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VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

An Act to amend and reenact §§ 6.1-61, 8.01-513, 13.1-1002, 13.1-1005, 13.1-1009, 13.1-1010.1, 13.1-1010.3, 13.1-1014, 13.1-1019, 13.1-1019, 13.1-1038, 13.1-1038.1, 13.1-1039, 13.1-1040.2, 13.1-1041.1, 13.1-1057, 13.1-1067, 15.2-5800 as it is currently effective, 50-73.46:1, 50-73.79, 50-73.108, 50-73.117, 56-1, and 58.1-2201 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding sections numbered 13.1-1049.2 and 13.1-1049.3, in Chapter 12 of Title 13.1 an article numbered 14, consisting of sections numbered 13.1-1074 through 13.1-1080, and sections 50-73.52:2, 50-73.52:3, 50-73.137:3, and 50-73.137:4, relating to limited liability companies and limited partnerships.

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12 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

13 1. That §§ 6.1-61, 8.01-513, 13.1-1002, 13.1-1005, 13.1-1009, 13.1-1010.1, 13.1-1010.3, 13.1-1014, 14 13.1-1014.1, 13.1-1019, 13.1-1038, 13.1-1038.1, 13.1-1039, 13.1-1040.2, 13.1-1041.1, 13.1-1057, 15 13.1-1067, 15.2-5800 as it is currently effective, 50-73.46:1, 50-73.79, 50-73.108, 50-73.117, 56-1, and 16 58.1-2201 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted and that the Code of Virginia is 17 amended by adding sections numbered 13.1-1049.2 and 13.1-1049.3, in Chapter 12 of Title 13.1 an 18 article numbered 14, consisting of sections numbered 13.1-1074 through 13.1-1080, and sections 19 50-73.52:2, 50-73.52:3, 50-73.137:3, and 50-73.137:4 as follows:

20 § 6.1-61. Limitations on obligations of borrowers.

Subject to the exceptions hereinafter stated, the total obligations of any person, partnership 21 (including, as hereinafter provided, the partners having a five percent or greater interest in either the 22 23 income or capital thereof other than limited partners), association, limited liability company or 24 corporation to any bank shall at no time exceed fifteen percent of the sum of the capital, surplus, and 25 loan loss reserve of such bank. For the purposes of this section the obligation of partners in the 26 partnership and the partnership shall not be combined with each other except to the extent hereafter 27 permitted. (1) If the purpose for which the obligation of any partner was incurred or utilized relates to the partnership or the purposes of the partnership, including acquisition of an interest in the partnership, 28 29 such obligation shall be combined with the obligation of the partnership. (2) If the primary source of 30 repayment of a partner's individual obligation is the partnership or funds therefrom, the obligation of the 31 partnership shall be combined with the obligation of such partner, other than a limited partner or partner 32 with less than five percent interest, and the limitation specified herein shall apply to the combined 33 obligations of each such partner and the partnership. Except in the two instances specified in (1) and (2) 34 of this paragraph, the individual liability of the partner shall not be treated as an obligation of the individual hereunder, nor shall the obligations of partner as individual guarantor on partnership 35 obligations be treated as an obligation of the individual for purposes of computation hereunder when, in 36 37 either case, the bank has a certificate of a responsible officer designated by the board of directors for 38 this purpose stating that the responsibility of the partnership for each obligation has been evaluated and 39 the bank is relying primarily upon such partnership for the payment of such indebtedness. For the 40 purposes of this section there may be counted as part of the surplus (a) the undivided profits as of the 41 date of the most recent call statement, and (b) capital notes and debentures, the issuance of which has 42 been approved by the Commission, outstanding as of said date, and consisting of debt obligations 43 subordinate to all other contractual liabilities of the bank.

