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A BUDGET BILL submitted by the Governor in accordance with Article VII of the Constitution

AN ACT to amend the business corporation law and the partnership law, in relation to the elimination of the biennial filing fee and five-year statement fee; and to repeal certain provisions of the business corporation law and the limited liability company law relating thereto (Part);

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

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PART ____

Section 1. Paragraph (r) of section 104-A of the business corporation
 law is REPEALED.

§ 2. Subparagraphs 3 and 4 of paragraph (a) and paragraphs (b) and (c) of section 306-A of the business corporation law, as added by chapter 469 of the laws of 1997, subparagraph 4 of paragraph (a) as amended by chapter 172 of the laws of 1999, paragraphs (b) and (c) as amended by section 2 of part S of chapter 59 of the laws of 2015, are amended to pread as follows:

(3) That sixty days prior to the filing of the certificate of resignation for receipt of process with the department of state the party has sent a copy of the certificate of resignation for receipt of process by registered or certified mail to the address of the registered agent of the designating corporation, if other than the party filing the certificate of resignation[,] for receipt of process, or if the [resigning] designating corporation has no registered agent, then to the last address of the designating corporation known to the party, specifying 2

1 the address to which the copy was sent. If there is no registered agent 2 and no known address of the designating corporation, the party shall 3 attach an affidavit to the certificate stating that a diligent but 4 unsuccessful search was made by the party to locate the corporation, 5 specifying what efforts were made.

(4) That the designating corporation is required to deliver to 6 the 7 department of state a certificate of amendment or change providing for the designation by the corporation of a new address and that upon its 8 failure to file such certificate, its authority to do business in this 9 10 state shall be suspended[, unless the corporation has previously filed a biennial statement under section four hundred eight of this chapter, in 11 12 which case the address of the principal executive office stated in the last filed biennial statement shall constitute the new address for proc-13 ess of the corporation, and no such certificate of amendment or change 14 15 need be filed].

16 (b) Upon the failure of the designating corporation to file a certificate of amendment or change providing for the designation by the corpo-17 ration of the new address after the filing of a certificate of resigna-18 tion for receipt of process with the secretary of state, its authority 19 20 to do business in this state shall be suspended [unless the corporation has previously filed a statement under section four hundred eight of 21 this chapter, in which case the address of the principal executive 22 23 office stated in the last filed statement, shall constitute the new address for process of the corporation provided such address is differ-24 25 ent from the previous address for process, and the corporation shall not 26 be deemed suspended].

27 (c) The filing by the department of state of a certificate of amend-28 ment or change [or statement under section four hundred eight of this

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chapter] providing for a new address by a designating corporation shall
 annul the suspension and its authority to do business in this state
 shall be restored and continue as if no suspension had occurred.

4 § 3. Section 408 of the business corporation law is REPEALED.

5 § 4. Section 409 of the business corporation law is REPEALED.

6 § 5. Subdivision (e) of section 301 of the limited liability company7 law is REPEALED.

8 § 6. Subdivision (c) of section 1101 of the limited liability company
9 law is REPEALED.

10 § 7. Subdivision (g) of section 121-1500 of the partnership law, as 11 amended by section 8 of part S of chapter 59 of the laws of 2015, is 12 amended to read as follows:

13 (g) [Each registered limited liability partnership shall, within sixty days prior to the fifth anniversary of the effective date of its regis-14 15 tration and every five years thereafter, furnish a statement to the department of state setting forth: (i) the name of the registered limit-16 ed liability partnership, (ii) the address of the principal office of 17 18 the registered limited liability partnership, (iii) the post office address within or without this state to which the secretary of state 19 20 shall mail a copy of any process accepted against it served upon him or her, which address shall supersede any previous address on file with the 21 department of state for this purpose, and (iv) a statement that it is 22 eligible to register as a registered limited liability partnership 23 pursuant to subdivision (a) of this section. The statement shall be 24 25 executed by one or more partners of the registered limited liability 26 partnership. The statement shall be accompanied by a fee of twenty dollars if submitted directly to the department of state. The commis-27 sioner of taxation and finance and the secretary of state may agree to 28

