CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

HOUSE BILL 2576

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TRADE NAME REGISTRATIONS

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Passed by the House February 8, 2000 CERTIFICATE Yeas 97 Nays 0 We, Timothy A. Martin and Cynthia Zehnder, Co-Chief Clerks of the House CLYDE BALLARD of Representatives of the State of Speaker of the House of Representatives Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is HOUSE BILL 2576 as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set FRANK CHOPP forth. Speaker of the House of Representatives TIMOTHY A. MARTIN Passed by the Senate March 3, 2000 Chief Clerk Yeas 46 Nays 0 CYNTHIA ZEHNDER Chief Clerk BRAD OWEN President of the Senate Approved March 27, 2000 FILED March 27, 2000 - 4:52 p.m.

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to trade name registrations; and amending RCW
- 2 19.80.005, 19.80.010, and 19.80.025.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 19.80.005 and 1996 c 231 s 2 are each amended to read 5 as follows:
- Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter:
- 8 (1) "Trade name" means a word or name, or any combination of a word 9 or name, used by a person to identify the person's business which:
- 10 (a) Is not, or does not include, the true and real name of all 11 persons conducting the business; or
- 12 (b) Includes words which suggest additional parties of interest 13 such as "company," "and sons," or "and associates."
- 14 (2) "Business" means an occupation, profession, or employment 15 engaged in for the purpose of seeking a profit.
- 16 (3) (("Executed" by a person means that a document signed by such 17 person is signed by that person under penalties of perjury and in an
- 18 official and authorized capacity on behalf of the person submitting the
- 19 document to the department of licensing.

- 4 (((5))) (4) "True and real name" means:
- 5 (a) The surname of an individual coupled with one or more of the 6 individual's other names, one or more of the individual's initials, or 7 any combination;
- 8 (b) The designation or appellation by which an individual is best 9 known and called in the business community where that individual 10 transacts business, if this is used as that individual's legal 11 signature;
- 12 (c) The registered corporate name of a domestic corporation as 13 filed with the secretary of state;
- 14 (d) The registered corporate name of a foreign corporation 15 authorized to do business within the state of Washington as filed with 16 the secretary of state;
- 17 (e) The registered partnership name of a domestic limited 18 partnership as filed with the secretary of state;
- 19 (f) The registered partnership name of a foreign limited 20 partnership as filed with the secretary of state; or
- (g) The name of a general partnership which includes in its name the true and real names, as defined in (a) through (f) of this subsection, of each general partner as required in RCW 19.80.010.
- 24 **Sec. 2.** RCW 19.80.010 and 1996 c 231 s 3 are each amended to read 25 as follows:
- Each person or persons who shall carry on, conduct, or transact business in this state under any trade name shall register that trade name with the department of licensing as set forth in this section:
- (1) Sole proprietorship or general partnership: The registration shall set forth the true and real name or names of each person conducting the same, together with the post office address or addresses of each such person and the name of the general partnership, if applicable.
- 34 (2) Foreign or domestic limited partnership: The registration 35 shall set forth the limited partnership name as filed with the office 36 of the secretary of state.

- 1 (3) Foreign or domestic limited liability company: The 2 registration shall set forth the limited liability company name as 3 filed with the office of the secretary of state.
- 4 (4) Foreign or domestic corporation: The registration shall set 5 forth the corporate name as filed with the office of the secretary of 6 state.
- 7 (((5) The registration shall be executed by:
- 8 (a) The sole proprietor of a sole proprietorship;
- 9 (b) A general partner of a domestic or foreign general or limited 10 partnership; or
- 11 (c) An officer of a domestic or foreign corporation.))
- 12 **Sec. 3.** RCW 19.80.025 and 1984 c 130 s 5 are each amended to read 13 as follows:
- 14 (1) ((An executed amendment)) A notice of change shall be filed 15 with the department of licensing when a change occurs in:
- 16 (a) The true and real name of a person conducting a business with 17 a trade name registered under this chapter; or
- 18 (b) Any mailing address set forth on the registration or any 19 subsequently filed ((amendment)) notice of change.
- 20 (2) A notice of cancellation shall be filed with the department 21 when use of a trade name is discontinued.
- 22 (3) A notice of cancellation, together with a new registration, 23 shall be filed before conducting or transacting any business when:
- 24 (a) An addition, deletion, or any change of person or persons 25 conducting business under the registered trade name occurs; or
- 26 (b) There is a change in the wording or spelling of the trade name 27 since initial registration or renewal.

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