The term "obligations" shall mean the direct liability of the maker or acceptor of the paper 44 45 discounted with or sold to such bank and the liability of the endorser, drawer or guarantor who obtains a loan from or discounts paper with or sells paper under his guaranty to such bank, and shall include in 46 47 the case of obligations of a corporation or a limited liability company all obligations of all subsidiaries 48 thereof in which such corporation or limited liability company owns or controls a majority interest. The 49 term "obligation" shall include any liability of the bank under a letter of credit, other than a letter of 50 credit arising out of transactions involving the importation or exportation of goods or the domestic shipment of goods, except to the extent (i) the bank has a binding participation of another bank, 51 organized under the laws of this Commonwealth or another state or the United States, or a written 52 53 commitment by another such bank to assume primary liability therefor, or (ii) such bank issuing the 54 letter of credit has in its possession money on deposit to the credit of such customer or securities or 55 assets readily convertible into cash with which to honor such letter of credit.

56 A. The following kinds of obligations shall not be subject to any limitation, except as expressly

57 stated in subdivision A (7) of this section:

58 (1) Obligations in the form of drafts or bills of exchange drawn in good faith against actually59 existing values;

60 (2) Obligations arising out of the discount of commercial or business paper actually owned by the61 person, partnership, association, *limited liability company* or corporation negotiating the same;

62 (3) Obligations drawn in good faith against actually existing values and secured by goods or
 63 commodities in process of shipment;

64 (4) Obligations in the form of banker's acceptances of other banks of the kind described in section65 thirteen of the Federal Reserve Act;

66 (5) Obligations of the United States, obligations of the Commonwealth of Virginia and of its political 67 subdivisions, including sanitary or public facilities districts, obligations fully guaranteed or insured by a 68 state or by a state authority for the payment of the obligation of which the faith and credit of the state is pledged, obligations issued by the Federal Home Loan Banks, first mortgage real estate loans which are 69 70 insured by the Federal Housing Administrator, obligations guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States, loans in which the Small Business Administration or a federal reserve bank has definitely 71 72 agreed or committed itself to participate, to the extent of such participation, obligations guaranteed by 73 the Small Business Administration or Farmers Home Administration, to the extent of such guaranty, 74 loans which the Federal Commodity Credit Corporation has definitely agreed to purchase, direct 75 obligations of and obligations guaranteed by the Export-Import Bank and loans guaranteed by a federal 76 guaranteeing agency, pursuant to the Defense Production Act of 1950, or bonds and notes of the Federal 77 National Mortgage Association or bonds, debentures and other similar obligations of Federal Land 78 Banks, Federal Intermediate Credit Banks, or Banks for Cooperatives issues pursuant to acts of 79 Congress, obligations of the Federal Financing Bank, the Student Loan Marketing Association, the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, the National Credit Union Administration, Farm Credit 80 Banks, the Government National Mortgage Association and the Commodity Credit Corporation, as well 81 82 as time deposits in a Federal Home Loan Bank and repurchase agreements of obligations authorized by 83 this subsection;

84 (6) Obligations of any person, partnership, association, *limited liability company*, or corporation
85 secured by not less than a like amount of bonds or notes or other evidences of indebtedness of the
86 United States or of the Commonwealth of Virginia;

87 (7) Obligations as endorser or guarantor of installment consumer paper which carries a full or limited 88 endorsement or guarantee of the person, partnership, association, *limited liability company*, or 89 corporation transferring the same when the bank has a certificate of a responsible officer designated by 90 its board of directors for that purpose stating that the responsibility of the maker of such obligation has 91 been evaluated and the bank is relying primarily upon such maker for the payment of such obligation, in 92 which case the limitations of this section as to the obligations of the maker shall be the sole applicable loan limitation. As used in this subdivision, the term "installment consumer paper" shall be deemed to 93 94 include installment notes of up to ten years' duration for the purchase of unimproved real property;

(8) Obligations secured by the pledge or assignment of certificates of deposit or saving certificates of the lending bank, to the extent of the principal amount of such certificates so pledged or assigned.

97 B. The following kinds of obligations shall be subject to a limitation of thirty percent of such capital98 and surplus:

99 (1) Obligations as endorser or guarantor of notes, other than commercial or business paper excepted
100 under subdivision A (2) of this section having a maturity of not more than six months, and owned by
101 the person, partnership, *limited liability company*, or corporation endorsing and negotiating the same.

