

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

**2017 REGULAR SESSION**

**ENROLLED**

**Committee Substitute**

**for**

**Senate Bill 602**

SENATOR BLAIR, *original sponsor*

[Passed April 7, 2017; in effect 90 days from passage]



1 AN ACT to amend and reenact §47-8-2 and §47-8-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as  
2 amended, all relating to registering and indexing of fictitious names used by sole  
3 proprietors, individuals, or general partnerships; striking exemptions; and providing that  
4 the Secretary of State shall keep a searchable database for all persons filing forms to  
5 register and index fictitious names.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

1 That §47-8-2 and §47-8-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended  
2 and reenacted, all to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 8. TRADE NAMES.**

**§47-8-2. Business not to be conducted under assumed name without filing certificate of true name.**

1 No individual, sole proprietorship or general partnership may carry on, conduct or transact  
2 any business in this state under any assumed name, or under any designation, name or style,  
3 corporate or otherwise, other than the real name or names of the individual or individuals owning,  
4 conducting or transacting such business, unless that person or persons shall file with the  
5 Secretary of State a form setting forth the name under which such business is, or is to be,  
6 conducted or transacted, and the true or real full name or names of the person or persons owning,  
7 conducting or transacting the same, with the home and post office address or addresses of such  
8 person or persons. Such form shall be executed and duly acknowledged by the person or persons  
9 so owning, conducting or intending to conduct such business.

**§47-8-3. Indexing of forms filed with Secretary of State.**

1 The Secretary of State shall keep a searchable database of all persons filing forms  
2 provided for in this article.



The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

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*Chairman, Senate Committee*

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*Chairman, House Committee*

Originated in the Senate.

In effect 90 days from passage.

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*Clerk of the Senate*

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*President of the Senate*

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*Speaker of the House of Delegates*

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Day of ....., 2017.

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*Governor*