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AN ACT relating to business; prohibiting the Secretary of State from accepting for filing certain organizing documents of a business entity and amendments thereto that contain certain identifying terms relating to architecture, interior design or residential design in certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Section 1 of this bill prohibits the Secretary of State from accepting articles of incorporation or amendments thereto from a corporation if the name of the corporation contains certain identifying terms relating to architecture, interior design and residential design unless the State Board of Architecture, Interior Design and Residential Design first certifies that the corporation satisfies certain requirements. (NRS 78.045)

Sections 2 and 4-6 of this bill similarly require foreign corporations, limited-liability companies, limited-liability partnerships and limited partnerships whose names contain such terms to comply with those requirements before the Secretary of State may accept certain documents necessary to do business in this State. (NRS 80.010, 86.171, 87.450, 88.320) **Section 3** of this bill further prohibits the Secretary of State from accepting for filing the organizing documents for certain nonprofit corporations if the name of the corporation contains such identifying terms. (NRS 82.106)

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. NRS 78.045 is hereby amended to read as follows:

78.045 1. The Secretary of State shall not accept for filing any articles of incorporation or any certificate of amendment of articles of incorporation of any corporation formed pursuant to the laws of this State which provides that the name of the corporation contains the word “bank” or “trust,” unless:

(a) It appears from the articles or the certificate of amendment that the corporation proposes to carry on business as a banking or trust company, exclusively or in connection with its business as a bank, savings and loan association or thrift company; and

(b) The articles or certificate of amendment is first approved by the Commissioner of Financial Institutions.

2. The Secretary of State shall not accept for filing any articles of incorporation or any certificate of amendment of articles of incorporation of any corporation formed pursuant to the provisions of this chapter if it appears from the articles or the certificate of amendment that the business to be carried on by the corporation is



subject to supervision by the Commissioner of Insurance or by the Commissioner of Financial Institutions, unless the articles or certificate of amendment is approved by the Commissioner who will supervise the business of the corporation.

3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection ~~[6.]~~ 7, the Secretary of State shall not accept for filing any articles of incorporation or any certificate of amendment of articles of incorporation of any corporation formed pursuant to the laws of this State if the name of the corporation contains the words "engineer," "engineered," "engineering," "professional engineer," "registered engineer" or "licensed engineer" unless:

(a) The State Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors certifies that the principals of the corporation are licensed to practice engineering pursuant to the laws of this State; or

(b) The State Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors certifies that the corporation is exempt from the prohibitions of NRS 625.520.

4. *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 7, the Secretary of State shall not accept for filing any articles of incorporation or any certificate of amendment of articles of incorporation of any corporation formed pursuant to the laws of this State if the name of the corporation contains the words "architect," "architecture," "registered architect," "licensed architect," "registered interior designer," "registered interior design," "residential designer," "registered residential designer," "licensed residential designer" or "residential design" unless the State Board of Architecture, Interior Design and Residential Design certifies that:*

(a) The principals of the corporation are holders of a certificate of registration to practice architecture or residential design or to practice as a registered interior designer, as applicable, pursuant to the laws of this State; or

(b) The corporation is qualified to do business in this State pursuant to NRS 623.349.

5. The Secretary of State shall not accept for filing any articles of incorporation or any certificate of amendment of articles of incorporation of any corporation formed pursuant to the laws of this State which provides that the name of the corporation contains the word "accountant," "accounting," "accountancy," "auditor" or "auditing" unless the Nevada State Board of Accountancy certifies that the corporation:

(a) Is registered pursuant to the provisions of chapter 628 of NRS; or



(b) Has filed with the Nevada State Board of Accountancy under penalty of perjury a written statement that the corporation is not engaged in the practice of accounting and is not offering to practice accounting in this State.

~~[5-]~~ 6. The Secretary of State shall not accept for filing any articles of incorporation or any certificate of amendment of articles of incorporation of any corporation formed or existing pursuant to the laws of this State which provides that the name of the corporation contains the words "common-interest community," "community association," "master association," "unit-owners' association" or "homeowners' association" or if it appears in the articles of incorporation or certificate of amendment that the purpose of the corporation is to operate as a unit-owners' association pursuant to chapter 116 of NRS unless the Administrator of the Real Estate Division of the Department of Business and Industry certifies that the corporation has:

(a) Registered with the Ombudsman for Owners in Common-Interest Communities pursuant to NRS 116.31158; and

(b) Paid to the Administrator of the Real Estate Division the fees required pursuant to NRS 116.31155.

