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

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That §47-8-2 and §47-8-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended
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.

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

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

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