(2) Obligations of any person, partnership, *limited liability company*, or corporation in the form of notes or drafts secured by shipping documents or instruments transferring or securing title covering livestock or giving a lien on livestock when the market value of the livestock securing the obligations is not at any time less than 115 percent of the amount by which the obligations exceed fifteen percent of such capital and surplus.

107 (3) Obligations secured by bonds or notes of the United States, or bonds of the Commonwealth of
 108 Virginia or any of its political subdivisions, if the face value thereof is at least equal to the excess of the
 109 obligations over fifteen percent of such capital and surplus.

110 C. Nonrenewable obligations having not more than ten months to run consisting of notes or drafts secured by shipping documents, warehouse receipts or similar documents creating a security interest in 111 112 readily marketable, nonperishable, staple commodities, insured to the extent that insurance is customarily 113 required, shall be subject to a sliding scale limitation up to fifty percent of such capital, surplus and 114 undivided profits. The sliding scale limitation shall be as follows: when the face amount of the obligation exceeds fifteen percent of such capital and surplus by any number of percentage points up to 115 thirty-five, the market value of the security for the obligation must exceed the face amount of the 116 obligation by at least the same number of percentage points. 117

118 D. The Commission shall promulgate necessary rules and regulations to require entities, which would 119 otherwise be treated as separate entities, to be treated as related for the purposes of compelling reporting 120 not more frequently than quarterly, to the Commission of the aggregate obligations of such parties to the 121 bank. For the purposes of this subdivision, the Commission may treat as related parties, persons in the 122 same household or which are the parents, grandparents, children or grandchild or grandchildren of each 123 other whether or not in the same household. Any person owning as much as thirty-four percent of stock 124 of a corporation or being an officer or director of such corporation may be treated as related to such 125 corporation and any party. Any person entitled to a share of the profits and losses of or distributions 126 from a limited liability company, or who is a manager of a manager-managed limited liability company 127 or a member of a member-managed limited liability company, may be treated as related to the limited 128 *liability company. Any person* having an interest in income or capital of a partnership may be treated as 129 a related party.

130 All loans made by a bank in excess of fifteen percent of its capital and surplus shall be approved by 131 the board of directors or the executive committee of the bank by resolution recorded in the minute book. 132 E. Notwithstanding the limitations in this section, the Commission may by rule or regulation 133 authorize state banks to make loans to one borrower in such amounts as may be authorized under any lending limit laws applicable to national banks.

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§ 8.01-513. Service upon corporation or limited liability company.

136 A. If the person upon whom there is a suggestion of liability as provided in § 8.01-511 is a 137 corporation, the summons shall be served upon an officer, an employee designated by the corporation 138 other than an officer of the corporation, or, if there is no designated employee or the designated employee cannot be found, upon a managing employee of the corporation other than an officer of the 139 **140** corporation. If the judgment creditor or his attorney files with the court a certificate that he has used due 141 diligence and that (i) no such officer or employee or other person authorized to accept such service can 142 be found within the Commonwealth or (ii) such designated or managing employee found is also the 143 judgment debtor, then such summons shall be served on the registered agent of the corporation or upon 144 the clerk of the State Corporation Commission as provided in §§ 13.1-637, 13.1-766, 13.1-836 and 145 13.1-928. However, service on the corporation shall not be made upon a designated or managing 146 employee who is also the judgment debtor. If the corporation intends to designate an employee for 147 service, the corporation shall file a designation with the State Corporation Commission. For the purposes 148 of this section, "managing employee" means an employee charged by the corporation with the control of 149 operations and supervision of employees at the business location of the corporation where process is 150 sought to be served.

151 B. If the person upon whom there is a suggestion of liability as provided in § 8.01-511 is a limited 152 liability company, the summons shall be served upon a member, manager, or employee designated by 153 the limited liability company for the purpose of such service or, if there is no designated member, 154 manager, or employee, or the designated member, manager, or employee cannot be found, upon a 155 managing employee of the limited liability company. If the judgment creditor or his attorney files with 156 the court a certificate that he has used due diligence and that (i) no such member, manager, or 157 employee or other person authorized to accept such service can be found within the Commonwealth or 158 (ii) such designated member, manager, employee, or managing employee found is also the judgment 159 debtor, then such summons shall be served on the registered agent of the limited liability company or upon the clerk of the State Corporation Commission as provided in § 13.1-1018. However, service on 160 the limited liability company shall not be made upon a designated member, manager, employee, or 161 162 managing employee who is also the judgment debtor. If the limited liability company intends to designate a member, manager, or employee for service, the limited liability company shall file a 163 164 designation with the State Corporation Commission.