~~[6-]~~ 7. The provisions of ~~[subsection]~~ *subsections 3 and 4* do not apply to any corporation, whose securities are publicly traded and regulated by the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, which does not engage in the practice of professional engineering ~~[-]~~

~~—7-]~~ , *architecture or residential design or interior design, as applicable.*

8. The Commissioner of Financial Institutions and the Commissioner of Insurance may approve or disapprove the articles or amendments referred to them pursuant to the provisions of this section.

Sec. 2. NRS 80.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

80.010 1. Before commencing or doing any business in this State, each corporation organized pursuant to the laws of another state, territory, the District of Columbia, a possession of the United States or a foreign country that enters this State to do business must:

(a) File in the Office of the Secretary of State of this State:

(1) A certificate of corporate existence issued not more than 90 days before the date of filing by an authorized officer of the jurisdiction of its incorporation setting forth the filing of records and instruments related to the articles of incorporation, or the governmental acts or other instrument or authority by which the corporation was created. If the certificate is in a language other than



English, a translation, together with the oath of the translator and his attestation of its accuracy, must be attached to the certificate.

(2) A certificate of acceptance of appointment signed by its resident agent, who must be a resident or located in this State. The certificate must set forth the name of the resident agent, his street address for the service of process, and his mailing address if different from his street address. The street address of the resident agent is the registered office of the corporation in this State.

(3) A statement signed by an officer of the corporation setting forth:

(I) A general description of the purposes of the corporation; and

(II) The authorized stock of the corporation and the number and par value of shares having par value and the number of shares having no par value.

(b) Lodge in the Office of the Secretary of State a copy of the record most recently filed by the corporation in the jurisdiction of its incorporation setting forth the authorized stock of the corporation, the number of par-value shares and their par value, and the number of no-par-value shares.

2. The Secretary of State shall not file the records required by subsection 1 for any foreign corporation whose name is not distinguishable on the records of the Secretary of State from the names of all other artificial persons formed, organized, registered or qualified pursuant to the provisions of this title that are on file in the Office of the Secretary of State and all names that are reserved in the Office of the Secretary of State pursuant to the provisions of this title, unless the written, acknowledged consent of the holder of the name on file or reserved name to use the same name or the requested similar name accompanies the articles of incorporation.

3. For the purposes of this section and NRS 80.012, a proposed name is not distinguishable from a name on file or reserved solely because one or the other names contains distinctive lettering, a distinctive mark, a trademark or trade name, or any combination thereof.

4. The name of a foreign corporation whose charter has been revoked, which has merged and is not the surviving entity or whose existence has otherwise terminated is available for use by any other artificial person.

5. The Secretary of State shall not accept for filing the records required by subsection 1 or NRS 80.110 for any foreign corporation if the name of the corporation contains the words "engineer," "engineered," "engineering," "professional engineer," "registered



engineer” or “licensed engineer” unless the State Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors certifies that:

(a) The principals of the corporation are licensed to practice engineering pursuant to the laws of this State; or

(b) The corporation is exempt from the prohibitions of NRS 625.520.

6. *The Secretary of State shall not accept for filing the records required by subsection 1 or NRS 80.110 for any foreign corporation if the name of the corporation contains the words “architect,” “architecture,” “registered architect,” “licensed architect,” “registered interior designer,” “registered interior design,” “residential designer,” “registered residential designer,” “licensed residential designer” or “residential design” unless the State Board of Architecture, Interior Design and Residential Design certifies that:*

(a) The principals of the corporation are holders of a certificate of registration to practice architecture or residential design or to practice as a registered interior designer, as applicable, pursuant to the laws of this State; or

(b) The corporation is qualified to do business in this State pursuant to NRS 623.349.

7. The Secretary of State shall not accept for filing the records required by subsection 1 or NRS 80.110 for any foreign corporation if it appears from the records that the business to be carried on by the corporation is subject to supervision by the Commissioner of Financial Institutions, unless the Commissioner certifies that:

(a) The corporation has obtained the authority required to do business in this State; or

(b) The corporation is not subject to or is exempt from the requirements for obtaining such authority.

