreviation of one of such words or such corporation shall, for use in this state, add at the end of its name one of such words or an abbreviation thereof:
- (2) shall not contain any word or phrase which indicates or implies that it is organized for any purpose other than one or more of the purposes contained in its articles of incorporation or that it is authorized or empowered to conduct the business of banking or insurance;
- (3) shall not be the same as or deceptively similar to any assumed business name. Limited partnership names trademarks or service mark registered or reserved with the secretary of state or to the name of any domestic corporation existing under the laws of this states or any foreign corporation authorized to transact business in this states or a name the exclusive right to which is at the time reserved in the manner provided in this chapter or the name of a corporation which has in effect a registration of its

name as provided in this chapter, except that this provision

does not apply if the foreign corporation applying for a

certificate of authority files with the secretary of state

any one of the following:

- (a) a resolution of its board of directors adopting a fictitious name for use in transacting business in this state, which fictitious name is not deceptively similar to the name of any domestic corporation, to that of any foreign corporation authorized to transact business in this state, or to any name reserved or registered as provided in this chapter and which fictitious name is registered as an assumed business name under the provisions of Title 30, chapter 13, part 2;
- (b) the written consent of such other corporation or holder of a reserved or registered name to use the same or a deceptively similar name and one or more words are added to make such name distinguishable from such other name; or
- (c) a certified copy of a final decree of a court of competent jurisdiction establishing the prior right of the foreign corporation to the use of the name in this state.
- Section 5. Section 35-1-1020, MCA, is amended to read:

 #35-1-1020. Issuance of eertificate notice of

 revocation -- effect. (1) Upon revoking any such certificate

 of authority, the secretary of state shall:
 - (a) issue a certificate <u>notice</u> of revocation in

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- 2 (b) file one of such certificates untices in his 3 office:
 - (c) mail to such corporation at its registered office in this state a <u>the duplicate</u> notice of anch revocation accompanied by one of such certificates.
 - (2) Upon the issuance of such eertificate notice of revocation, the authority of the corporation to transact business in this state shall cease.
- 10 Section 6. Section 35-2-301, MCA, is amended to read:
- 11 *35-2-301. Corporate name. (1) The corporate name:
- 12 (a) must contain the word "corporation". "company".

 13 "incorporated". or "limited" or an abbreviation of one of

 14 such words:
 - (a)(b) shall not contain any word or phrase which
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- conduct affairs in this state or a corporate name reserved or registered as permitted by the laws of this state;
- 3 (c)(d) shall be transliterated into letters of the 4 English alphabet, if it is not in English.
 - (2) The exclusive right to the use of a corporate name may be reserved by filing in the office of the secretary of state an application to reserve a specified corporate name, executed by the applicant. If the secretary of state finds that such name is available for corporate use, he shall reserve the same for the exclusive use of such applicant for a period of 120 days.
 - (3) The right to the exclusive use of a specified corporate name so reserved may be assigned by filing in the office of the secretary of state a notice of such assignment, executed by the person for whom such name was reserved and specifying the name and address of the transferee.*
- Section 7. Section 35-2-805, MCA, is amended to read:

 19 "35-2-805. Corporate name. No certificate of authority

 20 shall may be issued to a foreign corporation unless the

 21 corporate name of such corporation:
- 22 (1) contains the word "corporation": "company":
 23 "incorporated": or "limited" or an abbreviation of one of
 24 such words:
- 41) (2) shall does not contain any word or phrase which

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19 20 similar to any assumed business name. limited partnership name. trademark. Or service mark registered or reserved with the secretary of state or to the name of any corporation, whether for profit or not for profit, existing under the laws of this state or any foreign corporation, whether for profit or not for profit, authorized to transact business or conduct affairs in this state or a corporate name reserved or registered as permitted by the laws of this state;

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English alphabet, if it is not in English.*

Section 8. Section 35-2-819, MCA, is amended to read:

