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3 4	(By Delegates Morgan, Stephens, Diserio, Jones, Paxton, P. Smith and Staggers)
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10	A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by
11	adding thereto two new sections, designated §47-9-10a and §47-
12	9-53a, all relating to limited partnerships; authorizing the
13	Secretary of State to administratively dissolve and reinstate
14	limited partnerships; allowing appeals to the circuit court;
15	and authorizing the Secretary of State to revoke and reinstate
16	certificates of authority of foreign limited partnerships.
17	Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:
18	That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended
19	by adding thereto two new sections, designated $47-9-10a$ and $47-9-10a$
20	53a, all to read as follows:
21	ARTICLE 9. UNIFORM LIMITED PARTNERSHIP ACT.
22	<u>§47-9-10a.</u> Administrative dissolution of a limited partnership;
23	reinstatement; appeals.
24	(a) The Secretary of State may commence a proceeding to

1 administratively dissolve a limited partnership if the limited 2 partnership does not:

3 (1) Pay all applicable fees, taxes or penalties imposed by
4 this chapter or other law within sixty days after the due date; or
5 (2) Deliver its annual report to the Secretary of State within
6 sixty days after the due date.

7 (b) If the Secretary of State determines that adequate grounds 8 exist to administratively dissolve a limited partnership, the 9 Secretary of State shall file a record of the determination and 10 serve the limited partnership with a copy of the record.

11 (1) (A) The limited partnership must correct each issue 12 described in the dissolution report or take reasonable steps toward 13 correcting each issue within sixty days of service of the notice. 14 (B) If the limited partnership fails to take adequate steps 15 toward correcting the issue or issues described in the report, the 16 Secretary of State may administratively dissolve the limited 17 partnership by signing the certification of dissolution.

18 (C) The Secretary of State shall file the original certificate 19 of dissolution and serve a copy of the certificate of dissolution 20 to the limited partnership.

21 <u>(2) A limited partnership that has been administratively</u> 22 <u>dissolved may continue its existence only to the extent necessary</u> 23 <u>to wind up and liquidate its business and affairs.</u>

24 (3) The administrative dissolution of a limited partnership

1 does not terminate the authority of its agent for service of 2 process.

3 <u>(c) A limited partnership that has been administratively</u> 4 <u>dissolved may apply to the Secretary of State for reinstatement</u> 5 <u>within two years after the effective date of dissolution. The</u> 6 <u>application for reinstatement must:</u>

7 (1) Recite the name of the limited partnership and the 8 effective date of its administrative dissolution;

9 <u>(2) Demonstrate that the grounds for dissolution either did</u> 10 not exist or have been eliminated;

11 (3) Demonstrate that the limited partnership's name satisfies
12 the requirements of section two, article nine, chapter forty-seven
13 of this code; and

14 (4) Contain a certificate from the Tax Commissioner reciting
15 that all taxes owed by the limited partnership have been paid.

16 (d) (1) If the Secretary of State determines that the 17 application for reinstatement contains the information required by 18 subsection (c) of this section and that the information is 19 accurate, the Secretary of State shall cancel the certificate of 20 dissolution and prepare a certificate of reinstatement that recites 21 this determination and the effective date of reinstatement. 22 (2) The Secretary of State shall file the certificate of 23 state shall file the certificate of 24 state of state shall file the certificate of

23 reinstatement and serve the limited partnership with a copy of the 24 certificate.

1 <u>(e) When the Secretary of State grants a reinstatement, the</u> 2 <u>reinstatement relates back to and takes effect as of the effective</u> 3 <u>date of the administrative revocation and the limited partnership</u> 4 <u>resumes its business as if the administrative revocation had never</u> 5 occurred.

6 <u>(f) If the Secretary of State denies a limited partnership's</u> 7 <u>application for reinstatement following administrative dissolution,</u> 8 <u>the Secretary of State shall serve the limited partnership with a</u> 9 notice that explains the reason or reasons for denial.

10 (g) The limited partnership may appeal the denial of 11 reinstatement to the circuit court of Kanawha County within thirty 12 days after service of the notice of denial is processed by 13 petitioning the court to set aside the dissolution and attaching to 14 the petition copies of the Secretary of State's certificate of 15 dissolution, the limited partnership's application for 16 reinstatement and the Secretary of State's notice of denial.

17 (h) If a reinstatement is granted by the court, the 18 reinstatement relates back to and takes effect as of the effective 19 date of the administrative revocation and the limited partnership 20 resumes its business as if the administrative revocation had never 21 occurred.

22 §47-9-53a.Revocation and reinstatement of foreign limited23partnership certificates of authority.

24 (a) The Secretary of State may revoke a certificate of

2 this state in the manner set forth in subsection (b) of this 3 section if: 4 (1) The limited partnership fails to: (A) Pay all applicable fees, taxes and penalties owed to the 5 6 state; (B) Deliver its annual report within sixty days of the due 7 8 date; or 9 (C) File a statement to change a name or business address of 10 an agent as required by this article; or 11 (2) The limited partnership has made a misrepresentation of 12 any material fact in any application, report, affidavit or other 13 record submitted pursuant to this article. 14 (b) (1) The Secretary of State may not revoke a certificate of 15 authority of a foreign limited partnership unless the Secretary of 16 State serves notice to the foreign limited partnership of the 17 revocation at least sixty days before its effective date by a 18 report addressed to its principal office. 19 (2) The notice must specify the cause for the revocation of 20 the certificate of authority. (3) The authority of the foreign limited partnership to 21 22 transact business in this state ceases on the effective date of the 23 revocation. 24 (c) A foreign limited partnership that has been 5

1 authority of a foreign limited partnership to transact business in

1 administratively revoked may apply to the Secretary of State for 2 reinstatement within two years after the effective date of 3 revocation. The application must: (1) Recite the name of the foreign limited partnership and the 4 5 effective date of its administrative revocation; (2) Demonstrate that the grounds for revocation either did not 6 7 exist or have been eliminated; (3) Demonstrate that the foreign limited partnership's name 8 9 satisfies the requirements of section two, article nine, chapter 10 forty-seven of this code; and (4) Contain a certificate from the Tax Commissioner reciting 11 12 that all taxes owed by the foreign limited partnership have been 13 paid. 14 (d) If the Secretary of State determines that the application 15 for reinstatement contains the information required by subsection 16 (c) of this section and that the information is correct, the 17 Secretary of State shall cancel the certificate of revocation and 18 prepare a certificate of reinstatement that recites this 19 determination and the effective date of reinstatement. 20 (2) The Secretary of State shall file the certificate of 21 reinstatement, and serve the foreign limited partnership with a 22 copy of the certificate. (e) When the Secretary of State grants a reinstatement, the 23

24 reinstatement relates back to and takes effect as of the effective

1 date of the administrative revocation and the foreign limited

2 partnership resumes its business as if the administrative

3 revocation had never occurred.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to establish procedures for the administrative dissolution by the Secretary of State of limited partnerships and for the revocation and reinstatement of a foreign limited partnership's certificate of authority.

The sections in this bill are new; therefore, they have been completely underscored.