~~7-1~~ 8. The Secretary of State shall not accept for filing the records required by subsection 1 or NRS 80.110 for any foreign corporation if the name of the corporation contains the word “accountant,” “accounting,” “accountancy,” “auditor” or “auditing” unless the Nevada State Board of Accountancy certifies that the foreign corporation:

(a) Is registered pursuant to the provisions of chapter 628 of NRS; or

(b) Has filed with the Nevada State Board of Accountancy under penalty of perjury a written statement that the foreign corporation is not engaged in the practice of accounting and is not offering to practice accounting in this State.



~~[8-]~~ 9. The Secretary of State may adopt regulations that interpret the requirements of this section.

Sec. 3. NRS 82.106 is hereby amended to read as follows:

82.106 1. The Secretary of State shall not accept for filing pursuant to this chapter any articles of incorporation or any certificate of amendment of articles of incorporation of any corporation formed or existing pursuant to this chapter if the name of the corporation contains the words "trust," "engineer," "engineered," "engineering," "professional engineer" or "licensed engineer."

2. *The Secretary of State shall not accept for filing pursuant to this chapter any articles of incorporation or any certificate of amendment of articles of incorporation of any corporation formed or existing pursuant to this chapter if the name of the corporation contains the words "architect," "architecture," "registered architect," "licensed architect," "registered interior designer," "registered interior design," "residential designer," "registered residential designer," "licensed residential designer" or "residential design."*

3. The Secretary of State shall not accept for filing any articles of incorporation or any certificate of amendment of articles of incorporation of any corporation formed or existing under this chapter when it appears from the articles or the certificate of amendment that the business to be carried on by the corporation is subject to supervision by the Commissioner of Insurance.

~~[3-]~~ 4. The Secretary of State shall not accept for filing pursuant to this chapter any articles of incorporation or any certificate of amendment of articles of incorporation of any corporation formed or existing pursuant to this chapter if the name of the corporation contains the word "accountant," "accounting," "accountancy," "auditor" or "auditing."

~~[4-]~~ 5. The Secretary of State shall not accept for filing any articles of incorporation or any certificate of amendment of articles of incorporation of any corporation formed or existing pursuant to the laws of this State which provides that the name of the corporation contains the words "common-interest community," "community association," "master association," "unit-owners' association" or "homeowners' association" or if it appears in the articles of incorporation or certificate of amendment that the purpose of the corporation is to operate as a unit-owners' association pursuant to chapter 116 of NRS unless the Administrator of the Real Estate Division of the Department of Business and Industry certifies that the corporation has:



(a) Registered with the Ombudsman for Owners in Common-Interest Communities pursuant to NRS 116.31158; and

(b) Paid to the Administrator of the Real Estate Division the fees required pursuant to NRS 116.31155.

Sec. 4. NRS 86.171 is hereby amended to read as follows:

86.171 1. The name of a limited-liability company formed under the provisions of this chapter must contain the words "Limited-Liability Company," "Limited Liability Company," "Limited Company," or "Limited" or the abbreviations "Ltd.," "L.L.C.," "L.C.," "LLC" or "LC." The word "Company" may be abbreviated as "Co."

2. The name proposed for a limited-liability company must be distinguishable on the records of the Secretary of State from the names of all other artificial persons formed, organized, registered or qualified pursuant to the provisions of this title that are on file in the Office of the Secretary of State and all names that are reserved in the Office of the Secretary of State pursuant to the provisions of this title. If a proposed name is not so distinguishable, the Secretary of State shall return the articles of organization to the organizer, unless the written, acknowledged consent of the holder of the name on file or reserved name to use the same name or the requested similar name accompanies the articles of organization.

3. For the purposes of this section and NRS 86.176, a proposed name is not distinguishable from a name on file or reserved name solely because one or the other contains distinctive lettering, a distinctive mark, a trademark or a trade name, or any combination thereof.

4. The name of a limited-liability company whose charter has been revoked, which has merged and is not the surviving entity or whose existence has otherwise terminated is available for use by any other artificial person.

5. The Secretary of State shall not accept for filing any articles of organization for any limited-liability company if the name of the limited-liability company contains the word "accountant," "accounting," "accountancy," "auditor" or "auditing" unless the Nevada State Board of Accountancy certifies that the limited-liability company:

(a) Is registered pursuant to the provisions of chapter 628 of NRS; or

(b) Has filed with the Nevada State Board of Accountancy under penalty of perjury a written statement that the limited-liability company is not engaged in the practice of accounting and is not offering to practice accounting in this State.