#35-2-819. Issuance of certificate notice of revocation -- effect. (1) Upon revoking any such certificate of authority, the secretary of state shall:

- (a) Issue a certificate <u>notice</u> of revocation in duplicate;
- 21 (b) file one of such certificates notices in his 22 office:
- 23 (c) mail to such corporation at its registered office
 24 in this state a <u>the duplicate</u> notice of such revocation
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incorporation and amendments thereto. Restated articles of 2 incorporation shall contain all the statements required by this chapter to be included in original articles of incorporation except that:

- (a) the restated articles of incorporation shall set forth the amount aggregate number of its stated-capital shares. issued and unissued, itemized by class and series. if any within each class, which the corporation has authority to issue at the time of the adoption of the restated articles of incorporation;
- (b) in lieu of setting forth the address of the 11 initial registered office and the name of the initial 12 13 registered agent at such address, there shall be set forth the address, including street and number, if any, of the 14 15 registered office and the name of the registered agent at such address at the time of the adoption of the restated 17 articles of incorporation; and
 - (c) no statement need be made with respect to the names and addresses of directors constituting the initial board of directors or the names and addresses of the incorporators.
- (2) Restated articles of incorporation when executed 22 23 and filed in the manner prescribed in this chapter for articles of amendment shall supersede the theretofore 24 existing articles of incorporation and amendments thereto.

- (3) The restated articles of incorporation when filed shall be accompanied by a statement, executed in duplicate by the corporation by its president or a vice-president and by its secretary or an assistant secretary and verified by one of the officers signing such statement, setting forth the following:
 - (a) the name of the corporation;

- 8 (b) the date of the adoption of the restated articles9 of incorporation by the shareholders;
 - (c) the number of shares outstanding and the number of shares entitled to vote thereon and, if the shares of any class are entitled to vote thereon as a class, the designation and number of outstanding shares entitled to vote thereon of each such class:
 - (d) the number of shares voted for and against the restated articles of incorporation, respectively, and, if the shares of any class are entitled to vote thereon as a class, the number of shares of each such class voted for and against the restated articles of incorporation, respectively;
 - (e) if the restated articles of incorporation provide for an exchange, reclassification, or cancellation of issued shares and, if the manner in which the same shall be effected is not set forth in the restated articles of incorporation, then a statement of the manner in which the

1 same shall be effected.

- 2 Section 2. Section 35-1-301, MCA, is amended to read:
 3 **35-1-301. Corporate name. (1) The corporate name:
- 4 (a) shall contain the word "corporation", "company",
 5 "incorporated", or "limited" or shall contain an
 6 abbreviation of one of such words:
- 7 (b) shall not contain any word or phrase which 8 indicates or implies that it is organized for any purpose 9 other than one or more of the purposes contained in its 10 articles of incorporation;
 - (c) shall not be the same as or deceptively similar to any assumed business name. Dimited partnership name: trademark: or service mark redistered or reserved with the secretary of state or to the name of any domestic corporation existing under the laws of this state; or any foreign corporation authorized to transact business in this state; or a name the exclusive right to which is, at the time, reserved in the manner provided in this chapter or the name of a corporation which has in effect a registration of its corporate name as provided in this chapter, except that this provision does not apply if the applicant files with the secretary of state either of the following:
 - (i) the written consent of such other corporation or holder of a reserved or registered name to use the name or a deceptively similar name with one or more words added to

make such name distinguishable from such other name; or

- (ii) a certified copy of a final decree of a court of competent jurisdiction establishing the prior right of the applicant to the use of such name in this state.
- domestic or foreign, is merged or that is formed by the reorganization or consolidation of one or more domestic or foreign corporations or upon a sale, lease, or other disposition to or exchange with a domestic corporation of all or substantially all the assets of another corporation, domestic or foreign, including its name, may have the same name as that used in this state by any of such corporations if such other corporation was organized under the laws of or is authorized to transact business in this state.
- Section 3. Section 35-1-303, MCA, is amended to read:

 "35-1-303. Registration of corporate name. (1) Any
 corporation organized and existing under the laws of any
 state or territory of the United States may register its
 corporate name under this chapter provided its corporate
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or any corporate name reserved or registered under this a chapter.

