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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

805 ILCS 5/13.70	from Ch. 32, par. 13.70
805 ILCS 5/14.30	from Ch. 32, par. 14.30
805 ILCS 5/15.35	from Ch. 32, par. 15.35
805 ILCS 5/15.65	from Ch. 32, par. 15.65
805 ILCS 5/15.97	from Ch. 32, par. 15.97
805 ILCS 5/16.05	from Ch. 32, par. 16.05

Amends the Business Corporation Act of 1983. Increases from \$200 to \$500 the minimum base penalty for transacting business in this State without authority. Provides that a corporation that effects a change in the number of issued shares or the amount of paid-in capital prior to January 1, 2017, rather than effecting a change at any time, shall file a report regarding the issued shares or paid-in capital. Provides that franchise taxes are not payable on or after January 1, 2017. Provides that on and after January 1, 2017, a corporation that fails to file an annual report shall pay a penalty of \$50 plus \$10 per month or part of a month that the report is delinquent.

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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 Business Corporation Act of 1983 is amended
5 by changing Sections 13.70, 14.30, 15.35, 15.65, 15.97, and
6 16.05 as follows:

7 (805 ILCS 5/13.70) (from Ch. 32, par. 13.70)

8 Sec. 13.70. Transacting business without authority.

9 (a) No foreign corporation transacting business in this
10 State without authority to do so is permitted to maintain a
11 civil action in any court of this State, until the corporation
12 obtains that authority. Nor shall a civil action be maintained
13 in any court of this State by any successor or assignee of the
14 corporation on any right, claim or demand arising out of the
15 transaction of business by the corporation in this State, until
16 authority to transact business in this State is obtained by the
17 corporation or by a corporation that has acquired all or
18 substantially all of its assets.

19 (b) The failure of a foreign corporation to obtain
20 authority to transact business in this State does not impair
21 the validity of any contract or act of the corporation, and
22 does not prevent the corporation from defending any action in
23 any court of this State.

1 (c) A foreign corporation that transacts business in this
2 State without authority is liable to this State, for the years
3 or parts thereof during which it transacted business in this
4 State without authority, in an amount equal to all fees,
5 franchise taxes, penalties and other charges that would have
6 been imposed by this Act upon the corporation had it duly
7 applied for and received authority to transact business in this
8 State as required by this Act, but failed to pay the franchise
9 taxes that would have been computed thereon, and thereafter
10 filed all reports required by this Act; and, if a corporation
11 fails to file an application for authority within 60 days after
12 it commences business in this State, in addition thereto it is
13 liable for a penalty of either 10% of the filing fee, license
14 fee and franchise taxes or \$500 ~~\$200~~ plus \$25 ~~\$5.00~~ for each
15 month or fraction thereof in which it has continued to transact
16 business in this State without authority therefor, whichever
17 penalty is greater. The Attorney General shall bring
18 proceedings to recover all amounts due this State under this
19 Section.

20 (d) The Attorney General shall bring an action to restrain
21 a foreign corporation from transacting business in this State,
22 if the authority of the foreign corporation to transact
23 business has been revoked under subsection (m) of Section 13.50
24 of this Act.

25 (Source: P.A. 95-515, eff. 8-28-07.)

1 (805 ILCS 5/14.30) (from Ch. 32, par. 14.30)

2 Sec. 14.30. Cumulative report of changes in issued shares
3 or paid-in capital.

4 (a) Each domestic corporation and each foreign
5 corporation authorized to transact business in this State that
6 effects any change in the number of issued shares or the amount
7 of paid-in capital prior to January 1, 2017 that has not
8 theretofore been reported in any report other than an annual
9 report, interim annual report, or final transition annual
10 report, shall execute and file, in accordance with Section 1.10
11 of this Act, a report with respect to the changes in its issued
12 shares or paid-in capital:

13 (1) that have occurred subsequent to the last day of
14 the third month preceding its anniversary month in the
15 preceding year and prior to the first day of the second
16 month immediately preceding its anniversary month in the
17 current year; or

