

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

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RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, AND PARTNERSHIPS - RHODE ISLAND NONPROFIT CORPORATION ACT

Introduced By: Senators Lombardo, Archambault, and Algieri

Date Introduced: March 16, 2017

Referred To: Senate Commerce

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 7-6-75 of the General Laws in Chapter 7-6 entitled "Rhode Island  
2 Nonprofit Corporation Act" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **7-6-75. Filing of application for certificate of authority.**

4 (a) The application of the corporation for a certificate of authority shall be delivered to  
5 the secretary of state, ~~together with a copy of its articles of incorporation and all amendments to~~  
6 ~~it, duly certified by the proper officer of the state or country under the laws of which it is~~  
7 ~~incorporated~~ together with a certificate of good standing or legal existence issued by the proper  
8 officer of the state or country under the laws of which it is incorporated.

9 (b) If the secretary of state finds that the application conforms to law, the secretary of  
10 state shall, when all fees have been paid as prescribed in this chapter:

11 (1) Endorse on the documents the word "Filed," and the month, day, and year of the  
12 filing.

13 (2) File in the secretary of state's office the original of the application and ~~the copy of the~~  
14 ~~articles of incorporation and amendments to it~~ certificate of good standing or legal existence  
15 issued by the proper officer of the state or country under the laws of which it is incorporated.

16 (3) Issue a certificate of authority to conduct affairs in this state.

17 (c) The certificate of authority shall be delivered to the corporation or its representative.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would simplify the application process of a foreign corporation to obtain a  
2 certificate of authority by requiring it to produce only a certificate of good standing or legal  
3 existence by a proper officer of the state or country where it was incorporated.  
4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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