6. The Secretary of State shall not accept for filing any articles of organization or certificate of amendment of articles of organization of any limited-liability company formed or existing pursuant to the laws of this State which provides that the name of the limited-liability company contains the word "bank" or "trust" unless:

(a) It appears from the articles of organization or the certificate of amendment that the limited-liability company proposes to carry on business as a banking or trust company, exclusively or in connection with its business as a bank, savings and loan association or thrift company; and

(b) The articles of organization or certificate of amendment is first approved by the Commissioner of Financial Institutions.

7. The Secretary of State shall not accept for filing any articles of organization or certificate of amendment of articles of organization of any limited-liability company formed or existing pursuant to the provisions of this chapter if it appears from the articles or the certificate of amendment that the business to be carried on by the limited-liability company is subject to supervision by the Commissioner of Insurance or by the Commissioner of Financial Institutions unless the articles or certificate of amendment is approved by the Commissioner who will supervise the business of the limited-liability company.

8. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 7, the Secretary of State shall not accept for filing any articles of organization or certificate of amendment of articles of organization of any limited-liability company formed or existing pursuant to the laws of this State which provides that the name of the limited-liability company contains the words "engineer," "engineered," "engineering," "professional engineer," "registered engineer" or "licensed engineer" unless:

(a) The State Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors certifies that the principals of the limited-liability company are licensed to practice engineering pursuant to the laws of this State; or

(b) The State Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors certifies that the limited-liability company is exempt from the prohibitions of NRS 625.520.

9. *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 7, the Secretary of State shall not accept for filing any articles of organization or certificate of amendment of articles of organization of any limited-liability company formed or existing pursuant to the laws of this State which provides that the name of the limited-liability*



company contains the words “architect,” “architecture,” “registered architect,” “licensed architect,” “registered interior designer,” “registered interior design,” “residential designer,” “registered residential designer,” “licensed residential designer” or “residential design” unless the State Board of Architecture, Interior Design and Residential Design certifies that:

(a) The principals of the limited-liability company are holders of a certificate of registration to practice architecture or residential design or to practice as a registered interior designer, as applicable, pursuant to the laws of this State;

(b) The limited-liability company is qualified to do business in this State pursuant to NRS 623.349.

10. The Secretary of State shall not accept for filing any articles of organization or certificate of amendment of articles of organization of any limited-liability company formed or existing pursuant to the laws of this State which provides that the name of the limited-liability company contains the words “common-interest community,” “community association,” “master association,” “unit-owners’ association” or “homeowners’ association” or if it appears in the articles of organization or certificate of amendment of articles of organization that the purpose of the limited-liability company is to operate as a unit-owners’ association pursuant to chapter 116 of NRS unless the Administrator of the Real Estate Division of the Department of Business and Industry certifies that the limited-liability company has:

(a) Registered with the Ombudsman for Owners in Common-Interest Communities pursuant to NRS 116.31158; and

(b) Paid to the Administrator of the Real Estate Division the fees required pursuant to NRS 116.31155.

~~10.1~~ **11.** The Secretary of State may adopt regulations that interpret the requirements of this section.

Sec. 5. NRS 87.450 is hereby amended to read as follows:

87.450 1. The name proposed for a registered limited-liability partnership must contain the words “Limited-Liability Partnership” or “Registered Limited-Liability Partnership” or the abbreviation “L.L.P.” or “LLP” as the last words or letters of the name and must be distinguishable on the records of the Secretary of State from the names of all other artificial persons formed, organized, registered or qualified pursuant to the provisions of this title that are on file in the Office of the Secretary of State and all names that are reserved in the Office of the Secretary of State pursuant to the provisions of this title. If the name of the registered limited-liability partnership on a certificate of registration of



limited-liability partnership submitted to the Secretary of State is not distinguishable from a name on file or reserved name, the Secretary of State shall return the certificate to the person who signed it unless the written, acknowledged consent of the holder of the name on file or reserved name to use the name accompanies the certificate.

2. For the purposes of this section, a proposed name is not distinguishable from a name on file or reserved name solely because one or the other contains distinctive lettering, a distinctive mark, a trademark or a trade name, or any combination thereof.