165 C. For the purposes of this section, "managing employee" means an employee charged by the corporation or the limited liability company, as applicable, with the control of operations and 166 167 supervision of employees at the business location of such corporation or limited liability company where 168 process is sought to be served. 169

§ 13.1-1002. Definitions.

As used in this chapter:

170 171 "Articles of organization" means all documents constituting, at any particular time, the articles of 172 organization of a limited liability company. It includes the original articles of organization, the original 173 certificate of organization issued by the Commission, and all amendments to the articles of organization. 174 When the articles of organization have been restated pursuant to any articles of amendment, it includes 175 only the restated articles of organization and any subsequent amendments to the restated articles of organization, but does not include the articles of amendment accompanying the restated articles of 176 177 organization.

178 "Bankruptcy" means, with respect to any person, being the subject of an order for relief under Title 179 11 of the United States Code.

"Commission" means the State Corporation Commission of Virginia. 180

"Contribution" means any cash, property or services rendered, or a promissory note or other binding 181 182 obligation to contribute cash or property or to perform services, which a member contributes to a limited 183 liability company in his capacity as a member.

"Distribution" means a direct or indirect transfer of money or other property, or incurrence of 184 indebtedness by a limited liability company, to or for the benefit of its members in respect of their 185 186 interests. 187

"Domestic business trust" has the same meaning as specified in § 13.1-1201.

188 "Domestic corporation" has the same meaning as specified in § 13.1-603.

189 "Domestic limited partnership" has the same meaning as specified in § 50-73.1.

"Domestic partnership" means an association of two or more persons to carry on as co-owners a business for profit formed under § 50-73.88, or predecessor law of the Commonwealth, and includes, for 190 191 192 all purposes of the laws of the Commonwealth, a registered limited liability partnership.

193 'Electronic transmission" means any form of communication, not directly involving the physical 194 transmission of paper, that creates a record that may be retained, retrieved and reviewed by a recipient 195 thereof, and that may be directly reproduced in paper form by such a recipient through an automated 196 process. Any term used in this definition that is defined in § 59.1-480 of the Uniform Electronic 197 Transactions Act shall have the meaning set forth in such section.

198 "Foreign business trust" has the same meaning as specified in § 13.1-1201.

199 "Foreign corporation" has the same meaning as specified in § 13.1-603.

"Foreign limited liability company" means an entity, excluding a foreign business trust, that is an 200 201 unincorporated association organized under laws other than the laws of this Commonwealth, and that 202 affords to each of its members, pursuant to the laws under which it is organized, limited liability with 203 respect to the liabilities of the entity. 204

"Foreign limited partnership" has the same meaning as specified in § 50-73.1.

"Foreign partnership" means an association of two or more persons to carry on as co-owners a 205 206 business for profit formed under the laws of any state or jurisdiction other than the Commonwealth, and 207 includes, for all purposes of the laws of the Commonwealth, a foreign registered limited liability 208 partnership.

209 "Foreign registered limited liability partnership" has the same meanings as specified in §§ 50-2 and 210 50-73.79.

"Limited liability company" or "domestic limited liability company" means an entity that is an 211 212 unincorporated association that is organized and existing under this chapter, or that has become a 213 domestic limited liability company of the Commonwealth pursuant to § 13.1-1010.3, even though also being a non-United States entity organized under laws other than the laws of the Commonwealth, or 214 that has become a domestic limited liability company of the Commonwealth pursuant to § 56-1, even 215 though also being a limited liability company organized under laws other than the laws of the 216 Commonwealth, or that has become a domestic limited liability company of the Commonwealth pursuant 217 to § 13.1-1010.1, Article 12.2 (§ 13.1-722.8 et seq.) of Chapter 9 of this title, or, effective on and after 218 219 November 1, 2006, Article 14 (§ 13.1-1074 et seq.) of Chapter 12 of this title. A limited liability 220 company's status for federal tax purposes shall not affect its status as a distinct entity organized and 221 existing under this chapter.