"company": "incorporated": or "limited" or an abbreviation
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this state, add at the end of its name one of such words or
an abbreviation thereof.

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- (a) filing with the secretary of state:
- (i) an application for registration, executed by the corporation by an officer thereof, setting forth the name of the corporation, the state or territory under the laws of which it is incorporated, the date of its incorporation, a statement that it is carrying on or doing business, and a brief statement of the business in which it is engaged; and
- (ii) a certificate setting forth that such corporation is in good standing under the laws of the state or territory wherein it is organized, executed by the secretary of state of such state or territory or by such other official as may have custody of the records pertaining to corporations;
- (b) paying to the secretary of state a registration fee in the amount of \$1 for each month, or fraction thereof, between the date of filing such application and December 31 of the calendar year in which such application is filed.
- 25 (3)(4) Such registration shall be effective until the

close of the calendar year in which the application for registration is filed.

Section 4. Section 35-1-1006, MCA, is amended to read:

"35-1-1006. Corporate name of foreign corporation. No
certificate of authority shall be issued to a foreign
corporation unless the corporate name of such corporation:

- (1) shall contain the word "corporation", "company", "incorporated", or "limited" or an abbreviation of one of such words or such corporation shall, for use in this state, add at the end of its name one of such words or an abbreviation thereof;
- (2) shall not contain any word or phrase which indicates or implies that it is organized for any purpose other than one or more of the purposes contained in its articles of incorporation or that it is authorized or empowered to conduct the business of banking or insurance;
- (3) shall not be the same as or deceptively similar to any assumed business name. It is ited partnership name: trademarks or service mark registered or reserved with the secretary of state or to the name of any domestic corporation existing under the laws of this states or any foreign corporation authorized to transact business in this states or a name the exclusive right to which is at the time reserved in the manner provided in this chapter or the name of a corporation which has in effect a registration of its

name as provided in this chapter, except that this provision

does not apply if the foreign corporation applying for a

certificate of authority files with the secretary of state

any one of the following:

- (a) a resolution of its board of directors adopting a fictitious name for use in transacting business in this state, which fictitious name is not deceptively similar to the name of any domestic corporation, to that of any foreign corporation authorized to transact business in this state, or to any name reserved or registered as provided in this chapter and which fictitious name is registered as an assumed business name under the provisions of Title 30, chapter 13, part 2;
- (b) the written consent of such other corporation or holder of a reserved or registered name to use the same or a deceptively similar name and one or more words are added to make such name distinguishable from such other name; or
- (c) a certified copy of a final decree of a court of competent jurisdiction establishing the prior right of the foreign corporation to the use of the name in this state.*

 Section 5. Section 35-1-1020, MCA, is amended to read:

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- 22 *35-1-1020. Issuance of eertificate notice of revocation -- effect. (1) Upon revoking any such certificate
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- (b) file one of such eertificates notices in his office;
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 - (2) Upon the issuance of such eertificate notice of revocation, the authority of the corporation to transact business in this state shall cease.**
- Section 6. Section 35-2-301, MCA, is amended to read:

 11 **35-2-301. Corporate name. (1) The corporate name:
- 12 (a) must contain the word "corporation": "company":

 13 "incorporated": or "limited" or an abbreviation of one of

 14 such words:
 - tet(b) shall not contain any word or phrase which indicates or implies that it is organized for any purpose other than one or more of the purposes contained in its articles of incorporation;
 - to any assumed business name. limited partnership name. trademark. or service mark registered or reserved with the secretary of state or to the name of any corporation, whether for profit or not for profit, existing under the laws of this state or any foreign corporation, whether for profit or not for profit, authorized to transact business or