18 (2) in the case of a corporation that has established
19 an extended filing month, that have occurred during its
20 fiscal year; or

21 (3) in the case of a statutory merger or consolidation
22 or an amendment to the corporation's articles of
23 incorporation that affects the number of issued shares or
24 the amount of paid-in capital, that have occurred between
25 the last day of the third month immediately preceding its
26 anniversary month and the date of the merger,

1 consolidation, or amendment or, in the case of a
2 corporation that has established an extended filing month,
3 that have occurred between the first day of its fiscal year
4 and the date of the merger, consolidation, or amendment; or

5 (4) in the case of a statutory merger or consolidation
6 or an amendment to the corporation's articles of
7 incorporation that affects the number of issued shares or
8 the amount of paid-in capital, that have occurred between
9 the date of the merger, consolidation, or amendment (but
10 not including the merger, consolidation, or amendment) and
11 the first day of the second month immediately preceding its
12 anniversary month in the current year, or in the case of a
13 corporation that has established an extended filing month,
14 that have occurred between the date of the merger,
15 consolidation or amendment (but not including the merger,
16 consolidation or amendment) and the last day of its fiscal
17 year.

18 (b) The corporation shall file the report required under
19 subsection (a) not later than (i) the time its annual report is
20 required to be filed in 1992 and in each subsequent year and
21 (ii) not later than the time of filing the articles of merger,
22 consolidation, or amendment to the articles of incorporation
23 that affects the number of issued shares or the amount of
24 paid-in capital of a domestic corporation or the certified copy
25 of merger of a foreign corporation.

26 (c) The report shall net decreases against increases that

1 occur during the same taxable period. The report shall set
2 forth:

3 (1) The name of the corporation and the state or
4 country under the laws of which it is organized.

5 (2) A statement of the aggregate number of shares which
6 the corporation has authority to issue, itemized by classes
7 and series, if any, within a class.

8 (3) A statement of the aggregate number of issued
9 shares as last reported to the Secretary of State in any
10 document required or permitted by this Act to be filed,
11 other than an annual report, interim annual report or final
12 transition annual report, itemized by classes and series,
13 if any, within a class.

14 (4) A statement, expressed in dollars, of the amount of
15 paid-in capital of the corporation as last reported to the
16 Secretary of State in any document required or permitted by
17 this Act to be filed, other than an annual report, interim
18 annual report or final transition annual report.

19 (5) A statement, if applicable, of the aggregate number
20 of shares issued by the corporation not theretofore
21 reported to the Secretary of State as having been issued,
22 and a statement, expressed in dollars, of the value of the
23 entire consideration received, less expenses, including
24 commissions, paid or incurred in connection with the
25 issuance, for, or on account of, the issuance of the
26 shares, itemized by classes, and series, if any, within a

1 class; and in the case of shares issued as a share
2 dividend, the amount added or transferred to the paid-in
3 capital of the corporation for, or on account of, the
4 issuance of the shares; provided, however, that the report
5 shall also include the date of each issuance made prior to
6 the current reporting period, and the number of issued
7 shares and consideration received in each case.

8 (6) A statement, if applicable, expressed in dollars,
9 of the amount added or transferred to paid-in capital of
10 the corporation without the issuance of shares; provided,
11 however, that the report shall also include the date of
12 each increase made prior to the current reporting period,
13 and the consideration received in each case.

14 (7) In case of an exchange or reclassification of
15 issued shares resulting in an increase in the amount of
16 paid-in capital, a statement of the manner in which it was
17 effected, and a statement, expressed in dollars, of the
18 amount added or transferred to the paid-in capital of the
19 corporation as a result thereof, except any portion thereof
20 reported under any other subsection of this Section as a
21 part of the consideration received by the corporation for,
22 or on account of, its issued shares; provided, however,
23 that the report shall also include the date of each
24 exchange or reclassification made prior to the current
25 reporting period and the consideration received in each
26 case.

1 (8) If the consideration received for the issuance of
2 any shares not theretofore reported as having been issued
3 consists of labor or services performed or of property,
4 other than cash, then a statement, expressed in dollars, of
5 the value of that consideration as fixed by the board of
6 directors.