222 "Manager" or "managers" means a person or persons designated by the members of a limited liability 223 company to manage the limited liability company as provided in the articles of organization or an 224 operating agreement.

225 "Manager-managed limited liability company" means a limited liability company that is managed by 226 a manager or managers as provided for in its articles of organization or an operating agreement.

227 "Member" means a person that has been admitted to membership in a limited liability company as provided in § 13.1-1038.1 and that has not ceased to be a member. 228

229 "Member-managed limited liability company" means a limited liability company that is not a manager-managed limited liability company. 230

231 "Membership interest" or "interest" means, except as otherwise provided in the articles of organization or an operating agreement, a member's share of the profits and the losses of the limited 232 233 liability company and the right to receive distributions of the limited liability company's assets.

234 "Non-United States entity" means a foreign limited liability company (other than one formed under 235 the laws of a state), or a corporation, business trust or association, real estate investment trust, common-law trust, or any other unincorporated business, including a partnership, formed, incorporated, 236 237 organized, created or that otherwise came into being under the laws of any foreign country or other 238 foreign jurisdiction (other than any state).

239 "Operating agreement" means an agreement of the members as to the affairs of a limited liability

- 240 company and the conduct of its business, or a writing or agreement of a limited liability company with 241 one member that satisfies the requirements of subdivision A 2 of § 13.1-1023.
- 242 "Person" has the same meaning as specified in § 13.1-603.

243 "Principal office" means the office, in or out of the Commonwealth, where the principal executive 244 offices of a domestic or foreign limited liability company are located.

245 "State," when referring to a part of the United States, includes a state, commonwealth and the 246 District of Columbia, and their agencies and governmental subdivisions; and a territory or insular 247 possession, and their agencies and governmental subdivisions, of the United States.

248 "United States" includes a district, authority, bureau, commission, department and any other agency 249 of the United States.

250 § 13.1-1005. Fees.

251 The Commission shall charge and collect the following fees:

- 252 1. For filing any one of the following, the fee shall be \$100:
- 253 a. Articles of organization.
- 254 b. An application for registration as a foreign limited liability company.
- 255 c. Articles of reinstatement.
- 256 d. Articles of entity conversion.
- 257 e. Articles of domestication.
- 258 2. For filing any one of the following, the fee shall be \$25:
- 259 a. Articles of amendment.
- 260 b. A certificate of cancellation with respect to a domestic or foreign limited liability company.
- 261 c. Articles of correction referred to in § 13.1-1011.1 or a certificate of correction referred to in 262 § 13.1-1055.
- 263 d. A copy of an instrument of merger of a foreign limited liability company referred to in 264 § 13.1-1060. 265
 - e. Articles of merger.

266 f. A copy of an instrument of entity conversion of a foreign limited liability company holding a 267 certificate of registration to transact business in the Commonwealth.

268 g. Articles of restatement. 269

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- h. Articles of organization surrender.
- 3. For filing any one of the following, the fee shall be \$10:

271 a. An application to reserve or to renew the reservation of a name for use by a domestic or foreign 272 limited liability company.