allow registered limited liability partnerships to provide the statement 1 specified in this subdivision on tax reports filed with the department 2 taxation and finance in lieu of statements filed directly with the 3 of 4 secretary of state and in a manner prescribed by the commissioner of 5 taxation and finance. If this agreement is made, starting with taxable years beginning on or after January first, two thousand sixteen, each 6 registered limited liability partnership required to file the statement 7 specified in this subdivision that is subject to the filing fee imposed 8 by paragraph three of subsection (c) of section six hundred fifty-eight 9 10 of the tax law shall provide such statement annually on its filing fee payment form filed with the department of taxation and finance in lieu 11 of filing a statement under this subdivision with the department of 12 state. However, each registered limited liability partnership required 13 to file a statement under this section must continue to file a statement 14 15 with the department of state as required by this section until the registered limited liability partnership in fact has filed a filing fee 16 payment form with the department of taxation and finance that includes 17 18 all required information. After that time, the registered limited liability partnership shall continue to provide annually the statement 19 20 specified in this subdivision on its filing fee payment form in lieu of the statement required by this subdivision. The commissioner of taxation 21 and finance shall deliver the completed statement specified in this 22 subdivision to the department of state for filing. The department of 23 taxation and finance must, to the extent feasible, also include in such 24 25 delivery the current name of the registered limited liability partner-26 ship, department of state identification number for such registered limited liability partnership, the name, signature and capacity of the 27 signer of the statement, name and street address of the filer of the 28

statement, and the email address, if any, of the filer of the statement. 1 If a registered limited liability partnership shall not timely file the 2 statement required by this subdivision, the department of state may, 3 upon sixty days' notice mailed to the address of such registered limited 4 5 liability partnership as shown in the last registration or statement or certificate of amendment filed by such registered limited liability 6 7 partnership, make a proclamation declaring the registration of such registered limited liability partnership to be revoked pursuant to this 8 subdivision. The department of state shall file the original proclama-9 10 tion in its office and shall publish a copy thereof in the state register no later than three months following the date of such proclamation. 11 12 This shall not apply to registered limited liability partnerships that have filed a statement with the department of state through the depart-13 ment of taxation and finance. Upon the publication of such proclamation 14 15 in the manner aforesaid, the registration of each registered limited liability partnership named in such proclamation shall be deemed revoked 16 without further legal proceedings.] Any registered limited liability 17 18 partnership whose registration was [so] revoked pursuant to this subdivision as it existed on the day prior to the effective date of the chap-19 20 ter of the laws of two thousand nineteen which amended this subdivision 21 may file in the department of state a [statement required by this subdivision] certificate entitled, "Certificate of annulment of revocation of 22 registration of(name of limited liability partnership) pursuant 23 to section 121-1500(g) of the Partnership Law", and shall set forth: 24 25 (1) The name of the registered limited liability partnership and, if it has been changed, the name under which it was initially registered. (2) 26 The date of the filing of its certificate of registration by the depart-27 ment of state. (3) That it elects to annul the revocation of its regis-28

1 tration. The certificate shall be executed by one or more partners of the registered limited liability partnership. 2 The filing of such [statement] certificate shall have the effect of annulling all of 3 the 4 proceedings theretofore taken for the revocation of the registration of 5 such registered limited liability partnership under this subdivision and (1) the registered limited liability partnership shall thereupon have 6 such powers, rights, duties and obligations as it had on the date of the 7 publication of the proclamation, with the same force and effect as if 8 such proclamation had not been made or published and (2) such publica-9 10 tion shall not affect the applicability of the provisions of subdivision of section twenty-six of this chapter to any debt, obligation or 11 (b) liability incurred, created or assumed from the date of publication of 12 the proclamation through the date of the filing of the [statement] 13 certificate with the department of state. [If, after the publication of 14 15 such proclamation, it shall be determined by the department of state that the name of any registered limited liability partnership was erro-16 neously included in such proclamation, the department of state shall 17 make appropriate entry on its records, which entry shall have the effect 18 19 of annulling all of the proceedings theretofore taken for the revocation 20 of the registration of such registered limited liability partnership under this subdivision and (A) such registered limited liability part-21 nership shall have such powers, rights, duties and obligations as it had 22 on the date of the publication of the proclamation, with the same force 23 and effect as if such proclamation had not been made or published and 24 25 (B) such publication shall not affect the applicability of the provisions of subdivision (b) of section twenty-six of this chapter to 26 any debt, obligation or liability incurred, created or assumed from the 27 date of publication of the proclamation through the date of the making 28