7 (9) In the case of a cancellation of shares or a
8 reduction in paid-in capital made pursuant to Section 9.20,
9 the aggregate reduction in paid-in capital; provided,
10 however, that the report shall also include the date of
11 each reduction made prior to the current reporting period.

12 (10) A statement of the aggregate number of issued
13 shares itemized by classes and series, if any, within a
14 class, after giving effect to the changes reported.

15 (11) A statement, expressed in dollars, of the amount
16 of paid-in capital of the corporation after giving effect
17 to the changes reported.

18 (d) No additional license fees or franchise taxes shall be
19 payable upon the filing of the report to the extent that
20 license fees or franchise taxes shall have been previously paid
21 by the corporation in respect of shares previously issued which
22 are being exchanged for the shares the issuance of which is
23 being reported, provided those facts are shown in the report.

24 (e) The report shall be made on forms prescribed and
25 furnished by the Secretary of State.

26 (f) Until the report under this Section or a report under

1 Section 14.25 shall have been filed in the Office of the
2 Secretary of State showing a reduction in paid-in capital, the
3 basis of the annual franchise tax payable by the corporation
4 shall not be reduced, provided, however, in no event shall the
5 annual franchise tax for any taxable year be reduced if the
6 report is not filed prior to the first day of the anniversary
7 month or, in the case of a corporation which has established an
8 extended filing month, the extended filing month of the
9 corporation of that taxable year and before payment of its
10 annual franchise tax.

11 (Source: P.A. 90-421, eff. 1-1-98.)

12 (805 ILCS 5/15.35) (from Ch. 32, par. 15.35)

13 Sec. 15.35. Franchise taxes payable by domestic
14 corporations. For the privilege of exercising its franchises in
15 this State, each domestic corporation shall pay to the
16 Secretary of State the following franchise taxes, computed on
17 the basis, at the rates and for the periods prescribed in this
18 Act:

19 (a) An initial franchise tax at the time of filing its
20 first report of issuance of shares.

21 (b) An additional franchise tax at the time of filing (1) a
22 report of the issuance of additional shares, or (2) a report of
23 an increase in paid-in capital without the issuance of shares,
24 or (3) an amendment to the articles of incorporation or a
25 report of cumulative changes in paid-in capital, whenever any

1 amendment or such report discloses an increase in its paid-in
2 capital over the amount thereof last reported in any document,
3 other than an annual report, interim annual report or final
4 transition annual report required by this Act to be filed in
5 the office of the Secretary of State.

6 (c) An additional franchise tax at the time of filing a
7 report of paid-in capital following a statutory merger or
8 consolidation, which discloses that the paid-in capital of the
9 surviving or new corporation immediately after the merger or
10 consolidation is greater than the sum of the paid-in capital of
11 all of the merged or consolidated corporations as last reported
12 by them in any documents, other than annual reports, required
13 by this Act to be filed in the office of the Secretary of
14 State; and in addition, the surviving or new corporation shall
15 be liable for a further additional franchise tax on the paid-in
16 capital of each of the merged or consolidated corporations as
17 last reported by them in any document, other than an annual
18 report, required by this Act to be filed with the Secretary of
19 State from their taxable year end to the next succeeding
20 anniversary month or, in the case of a corporation which has
21 established an extended filing month, the extended filing month
22 of the surviving or new corporation; however if the taxable
23 year ends within the 2 month period immediately preceding the
24 anniversary month or, in the case of a corporation which has
25 established an extended filing month, the extended filing month
26 of the surviving or new corporation the tax will be computed to

1 the anniversary month or, in the case of a corporation which
2 has established an extended filing month, the extended filing
3 month of the surviving or new corporation in the next
4 succeeding calendar year.

5 (d) An annual franchise tax payable each year with the
6 annual report which the corporation is required by this Act to
7 file.