- conduct affairs in this state or a corporate name reserved or registered as permitted by the laws of this state;
- 3 tet1dl shall be transliterated into letters of the
 4 English alphabet, if it is not in English.
 - (2) The exclusive right to the use of a corporate name may be reserved by filing in the office of the secretary of state an application to reserve a specified corporate name, executed by the applicant. If the secretary of state finds that such name is available for corporate use, he shall reserve the same for the exclusive use of such applicant for a period of 120 days.
 - (3) The right to the exclusive use of a specified corporate name so reserved may be assigned by filing in the office of the secretary of state a notice of such assignment, executed by the person for whom such name was reserved and specifying the name and address of the transferee.
- Section 7. Section 35-2-805. MCA: is amended to read:

 19 **35-2-805. Corporate name. No certificate of authority

 20 **shall may be issued to a foreign corporation unless the

 21 corporate name of such corporation:
- 22 (1) contains the word "corporation": "company":
 23 "incorporated": or "limited" or an abbreviation of one of
 24 such words:
- 25 ft)(2) shall does not contain any word or phrase which

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15 Section 8. Section 35-2-819. MCA, is amended to read: 16 #35-2-819. Issuance of certificate notice of revocation -- effect. (1) Upon revoking any such certificate 17 of authority, the secretary of state shall: 18

- (a) issue a certificate notice of revocation in duplicate:
- 21 (b) file one of such certificates notices in his 22 office:
- 23 (c) mail to such corporation at its registered office in this state a the duplicate notice of such revocation 24 accompanied-by-one-of-such-certificates. 25

1 (2) Upon the issuance of such certificate notice of 2 revocation, the authority of the corporation to conduct affairs in this state shall cease."

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SENATE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AMENDMENT

That House Bill No. 229 be amended as follows:

1. Page 4, line 6.

Following: "words"
Insert: ", unless one of such words or an abbreviation thereof

is added at the end of the corporate name"

2. Page 9, line 14.

Following: "words"
Insert: ", unless one of such words or an abbreviation thereof

is added at the end of the corporate name"

3. Page 10, line 22. Following: "contains" Insert: ", or there is added at the end of the name,"

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1	HOUSE BILL NO. 229
2	INTRODUCED BY RAMIREZ,
3	GOODBVER, MAZUREK
4	BY REQUEST OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
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CORPORATIONS:

35-2-819. MCA."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

CLARIFY THE LAWS RELATING TO BUSINESS AND

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO GENERALLY REVISE AND

35-1-303. 35-1-1006. 35-1-1020. 35-2-301. 35-2-805. AND

AMENDING SECTIONS 35-1-213+ 35-1-301+

NONPROFIT

Section 1. Section 35-1-213, MCA, is amended to read:

#35-1-213. Restated articles of incorporation. (1) A
corporation may, by action taken in the same manner as
required for amendment of articles of incorporation, adopt
restated articles of incorporation. The restated articles of
incorporation may contain any changes in the articles of
incorporation that could be made by amendment regularly
adopted. Adoption of restated articles of incorporation
containing any such changes shall have the effect of
amending the existing articles of incorporation to conform
to the restated articles of incorporation without further
action of the board of directors or shareholders. Restated
articles of incorporation shall contain a statement that

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- they supersede the theretofore existing articles of incorporation and amendments thereto. Restated articles of incorporation shall contain all the statements required by this chapter to be included in original articles of incorporation except that:
 - (a) the restated articles of incorporation shall set forth the emount aggregate number of its stated-capital shares. issued and unissued, itemized by class and series. if any, within each class, which the corporation has authority to issue at the time of the adoption of the restated articles of incorporation;
 - (b) in lieu of setting forth the address of the initial registered office and the name of the initial registered agent at such address, there shall be set forth the address, including street and number, if any, of the registered office and the name of the registered agent at such address at the time of the adoption of the restated articles of incorporation; and
 - (c) no statement need be made with respect to the names and addresses of directors constituting the initial board of directors or the names and addresses of the incorporators.
- 23 (2) Restated articles of Incorporation when executed
 24 and filed in the manner prescribed in this chapter for
 25 articles of amendment shall supersede the theretofore

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existing articles of incorporation and amendments thereto.

