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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the filing of an application for registration of a trademark or service mark and other trademark instruments with the secretary of state.

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

SECTION 1. Section 16.09, Business & Commerce Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 16.09. CLASSIFICATION [~~CLASSES~~] OF GOODS AND SERVICES.

(a) The secretary of state shall adopt rules establishing a classification of goods and services for the convenient administration of this chapter. The classifications established do not limit or expand an applicant's or registrant's rights. To the extent practicable, the classification of goods and services should conform to the classification adopted by the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

(b) An applicant may include in a single application for registration of a mark all goods or services in connection with which the mark is actually being used and which are in a single class. An applicant may not include in a single application for registration goods or services which are not in a single class.

~~[(b) The classes of goods are:~~

~~[(1) Class 1: Chemicals,~~

~~[(2) Class 2: Paints,~~

~~[(3) Class 3: Cosmetics and cleaning preparations,~~

- 1 [~~(4) Class 4: Lubricants and fuels,~~
- 2 [~~(5) Class 5: Pharmaceuticals,~~
- 3 [~~(6) Class 6: Metal goods,~~
- 4 [~~(7) Class 7: Machinery,~~
- 5 [~~(8) Class 8: Hand tools,~~
- 6 [~~(9) Class 9: Electrical and scientific apparatus,~~
- 7 [~~(10) Class 10: Medical apparatus,~~
- 8 [~~(11) Class 11: Environmental control apparatus,~~
- 9 [~~(12) Class 12: Vehicles,~~
- 10 [~~(13) Class 13: Firearms,~~
- 11 [~~(14) Class 14: Jewelry,~~
- 12 [~~(15) Class 15: Musical instruments,~~
- 13 [~~(16) Class 16: Paper goods and printed matter,~~
- 14 [~~(17) Class 17: Rubber goods,~~
- 15 [~~(18) Class 18: Leather goods,~~
- 16 [~~(19) Class 19: Nonmetallic building materials,~~
- 17 [~~(20) Class 20: Furniture and articles not otherwise~~
- 18 ~~classified,~~
- 19 [~~(21) Class 21: Housewares and glass,~~
- 20 [~~(22) Class 22: Cordage and fibers,~~
- 21 [~~(23) Class 23: Yarns and threads,~~
- 22 [~~(24) Class 24: Fabrics,~~
- 23 [~~(25) Class 25: Clothing,~~
- 24 [~~(26) Class 26: Fancy goods,~~
- 25 [~~(27) Class 27: Floor coverings,~~
- 26 [~~(28) Class 28: Toys and sporting goods,~~
- 27 [~~(29) Class 29: Meats and processed foods,~~

- ~~1 [(30) Class 30: Staple foods;~~
- ~~2 [(31) Class 31: Natural agricultural products;~~
- ~~3 [(32) Class 32: Light beverages;~~
- ~~4 [(33) Class 33: Wines and spirits; and~~
- ~~5 [(34) Class 34: Smokers' articles.~~

~~6 [(c) The classes of services are:~~

- ~~7 [(1) Class 35: Advertising and business;~~
- ~~8 [(2) Class 36: Insurance and financial;~~
- ~~9 [(3) Class 37: Construction and repair;~~
- ~~10 [(4) Class 38: Communication;~~
- ~~11 [(5) Class 39: Transportation and storage;~~
- ~~12 [(6) Class 40: Material treatment;~~
- ~~13 [(7) Class 41: Education and entertainment; and~~
- ~~14 [(8) Class 42: Miscellaneous.~~

~~15 [(d) The classes of goods and services enumerated in~~
~~16 Subsections (b) and (c) of this section are established for the~~
~~17 convenient administration of this chapter and do not limit or~~
~~18 expand an applicant's or registrant's rights. The secretary of~~
~~19 state may amend the classes of goods and services to conform to~~
~~20 those now or later established by the U.S. Patent Office.]~~

21 SECTION 2. Section 16.20, Business & Commerce Code, is
22 amended to read as follows:

23 Sec. 16.20. TRANSFER OF MARK; CHANGE OF REGISTRANT'S NAME;
24 CHANGE OF ADDRESS. (a) If ownership of a registered mark is
25 transferred or a registrant's name is changed during the unexpired
26 term of a registration, a new certificate of registration may be
27 issued for the remainder of the unexpired term of the mark's

1 registration in the name of the transferee or in the new name of the
2 registrant upon the filing of an instrument under Section 16.19 [~~at~~
3 ~~the request of the registrant or transferee~~].

4 (b) The secretary of state may amend the trademark records
5 of an effective registration to reflect a change of registrant
6 address upon receipt of a statement signed by the registrant or the
7 registrant's agent. The statement must set forth the name of the
8 registrant of record, a description of the registered mark, the
9 registration number issued by the secretary of state, and the
10 registrant's new address [~~A request for a new certificate must be~~
11 ~~signed by the registrant or transferee and accompanied by a fee in~~
12 ~~the amount set by Section 405.031(a), Government Code, for an~~
13 ~~official certificate~~].

14 SECTION 3. Subchapter B, Chapter 16, Business & Commerce
15 Code, is amended by adding Section 16.22 to read as follows:

16 Sec. 16.22. ELECTRONIC FILINGS AND REPRODUCTIONS. (a) An
17 application for renewal of trademark registration, an assignment
18 under Section 16.17, or a transfer of ownership or change of
19 registrant name under Section 16.19 may be submitted in an
20 electronic format that is approved by the secretary of state. An
21 instrument that is filed in accordance with this subsection is
22 deemed to have complied with:

23 (1) the filing requirements of the section pursuant to
24 which it is filed; and

25 (2) any requirement that the document be submitted as
26 an originally signed instrument.

27 (b) All electronic acknowledgments and certificates

1 required to be issued by the secretary of state for the instruments
2 filed pursuant to Subsection (a) shall be considered issued or
3 provided by the secretary of state on the initial transmission by
4 the secretary of state of the acknowledgment or certificate
5 required to be filed.

6 (c) Any certificate issued by the secretary of state
7 concerning any instrument filed under this subchapter need not be
8 on paper or reduced to printed form.

9 (d) If permitted by the rules adopted by the secretary of
10 state, an original instrument required or authorized to be filed
11 with the secretary of state under this subchapter may be a
12 photographic, photostatic, facsimile, or similar reproduction of a
13 signed instrument.

14 (e) All civil and criminal penalties applicable to the
15 filing of documents under this chapter apply to all documents filed
16 pursuant to this section.

17 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.