3. The Secretary of State shall not accept for filing any certificate of registration or certificate of amendment of a certificate of registration of any registered limited-liability partnership formed or existing pursuant to the laws of this State which provides that the name of the registered limited-liability partnership contains the word “accountant,” “accounting,” “accountancy,” “auditor” or “auditing” unless the Nevada State Board of Accountancy certifies that the registered limited-liability partnership:

(a) Is registered pursuant to the provisions of chapter 628 of NRS; or

(b) Has filed with the Nevada State Board of Accountancy under penalty of perjury a written statement that the registered limited-liability partnership is not engaged in the practice of accounting and is not offering to practice accounting in this State.

4. The Secretary of State shall not accept for filing any certificate of registration or certificate of amendment of a certificate of registration of any registered limited-liability partnership formed or existing pursuant to the laws of this State which provides that the name of the registered limited-liability partnership contains the word “bank” or “trust” unless:

(a) It appears from the certificate of registration or the certificate of amendment that the registered limited-liability partnership proposes to carry on business as a banking or trust company, exclusively or in connection with its business as a bank, savings and loan association or thrift company; and

(b) The certificate of registration or certificate of amendment is first approved by the Commissioner of Financial Institutions.

5. The Secretary of State shall not accept for filing any certificate of registration or certificate of amendment of a certificate of registration of any registered limited-liability partnership formed or existing pursuant to the provisions of this chapter if it appears from the certificate of registration or the certificate of amendment that the business to be carried on by the registered limited-liability partnership is subject to supervision by the Commissioner of



Insurance or by the Commissioner of Financial Institutions, unless the certificate of registration or certificate of amendment is approved by the Commissioner who will supervise the business of the registered limited-liability partnership.

6. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, the Secretary of State shall not accept for filing any certificate of registration or certificate of amendment of a certificate of registration of any registered limited-liability partnership formed or existing pursuant to the laws of this State which provides that the name of the registered limited-liability partnership contains the words "engineer," "engineered," "engineering," "professional engineer," "registered engineer" or "licensed engineer" unless:

(a) The State Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors certifies that the principals of the registered limited-liability partnership are licensed to practice engineering pursuant to the laws of this State; or

(b) The State Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors certifies that the registered limited-liability partnership is exempt from the prohibitions of NRS 625.520.

7. *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, the Secretary of State shall not accept for filing any certificate of registration or certificate of amendment of a certificate of registration of any registered limited-liability partnership formed or existing pursuant to the laws of this State which provides that the name of the registered limited-liability partnership contains the words "architect," "architecture," "registered architect," "licensed architect," "registered interior designer," "registered interior design," "residential designer," "registered residential designer," "licensed residential designer" or "residential design" unless the State Board of Architecture, Interior Design and Residential Design certifies that:*

(a) The principals of the registered limited-liability partnership are holders of a certificate of registration to practice architecture or residential design or to practice as a registered interior designer, as applicable, pursuant to the laws of this State; or

(b) The registered limited-liability partnership is qualified to do business in this State pursuant to NRS 623.349.

8. The Secretary of State shall not accept for filing any certificate of registration or certificate of amendment of a certificate of registration of any registered limited-liability partnership formed or existing pursuant to the laws of this State which provides that the name of the registered limited-liability partnership contains the words "common-interest community," "community association,"



“master association,” “unit-owners’ association” or “homeowners’ association” or if it appears in the certificate of registration or certificate of amendment that the purpose of the registered limited-liability partnership is to operate as a unit-owners’ association pursuant to chapter 116 of NRS unless the Administrator of the Real Estate Division of the Department of Business and Industry certifies that the registered limited-liability partnership has:

(a) Registered with the Ombudsman for Owners in Common-Interest Communities pursuant to NRS 116.31158; and

(b) Paid to the Administrator of the Real Estate Division the fees required pursuant to NRS 116.31155.

~~8.9~~ **9.** The name of a registered limited-liability partnership whose right to transact business has been forfeited, which has merged and is not the surviving entity or whose existence has otherwise terminated is available for use by any other artificial person.

~~9.10~~ **10.** The Secretary of State may adopt regulations that interpret the requirements of this section.