8 (e) The provisions of this Section shall not apply to
9 require the payment of any franchise tax that would otherwise
10 have been due and payable on or after January 1, 2017. There
11 shall be no refunds or proration of franchise tax for any taxes
12 due and payable prior to January 1, 2017 on the basis that a
13 portion of the corporation's taxable year extends beyond
14 January 1, 2017. This amendatory Act of the 99th General
15 Assembly shall not affect any right accrued or established, or
16 any liability or penalty incurred prior to January 1, 2017.

17 (Source: P.A. 86-985.)

18 (805 ILCS 5/15.65) (from Ch. 32, par. 15.65)

19 Sec. 15.65. Franchise taxes payable by foreign
20 corporations. For the privilege of exercising its authority to
21 transact such business in this State as set out in its
22 application therefor or any amendment thereto, each foreign
23 corporation shall pay to the Secretary of State the following
24 franchise taxes, computed on the basis, at the rates and for
25 the periods prescribed in this Act:

1 (a) An initial franchise tax at the time of filing its
2 application for authority to transact business in this State.

3 (b) An additional franchise tax at the time of filing (1) a
4 report of the issuance of additional shares, or (2) a report of
5 an increase in paid-in capital without the issuance of shares,
6 or (3) a report of cumulative changes in paid-in capital or a
7 report of an exchange or reclassification of shares, whenever
8 any such report discloses an increase in its paid-in capital
9 over the amount thereof last reported in any document, other
10 than an annual report, interim annual report or final
11 transition annual report, required by this Act to be filed in
12 the office of the Secretary of State.

13 (c) Whenever the corporation shall be a party to a
14 statutory merger and shall be the surviving corporation, an
15 additional franchise tax at the time of filing its report
16 following merger, if such report discloses that the amount
17 represented in this State of its paid-in capital immediately
18 after the merger is greater than the aggregate of the amounts
19 represented in this State of the paid-in capital of such of the
20 merged corporations as were authorized to transact business in
21 this State at the time of the merger, as last reported by them
22 in any documents, other than annual reports, required by this
23 Act to be filed in the office of the Secretary of State; and in
24 addition, the surviving corporation shall be liable for a
25 further additional franchise tax on the paid-in capital of each
26 of the merged corporations as last reported by them in any

1 document, other than an annual report, required by this Act to
2 be filed with the Secretary of State, from their taxable year
3 end to the next succeeding anniversary month or, in the case of
4 a corporation which has established an extended filing month,
5 the extended filing month of the surviving corporation; however
6 if the taxable year ends within the 2 month period immediately
7 preceding the anniversary month or the extended filing month of
8 the surviving corporation, the tax will be computed to the
9 anniversary or, extended filing month of the surviving
10 corporation in the next succeeding calendar year.

11 (d) An annual franchise tax payable each year with any
12 annual report which the corporation is required by this Act to
13 file.

14 (e) The provisions of this Section shall not apply to
15 require the payment of any franchise tax that would otherwise
16 have been due and payable on or after January 1, 2017. There
17 shall be no refunds or proration of franchise tax for any taxes
18 due and payable prior to January 1, 2017 on the basis that a
19 portion of the corporation's taxable year extends beyond
20 January 1, 2017. This amendatory Act of the 99th General
21 Assembly shall not affect any right accrued or established, or
22 any liability or penalty incurred prior to January 1, 2017.

23 (Source: P.A. 92-33, eff. 7-1-01.)

24 (805 ILCS 5/15.97) (from Ch. 32, par. 15.97)

25 Sec. 15.97. Corporate Franchise Tax Refund Fund.

1 (a) Beginning July 1, 1993, a percentage of the amounts
2 collected under Sections 15.35, 15.45, 15.65, and 15.75 of this
3 Act shall be deposited into the Corporate Franchise Tax Refund
4 Fund, a special Fund hereby created in the State treasury. From
5 July 1, 1993, until December 31, 1994, there shall be deposited
6 into the Fund 3% of the amounts received under those Sections.
7 Beginning January 1, 1995, and for each fiscal year beginning
8 thereafter, 2% of the amounts collected under those Sections
9 during the preceding fiscal year shall be deposited into the
10 Fund.

