

STATE OF MAINE

CERTIFICATE OF ASSOCIATION FOR PURPOSE OF ENGAGING IN MERCANTILE ENTERPRISE

(R. S., Chap. 167, Sec. 4)

The undersigned hereby certify that they have become associated as partners (or as _____

for the purpose of engaging in _____

in the city (or town) of _____

under the partnership name _____

INDIVIDUAL NAMES

RESIDENCE EACH PARTNER

STATE OF MAINE

_____ ss

_____ A.D. 20_____

Then personally appeared _____

and severally made oath to the foregoing certificate, that the same is true.

Before me,

Justice of the Peace

(Note: This certificate shall be deposited in the office of the clerk of the city or town in which the business is to be carried on. The clerk is entitled to a fee of ten (\$10.00) for recording this certificate.)

MERCANTILE PARTNERSHIPS AND ASSUMED BUSINESS NAMES

Sections 1-5, of Chapter 1 of Title 31 of M.R.S.A. 1964

Section 1 Filing of Certificate; certificate of withdrawal.

Whenever two (2) or more persons become associated as partners or otherwise for the purpose of engaging in any mercantile enterprise, they shall, before commencing business, deposit in the office of the clerk of the city or town in which the same is to be carried on a certificate signed and sworn to by them, setting forth their names and places of residence, the nature of the business in which they intend to engage and giving the name under which they are to transact business. Whenever any member of such partnership or association withdraws there from, he may certify under oath to the fact of such withdrawal, which certificate shall be deposited in the clerk's office, where the partnership certificate is recorded. He shall conclusively be presumed to be a member of the firm or association to the time of his depositing such certificate.

Section 2 Business under assumed name; filing of certificate.

Whenever any person intends to engage in such business as sole proprietor thereof, and to adopt any business name, style or designation other than his own name exclusively, he shall, before commencing business, deposit in the office of the clerk of the city or town in which such business is to be carried on a certificate signed and sworn to by him, setting forth his name and place of residence, the name, style or designation under which the business is to be conducted, and stating that he is the sole proprietor.

Section 3 Statements as conclusive; perjury

A person signing and making oath to any certificate deposited as provided by sections 1 and 2 shall not be permitted in any judicial proceeding to contradict the statements contained in such certificate. Whoever swears or affirms to any such certificate which is not true in fact shall be deemed guilty of perjury.

Section 4 Records.

The clerks of the several cities and towns shall record in suitable books, kept exclusively for the purpose, the certificates deposited under sections 1 and 2, and such books shall be open to public inspection.

Section 5 Failure to file; penalty.

Whoever fails to deposit seasonably the certificate required by sections 1 and 2 shall be punished by a fine of \$5.00 for each day he is in default.