

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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NOVEMBER 19, 1975

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, NOVEMBER 20, 1975

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 5, 1933 (P.L.364, No.106), entitled, as  
2 amended, "An act relating to corporations; defining and  
3 providing for the organization, merger, consolidation,  
4 reorganization, winding up and dissolution of certain  
5 corporations for profit; conferring certain rights, powers,  
6 duties and immunities upon them and their officers and  
7 shareholders; prescribing the conditions on which such  
8 corporations may exercise their powers; providing for the  
9 inclusion of certain existing corporations and associations  
10 within the provisions of this act; prescribing the terms and  
11 conditions upon which certain foreign corporations may be  
12 admitted, or may continue, to do business within the  
13 Commonwealth; conferring powers and imposing duties on the  
14 courts of common pleas, and certain State departments,  
15 commissions, and officers; authorizing certain State  
16 departments, boards, commissions, or officers to collect fees  
17 for services required to be rendered by this act; imposing  
18 penalties; and repealing certain acts and parts of acts  
19 relating to corporations and other entities," prohibiting the  
20 use of blasphemous or obscene words in the corporate name.

21 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

22 hereby enacts as follows:

23 Section 1. Subsection A of section 202, act of May 5, 1933  
24 (P.L.364, No.106), known as the "Business Corporation Law,"  
25 amended July 20, 1968 (P.L.459, No.216), is amended to read:

26 Section 202. The Corporate Name.--A. The corporate name may

1 be in any language, but must be expressed in English letters or  
2 characters, and shall contain (1) the word "corporation,"  
3 "company," "incorporated," or "limited" or an abbreviation  
4 thereof, except that the word "company" or the abbreviation  
5 "Co." may not be used where that word or abbreviation is  
6 immediately preceded by the word "and" or any symbol or  
7 substitute therefor, unless one of the words "incorporated," or  
8 "limited" or any abbreviation thereof, immediately follows the  
9 word "company" or the abbreviation "Co." or (2) the word  
10 "association," "fund" or "syndicate." The corporate name shall  
11 not imply that the corporation is a governmental agency of the  
12 Commonwealth or of the United States or a bank, bank and trust  
13 company, savings bank, private bank or trust company, as defined  
14 in the "Banking Code of 1965," or an insurance company which  
15 might be incorporated under "The Insurance Company Law of 1921,"  
16 or a public utility corporation furnishing electric or gas  
17 service to the public, unless the corporation or proposed  
18 corporation has as a corporate purpose the furnishing of service  
19 subject to the jurisdiction of the Pennsylvania Public Utility  
20 Commission or the Federal Power Commission, nor shall the  
21 corporate name contain the word "college" or "university" when  
22 used in such a way as to imply that it is an educational  
23 institution conforming to the standards and qualifications  
24 prescribed by the State Board of Education, unless there be  
25 submitted a certificate from the Department of Public  
26 Instruction certifying that the corporation or proposed  
27 corporation is entitled to use such designation. The corporate  
28 name shall not contain words that constitute blasphemy, profane  
29 cursing or swearing, or that profane the Lord's name.

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1 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.