11 (b) Beginning July 1, 1993, moneys in the Fund shall be
12 expended exclusively for the purpose of paying refunds payable
13 because of overpayment of franchise taxes, penalties, or
14 interest under Sections 13.70, 15.35, 15.45, 15.65, 15.75, and
15 16.05 of this Act and making transfers authorized under this
16 Section. Refunds in accordance with the provisions of
17 subsections (f) and (g) of Section 1.15 and Section 1.17 of
18 this Act may be made from the Fund only to the extent that
19 amounts collected under Sections 15.35, 15.45, 15.65, and 15.75
20 of this Act have been deposited in the Fund and remain
21 available. Within a reasonable time after the 30th day of June
22 of each year, the Secretary of State shall direct and the
23 Comptroller shall order transferred to the General Revenue Fund
24 all amounts in excess of \$100,000 remaining in the fund as of
25 June 30. Notwithstanding the above, for the period commencing
26 on the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 99th

1 General Assembly and continuing through December 31, 2019,
2 amounts in the fund shall not be transferred to the General
3 Revenue Fund and shall be used to pay refunds in accordance
4 with the provisions of this Act. Within a reasonable time after
5 January 1, 2020, the Secretary of State shall direct and the
6 Comptroller shall order transferred to the General Revenue Fund
7 all amounts remaining in the fund.

8 (c) This Act shall constitute an irrevocable and continuing
9 appropriation from the Corporate Franchise Tax Refund Fund for
10 the purpose of paying refunds upon the order of the Secretary
11 of State in accordance with the provisions of this Section.

12 (Source: P.A. 93-59, eff. 7-1-03.)

13 (805 ILCS 5/16.05) (from Ch. 32, par. 16.05)

14 Sec. 16.05. Penalties and interest imposed upon
15 corporations.

16 (a) Each corporation, domestic or foreign, that fails or
17 refuses to file any annual report or report of cumulative
18 changes in paid-in capital and pay any franchise tax due
19 pursuant to the report prior to the first day of its
20 anniversary month or, in the case of a corporation which has
21 established an extended filing month, the extended filing month
22 of the corporation shall pay a penalty of 10% of the amount of
23 any delinquent franchise tax due for the report. From February
24 1, 2008 through March 15, 2008, no penalty shall be imposed
25 with respect to any amount of delinquent franchise tax paid

1 pursuant to the Franchise Tax and License Fee Amnesty Act of
2 2007. Notwithstanding the above, commencing on January 1, 2017,
3 each corporation, domestic or foreign, that fails or refuses to
4 file any annual report prior to the first day of its
5 anniversary month, or in the case of a corporation which has
6 established an extended filing month, the extended filing month
7 of the corporation, shall pay a penalty of \$50 plus \$10 for
8 each calendar month or part of the month that it is delinquent.

9 (b) Each corporation, domestic or foreign, that fails or
10 refuses to file a report of issuance of shares or increase in
11 paid-in capital within the time prescribed by this Act is
12 subject to a penalty on any obligation occurring prior to
13 January 1, 1991, and interest on those obligations on or after
14 January 1, 1991, for each calendar month or part of month that
15 it is delinquent in the amount of 2% of the amount of license
16 fees and franchise taxes provided by this Act to be paid on
17 account of the issuance of shares or increase in paid-in
18 capital. From February 1, 2008 through March 15, 2008, no
19 penalty shall be imposed, or interest charged, with respect to
20 any amount of delinquent license fees and franchise taxes paid
21 pursuant to the Franchise Tax and License Fee Amnesty Act of
22 2007.

