

1 AN ACT concerning business.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Assumed Business Name Act is amended by  
5 adding Section 1a as follows:

6 (805 ILCS 405/1a new)

7 Sec. 1a. Home-based businesses. A person conducting or  
8 transacting business under an assumed name at his or her  
9 personal residence may list the county clerk, along with the  
10 address of the county clerk, of the county of his or her  
11 personal residence as the default agent for service of process  
12 to meet the publication requirements of this Act if all of the  
13 following conditions are met:

14 (1) The person reasonably believes that publishing his  
15 or her home address would put his or her safety at risk and  
16 lists the reasons for that belief on the form submitted to  
17 the county clerk, which shall be kept confidential.

18 (2) The form is accompanied by a court order, police  
19 report, or other indicia that there is a true need for the  
20 address to be kept confidential.

21 (3) The person provides the address of his or her  
22 residence to the county clerk, which shall be kept  
23 confidential.

1       The county clerk has a duty to notify the business when the  
2       county clerk has been served with process on behalf of the  
3       business. The county clerk may charge a nominal fee for  
4       performing this service. The county clerk shall provide a check  
5       box on its form for a confidential address request and room for  
6       the explanation for the request.