1 of the entry on the records of the department of state. Whenever a 2 registered limited liability partnership whose registration was revoked 3 shall have filed a statement pursuant to this subdivision or if the name 4 of a registered limited liability partnership was erroneously included 5 in a proclamation and such proclamation was annulled, the department of 6 state shall publish a notice thereof in the state register.]

7 § 8. Paragraph (I) of subdivision (f) of section 121-1502 of the part-8 nership law, as amended by section 4 of part S of chapter 59 of the laws 9 of 2015, is amended to read as follows:

10 (I) [Each New York registered foreign limited liability partnership 11 shall, within sixty days prior to the fifth anniversary of the effective 12 date of its notice and every five years thereafter, furnish a statement 13 to the department of state setting forth:

(i) the name under which the New York registered foreign limited 14 15 liability partnership is carrying on or conducting or transacting business or activities in this state, (ii) the address of the principal 16 office of the New York registered foreign limited liability partnership, 17 (iii) the post office address within or without this state to which the 18 secretary of state shall mail a copy of any process accepted against it 19 20 served upon him or her, which address shall supersede any previous address on file with the department of state for this purpose, and (iv) 21 a statement that it is a foreign limited liability partnership. 22 The statement shall be executed by one or more partners of the New York 23 registered foreign limited liability partnership. The statement shall be 24 25 accompanied by a fee of fifty dollars if submitted directly to the 26 department of state. The commissioner of taxation and finance and the secretary of state may agree to allow New York registered foreign limit-27 ed liability partnerships to provide the statement specified in this 28

paragraph on tax reports filed with the department of taxation and 1 finance in lieu of statements filed directly with the secretary of state 2 and in a manner prescribed by the commissioner of taxation and finance. 3 4 If this agreement is made, starting with taxable years beginning on or 5 after January first, two thousand sixteen, each New York registered foreign limited liability partnership required to file the statement 6 specified in this paragraph that is subject to the filing fee imposed by 7 paragraph three of subsection (c) of section six hundred fifty-eight of 8 the tax law shall provide such statement annually on its filing fee 9 10 payment form filed with the department of taxation and finance in lieu filing a statement under this paragraph directly with the department 11 of of state. However, each New York registered foreign limited liability 12 partnership required to file a statement under this section must contin-13 14 to file a statement with the department of state as required by this ue 15 section until the New York registered foreign limited liability partnership in fact has filed a filing fee payment form with the department of 16 taxation and finance that includes all required information. After that 17 time, the New York registered foreign limited liability partnership 18 shall continue to provide annually the statement specified in this para-19 20 graph on its filing fee payment form in lieu of filing the statement required by this paragraph directly with the department of state. 21 The commissioner of taxation and finance shall deliver the completed state-22 ment specified in this paragraph to the department of state for filing. 23 The department of taxation and finance must, to the extent feasible, 24 25 also include in such delivery the current name of the New York regis-26 tered foreign limited liability partnership, department of state identification number for such New York registered foreign limited liability 27 partnership, the name, signature and capacity of the signer of the 28

