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H.B. No. 3414

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the form used for filing a financing statement and  
3 certain other written records.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 9.516(b), Business & Commerce Code, is  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (b) Filing does not occur with respect to a record that a  
8 filing office refuses to accept because:

9 (1) the record is not communicated by a method or  
10 medium of communication authorized by the filing office;

11 (2) an amount equal to or greater than the applicable  
12 filing fee is not tendered;

13 (3) the filing office is unable to index the record  
14 because:

15 (A) in the case of an initial financing  
16 statement, the record does not provide a name for the debtor;

17 (B) in the case of an amendment or correction  
18 statement, the record:

19 (i) does not identify the initial financing  
20 statement as required by Section 9.512 or 9.518, as applicable; or

21 (ii) identifies an initial financing  
22 statement whose effectiveness has lapsed under Section 9.515;

23 (C) in the case of an initial financing statement  
24 that provides the name of a debtor identified as an individual or an

1 amendment that provides a name of a debtor identified as an  
2 individual that was not previously provided in the financing  
3 statement to which the record relates, the record does not identify  
4 the debtor's last name; or

5 (D) in the case of a record filed or recorded in  
6 the filing office described in Section 9.501(a)(1), the record does  
7 not provide a sufficient description of the real property to which  
8 it relates;

9 (4) in the case of an initial financing statement or an  
10 amendment that adds a secured party of record, the record does not  
11 provide a name and mailing address for the secured party of record;

12 (5) in the case of an initial financing statement or an  
13 amendment that provides a name of a debtor that was not previously  
14 provided in the financing statement to which the amendment relates,  
15 the record does not:

16 (A) provide a mailing address for the debtor;

17 (B) indicate whether the debtor is an individual  
18 or an organization; or

19 (C) if the financing statement indicates that the  
20 debtor is an organization, provide:

21 (i) a type of organization for the debtor;

22 (ii) a jurisdiction of organization for the  
23 debtor; or

24 (iii) an organizational identification  
25 number for the debtor or indicate that the debtor has none;

26 (6) in the case of an assignment reflected in an  
27 initial financing statement under Section 9.514(a) or an amendment

1 filed under Section 9.514(b), the record does not provide a name and  
2 mailing address for the assignee; [~~or~~]

3 (7) in the case of a continuation statement, the  
4 record is not filed within the six-month period prescribed by  
5 Section 9.515(d); or

6 (8) the record is not on an industry standard form,  
7 including a national standard form or a form approved by the  
8 International Association of Commercial Administrators, adopted by  
9 rule by the secretary of state.

10 SECTION 2. Subchapter E, Chapter 9, Business & Commerce  
11 Code, is amended by adding Section 9.5211 to read as follows:

12 Sec. 9.5211. UNIFORM FORM OF WRITTEN FINANCING STATEMENT  
13 AND AMENDMENT. (a) Except as provided by Section 9.516(b), a  
14 filing office that accepts written records may not refuse to accept  
15 a written initial financing statement on an industry standard form,  
16 including a national standard form or a form approved by the  
17 International Association of Commercial Administrators, adopted by  
18 rule by the secretary of state.

19 (b) Except as provided by Section 9.516(b), a filing office  
20 that accepts written records may not refuse to accept a written  
21 record on an industry standard form, including a national standard  
22 form or a form approved by the International Association of  
23 Commercial Administrators, adopted by rule by the secretary of  
24 state.

25 SECTION 3. Section 9.521, Business & Commerce Code, is  
26 repealed.

27 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect January 1, 2004, and

1 applies only to a financing statement or written record due to be  
2 filed on or after that date. A financing statement or written  
3 record due to be filed before the effective date of this Act is  
4 governed by the law in effect at the time the filing was made, and  
5 the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.