- (3) The restated articles of incorporation when filed shall be accompanied by a statement, executed in duplicate by the corporation by its president or a vice-president and by its secretary or an assistant secretary and verified by one of the officers signing such statement, setting forth the following:
 - (a) the name of the corporation;

- (b) the date of the adoption of the restated articles of incorporation by the shareholders;
- (c) the number of shares outstanding and the number of shares entitled to vote thereon and, if the shares of any class are entitled to vote thereon as a class, the designation and number of outstanding shares entitled to vote thereon of each such class;
- (d) the number of shares voted for and against the restated articles of incorporation, respectively, and, if the shares of any class are entitled to vote thereon as a class, the number of shares of each such class voted for and against the restated articles of incorporation, respectively;
- (e) if the restated articles of incorporation provide for an exchange, reclassification, or cancellation of issued shares and, if the manner in which the same shall be effected is not set forth in the restated articles of

- incorporation, then a statement of the manner in which the same shall be effected.
- 3 Section 2. Section 35-1-301, MCA, is amended to read: 4 "35-1-301. Corporate name. (1) The corporate name:
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 - (b) shall not contain any word or phrase which indicates or implies that it is organized for any purpose other than one or more of the purposes contained in its articles of incorporation;
 - (c) shall not be the same as or deceptively similar to any assumed business name: limited partnership name: trademark: or service mark registered or reserved with the secretary of state or to the name of any domestic corporation existing under the laws of this state; or any foreign corporation authorized to transact business in this state; or a name the exclusive right to which is, at the time, reserved in the manner provided in this chapter or the name of a corporation which has in effect a registration of its corporate name as provided in this chapter, except that this provision does not apply if the applicant files with the secretary of state either of the following:

(i) the written consent of such other corporation or holder of a reserved or registered name to use the name or a deceptively similar name with one or more words added to make such name distinguishable from such other name; or

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- (ii) a certified copy of a final decree of a court of competent jurisdiction establishing the prior right of the applicant to the use of such name in this state.
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 corporation organized and existing under the laws of any
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- (ii) a certificate setting forth that such corporation is in good standing under the laws of the state or territory wherein it is organized, executed by the secretary of state of such state or territory or by such other official as may have custody of the records pertaining to corporations;
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 such words or such corporation shall, for use in this state,
 add at the end of its name one of such words or an
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- (2) shall not contain any word or phrase which indicates or implies that it is organized for any purpose other than one or more of the purposes contained in its articles of incorporation or that it is authorized or empowered to conduct the business of banking or insurance;
- (3) shall not be the same as or deceptively similar to any assumed business name: limited partnership name. trademark. or service mark registered or reserved with the secretary of state or to the name of any domestic corporation existing under the laws of this state; or any foreign corporation authorized to transact business in this

states or a name the exclusive right to which is at the time reserved in the manner provided in this chapter or the name of a corporation which has in effect a registration of its name as provided in this chapter, except that this provision does not apply if the foreign corporation applying for a certificate of authority files with the secretary of state any one of the following:

- (a) a resolution of its board of directors adopting a fictitious name for use in transacting business in this state, which fictitious name is not deceptively similar to the name of any domestic corporation, to that of any foreign corporation authorized to transact business in this state, or to any name reserved or registered as provided in this chapter and which fictitious name is registered as an assumed business name under the provisions of Title 30, chapter 13, part 2;
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secretary of state or to the name of any corporation.

whether for profit or not for profit, existing under the

laws of this state or any foreign corporation, whether for

profit or not for profit, authorized to transact business or

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or registered as permitted by the laws of this state:

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