statement, name and street address of the filer of the statement, and 1 the email address, if any, of the filer of the statement. If a New York 2 registered foreign limited liability partnership shall not timely file 3 the statement required by this subdivision, the department of state may, 4 5 upon sixty days' notice mailed to the address of such New York registered foreign limited liability partnership as shown in the last notice 6 or statement or certificate of amendment filed by such New York regis-7 tered foreign limited liability partnership, make a proclamation declar-8 ing the status of such New York registered foreign limited liability 9 10 partnership to be revoked pursuant to this subdivision. This shall not apply to New York registered foreign limited liability partnerships that 11 12 have filed a statement with the department of state through the department of taxation and finance. The department of state shall file the 13 original proclamation in its office and shall publish a copy thereof in 14 15 the state register no later than three months following the date of such proclamation. Upon the publication of such proclamation in the manner 16 aforesaid, the status of each New York registered foreign limited 17 18 liability partnership named in such proclamation shall be deemed revoked without further legal proceedings.] Any New York registered foreign 19 20 limited liability partnership whose status was [so] revoked pursuant to 21 this paragraph as it existed on the day prior to the effective date of the chapter of the laws of two thousand nineteen which amended this 22 paragraph may file in the department of state a [statement required by 23 this subdivision] certificate entitled, "Certificate of revocation of 24 25 registration of (name of New York registered foreign limited 26 liability partnership) pursuant to section 121-1502(f)(I) of the Partnership Law", and shall set forth: (1) The name of the New York regis-27 tered foreign limited liability partnership and, if it has been changed, 28

the name under which it was initially registered. (2) The date of 1 filing of its notice of registration by the department of state. (3) 2 3 That it elects to annul the revocation of its registration. The certif-4 icate shall be executed by one or more partners of the New York regis-5 tered foreign limited liability partnership. The filing of such [statement] certificate shall have the effect of annulling all of the 6 7 proceedings theretofore taken for the revocation of the status of such New York registered foreign limited liability partnership under this 8 subdivision and (1) the New York registered foreign limited liability 9 10 partnership shall thereupon have such powers, rights, duties and obligations as it had on the date of the publication of the proclamation, 11 12 with the same force and effect as if such proclamation had not been made or published and (2) such publication shall not affect the applicability 13 of the laws of the jurisdiction governing the agreement under which such 14 15 New York registered foreign limited liability partnership is operating (including laws governing the liability of partners) to any debt, obli-16 gation or liability incurred, created or assumed from the date of publi-17 cation of the proclamation through the date of the filing of the state-18 ment with the department of state. [If, after the publication of such 19 20 proclamation, it shall be determined by the department of state that the name of any New York registered foreign limited liability partnership 21 was erroneously included in such proclamation, the department of state 22 23 shall make appropriate entry on its records, which entry shall have the effect of annulling all of the proceedings theretofore taken for the 24 25 revocation of the status of such New York registered foreign limited 26 liability partnership under this subdivision and (1) such New York registered foreign limited liability partnership shall have such powers, 27 rights, duties and obligations as it had on the date of the publication 28

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of the proclamation, with the same force and effect as if such proclama-1 tion had not been made or published and (2) such publication shall not 2 affect the applicability of the laws of the jurisdiction governing the 3 4 agreement under which such New York registered foreign limited liability 5 partnership is operating (including laws governing the liability of partners) to any debt, obligation or liability incurred, created or 6 7 assumed from the date of publication of the proclamation through the date of the making of the entry on the records of the department of 8 state. Whenever a New York registered foreign limited liability partner-9 10 ship whose status was revoked shall have filed a statement pursuant to this subdivision or if the name of a New York registered foreign limited 11 liability partnership was erroneously included in a proclamation and 12 such proclamation was annulled, the department of state shall publish a 13 notice thereof in the state register.] 14

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15 § 9. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law; provided, however, sections one, two, three, four, 16 five, seven and eight of this act shall take effect upon the development 17 of a new computerized filing system currently being developed by the 18 department of state; provided further, however, that the secretary of 19 20 state shall notify the legislative bill drafting commission upon the occurrence of the development of a new computerized filing system being 21 developed by the department of state in order that the commission may 22 maintain an accurate and timely effective data base of the official text 23 of the laws of the state of New York in furtherance of effectuating the 24 25 provisions of section 44 of the legislative law and section 70-b of the 26 public officers law.