

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 914

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INTRODUCED BY BERSON AND SCIRICA, APRIL 20, 1977

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, APRIL 20, 1977

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of July 9, 1970 (P.L.461, No.160), entitled "An
2 act relating to professional corporations; providing for the
3 inclusion of certain existing entities within the provisions
4 of the act; and making repeals," changing certain provisions
5 relating to corporate names.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. Section 8, act of July 9, 1970 (P.L.461, No.160),
9 known as the "Professional Corporation Law," is amended to read:

10 Section 8. Corporate Name.--(a) A professional corporation
11 may adopt any name which is not prohibited by law or the ethics
12 of the profession in which such corporation is engaged or by a
13 rule or regulation of the court, department, board, commission
14 or other agency regulating such profession.

15 (b) The provisions of the first sentence of section 202 of
16 the Business Corporation Law shall not prohibit the use of a
17 name of a professional corporation if such name (i) shall
18 contain the abbreviation "P.C."; or (ii) shall contain and be
19 restricted to the name or the last name of one or more of the
20 present, prospective, or former shareholders or of individuals

1 who were associated with a predecessor person, partnership or
2 other organization or whose individual name or names appeared in
3 the name of such predecessor organization. Such name may also
4 contain (1) the word "and" or any symbol or substitute therefor,
5 or (2) the word "associates," or both (1) and (2).

6 (c) The Department of State shall have no authority by
7 reason of section 10 and the first sentence of section 202 of
8 the Business Corporation Law to refuse to file articles of
9 incorporation, amendment, merger or consolidation which set
10 forth a name authorized by subsection (b) of this section.

11 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall
12 be retroactive to August 8, 1970.