23 (c) Each corporation, domestic or foreign, that fails or
24 refuses to file a report of cumulative changes in paid-in
25 capital or report following merger within the time prescribed
26 by this Act is subject to interest on or after January 1, 1992,

1 for each calendar month or part of month that it is delinquent,
2 in the amount of 2% of the amount of franchise taxes provided
3 by this Act to be paid on account of the issuance of shares or
4 increase in paid-in capital disclosed on the report of
5 cumulative changes in paid-in capital or report following
6 merger, or \$1, whichever is greater. From February 1, 2008
7 through March 15, 2008, no interest shall be charged with
8 respect to any amount of delinquent franchise tax paid pursuant
9 to the Franchise Tax and License Fee Amnesty Act of 2007.
10 Notwithstanding the above, commencing on January 1, 2017, each
11 corporation, domestic or foreign, that fails or refuses to file
12 any report following merger within the time prescribed by this
13 Act, shall pay a penalty of \$50 plus \$10 for each calendar
14 month or part of the month that it is delinquent.

15 (d) If the annual franchise tax, or the supplemental annual
16 franchise tax for any 12-month period commencing July 1, 1968,
17 or July 1 of any subsequent year through June 30, 1983,
18 assessed in accordance with this Act, is not paid by July 31,
19 it is delinquent, and there is added a penalty prior to January
20 1, 1991, and interest on and after January 1, 1991, of 2% for
21 each month or part of month that it is delinquent commencing
22 with the month of August, or \$1, whichever is greater. From
23 February 1, 2008 through March 15, 2008, no penalty shall be
24 imposed, or interest charged, with respect to any amount of
25 delinquent franchise taxes paid pursuant to the Franchise Tax
26 and License Fee Amnesty Act of 2007.

1 (e) If the supplemental annual franchise tax assessed in
2 accordance with the provisions of this Act for the 12-month
3 period commencing July 1, 1967, is not paid by September 30,
4 1967, it is delinquent, and there is added a penalty prior to
5 January 1, 1991, and interest on and after January 1, 1991, of
6 2% for each month or part of month that it is delinquent
7 commencing with the month of October, 1967. From February 1,
8 2008 through March 15, 2008, no penalty shall be imposed, or
9 interest charged, with respect to any amount of delinquent
10 franchise taxes paid pursuant to the Franchise Tax and License
11 Fee Amnesty Act of 2007.

12 (f) If any annual franchise tax for any period beginning on
13 or after July 1, 1983, is not paid by the time period herein
14 prescribed, it is delinquent and there is added a penalty prior
15 to January 1, 1991, and interest on and after January 1, 1991,
16 of 2% for each month or part of a month that it is delinquent
17 commencing with the anniversary month or in the case of a
18 corporation that has established an extended filing month, the
19 extended filing month, or \$1, whichever is greater. From
20 February 1, 2008 through March 15, 2008, no penalty shall be
21 imposed, or interest charged, with respect to any amount of
22 delinquent franchise taxes paid pursuant to the Franchise Tax
23 and License Fee Amnesty Act of 2007.

24 (g) Any corporation, domestic or foreign, failing to pay
25 the prescribed fee for assumed corporate name renewal when due
26 and payable shall be given notice of nonpayment by the

1 Secretary of State by regular mail; and if the fee together
2 with a penalty fee of \$5 is not paid within 90 days after the
3 notice is mailed, the right to use the assumed name shall
4 cease.

5 (h) Any corporation which (i) puts forth any sign or
6 advertisement, assuming any name other than that by which it is
7 incorporated or otherwise authorized by law to act or (ii)
8 violates Section 3.25, shall be guilty of a Class C misdemeanor
9 and shall be deemed guilty of an additional offense for each
10 day it shall continue to so offend.

11 (i) Each corporation, domestic or foreign, that fails or
12 refuses (1) to answer truthfully and fully within the time
13 prescribed by this Act interrogatories propounded by the
14 Secretary of State in accordance with this Act or (2) to
15 perform any other act required by this Act to be performed by
16 the corporation, is guilty of a Class C misdemeanor.

17 (j) Each corporation that fails or refuses to file articles
18 of revocation of dissolution within the time prescribed by this
19 Act is subject to a penalty for each calendar month or part of
20 the month that it is delinquent in the amount of \$50.

21 (Source: P.A. 95-233, eff. 8-16-07; 95-707, eff. 1-11-08;
22 96-1121, eff. 1-1-11.)