Sec. 6. NRS 88.320 is hereby amended to read as follows:

88.320 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 88.6065, the name proposed for a limited partnership as set forth in its certificate of limited partnership:

(a) Must contain the words “Limited Partnership,” or the abbreviation “LP” or “L.P.”;

(b) May not contain the name of a limited partner unless:

(1) It is also the name of a general partner or the corporate name of a corporate general partner; or

(2) The business of the limited partnership had been carried on under that name before the admission of that limited partner; and

(c) Must be distinguishable on the records of the Secretary of State from the names of all other artificial persons formed, organized, registered or qualified pursuant to the provisions of this title that are on file in the Office of the Secretary of State and all names that are reserved in the Office of the Secretary of State pursuant to the provisions of this title. If the name on the certificate of limited partnership submitted to the Secretary of State is not distinguishable from any name on file or reserved name, the Secretary of State shall return the certificate to the filer, unless the written, acknowledged consent to the use of the same or the requested similar name of the holder of the name on file or reserved name accompanies the certificate of limited partnership.

2. For the purposes of this section, a proposed name is not distinguished from a name on file or reserved name solely because



one or the other contains distinctive lettering, a distinctive mark, a trademark or a trade name, or any combination thereof.

3. The Secretary of State shall not accept for filing any certificate of limited partnership for any limited partnership formed or existing pursuant to the laws of this State which provides that the name of the limited partnership contains the word “accountant,” “accounting,” “accountancy,” “auditor” or “auditing” unless the Nevada State Board of Accountancy certifies that the limited partnership:

(a) Is registered pursuant to the provisions of chapter 628 of NRS; or

(b) Has filed with the Nevada State Board of Accountancy under penalty of perjury a written statement that the limited partnership is not engaged in the practice of accounting and is not offering to practice accounting in this State.

4. The Secretary of State shall not accept for filing any certificate of limited partnership for any limited partnership formed or existing pursuant to the laws of this State which provides that the name of the limited partnership contains the word “bank” or “trust” unless:

(a) It appears from the certificate of limited partnership that the limited partnership proposes to carry on business as a banking or trust company, exclusively or in connection with its business as a bank, savings and loan association or thrift company; and

(b) The certificate of limited partnership is first approved by the Commissioner of Financial Institutions.

5. The Secretary of State shall not accept for filing any certificate of limited partnership for any limited partnership formed or existing pursuant to the provisions of this chapter if it appears from the certificate of limited partnership that the business to be carried on by the limited partnership is subject to supervision by the Commissioner of Insurance or by the Commissioner of Financial Institutions, unless the certificate of limited partnership is approved by the Commissioner who will supervise the business of the limited partnership.

6. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, the Secretary of State shall not accept for filing any certificate of limited partnership for any limited partnership formed or existing pursuant to the laws of this State which provides that the name of the limited partnership contains the words “engineer,” “engineered,” “engineering,” “professional engineer,” “registered engineer” or “licensed engineer” unless:



(a) The State Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors certifies that the principals of the limited partnership are licensed to practice engineering pursuant to the laws of this State; or

(b) The State Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors certifies that the limited partnership is exempt from the prohibitions of NRS 625.520.

7. *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, the Secretary of State shall not accept for filing any certificate of limited partnership for any limited partnership formed or existing pursuant to the laws of this State which provides that the name of the limited partnership contains the words "architect," "architecture," "registered architect," "licensed architect," "registered interior designer," "registered interior design," "residential designer," "registered residential designer," "licensed residential designer" or "residential design" unless the State Board of Architecture, Interior Design and Residential Design certifies that:*

(a) The principals of the limited partnership are holders of a certificate of registration to practice architecture or residential design or to practice as a registered interior designer, as applicable, pursuant to the laws of this State; or

(b) The limited partnership is qualified to do business in this State pursuant to NRS 623.349.

8. The Secretary of State shall not accept for filing any certificate of limited partnership for any limited partnership formed or existing pursuant to the laws of this State which provides that the name of the limited partnership contains the words "common-interest community," "community association," "master association," "unit-owners' association" or "homeowners' association" or if it appears in the certificate of limited partnership that the purpose of the limited partnership is to operate as a unit-owners' association pursuant to chapter 116 of NRS unless the Administrator of the Real Estate Division of the Department of Business and Industry certifies that the limited partnership has:

(a) Registered with the Ombudsman for Owners in Common-Interest Communities pursuant to NRS 116.31158; and

(b) Paid to the Administrator of the Real Estate Division the fees required pursuant to NRS 116.31155.

~~8.~~ 9. The name of a limited partnership whose right to transact business has been forfeited, which has merged and is not the surviving entity or whose existence has otherwise terminated is available for use by any other artificial person.



~~9.]~~ 10. The Secretary of State may adopt regulations that interpret the requirements of this section.

Sec. 7. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

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