- 273 b. A notice of the transfer of a name reserved for use by a domestic or a foreign limited liability 274 company. 275
 - 4. For issuing a certificate pursuant to § 13.1-1067, \$6 for each certificate.
 - § 13.1-1009. Powers.
- 277 Unless the articles of organization provide otherwise, every limited liability company has the same 278 powers as an individual to do all things necessary or convenient to carry out its business and affairs, 279 including, without limitation, power: 280
 - 1. To sue and be sued, complain and defend in its name;
- 281 2. To purchase, receive, lease or otherwise acquire, and own, hold, improve, use and otherwise deal 282 with, real or personal property, or any legal or equitable interest in property, wherever located;
- 283 3. To sell, convey, mortgage, pledge, lease, exchange, and otherwise dispose of all or any part of its 284 property;
- 285 4. To purchase, receive, subscribe for, or otherwise acquire, own, hold, vote, use, sell, mortgage, 286 lend, pledge, or otherwise dispose of, and deal in and with shares or other interests in, or obligations of, 287 any other person;
- 288 5. To make contracts and guaranties, incur liabilities, borrow money, issue its notes, bonds, and other 289 obligations, and secure any of its obligations by mortgage or pledge of any of its property, franchises or 290 income;
- 291 6. To lend money, invest and reinvest its funds, and receive and hold real and personal property as 292 security for repayment;
- 293 7. To conduct its business, locate offices, and exercise the powers granted by this chapter within or 294 without this Commonwealth;
- 295 8. To elect and appoint managers, employees and agents of the limited liability company, define their 296 duties, fix their compensation, and lend them money and credit;
- 297 9. To pay pensions and establish pension plans, pension trusts, profit sharing plans, and benefit and 298 incentive plans for all or any of the current or former managers, members, employees, and agents of the 299 limited liability company or any of its subsidiaries;
- 300 10. To make donations to the public welfare or for religious, charitable, scientific, literary or

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301 educational purposes;

302 11. To make payments or donations, or do any other act, not inconsistent with this section or any 303 other applicable law, that furthers the business and affairs of the limited liability company;

304 12. To pay compensation, or to pay additional compensation to any or all managers, members, and 305 employees on account of services previously rendered to the limited liability company, whether or not 306 an agreement to pay such compensation was made before such services were rendered;

13. To insure for its benefit the life of any of its managers, members, or employees, to insure the life 307 308 of any member for the purpose of acquiring at his death the interest owned by such member and to 309 continue such insurance after the relationship terminates; 310

14. To cease its activities and cancel its certificate of organization;

15. To enter into partnership agreements, joint ventures, or other associations of any kind with any 311 312 person or persons;

313 16. Subject to such standards and restrictions, if any, as are set forth in its articles of organization or 314 an operating agreement, to indemnify and hold harmless any member or manager or other person from 315 and against any and all claims and demands whatsoever, and to pay for or reimburse any member or 316 manager or other person for reasonable expenses incurred by such a person who is a party to a 317 proceeding in advance of final disposition of the proceeding;

318 17. To transact any lawful business that a corporation, partnership, or other business entity may 319 conduct under the laws of the Commonwealth subject, however, to any and all laws and restrictions that 320 govern or limit the conduct of such activity by such corporation, partnership or other business entity; 321 and

322 18. To have and exercise all powers necessary or convenient to effect any or all of the purposes for which the limited liability company is organized. 323 324

§ 13.1-1010.1. Conversion of partnership to limited liability company.

325 A. A domestic or foreign partnership or limited partnership may convert to a limited liability company by filing articles of organization that meet the requirements of § 13.1-1011 and include the 326 327 following: 328

1. The name of the former partnership or limited partnership;

329 2. The date and place of filing of the initial certificate or statement of partnership, if any, certificate 330 of limited partnership or similar document of the former partnership or limited partnership; and

3. If the former partnership or limited partnership is a registered limited liability partnership, the date 331 and place of filing of the initial registration as or statement of registered limited liability partnership. 332

333 B. The terms and conditions of a conversion of a partnership or limited partnership to a limited 334 liability company shall be approved by the partners in the manner provided in the partnership's 335 partnership agreement for amendments to the partnership agreement or, if no such provision is made in 336 a partnership agreement, by all the partners.

C. A general partner who becomes a member of a limited liability company as a result of the 337 338 conversion remains liable as a general partner for an obligation incurred by the partnership before the 339 conversion takes effect to the same extent that the general partner is liable for that obligation before the 340 conversion takes effect. The general partner's liability for all obligations of the limited liability company 341 incurred after the conversion takes effect is that of a member or manager of a limited liability company, 342 as the case may be, as provided in this chapter.

343 D. If a foreign partnership or limited partnership that converts into a domestic liability company is 344 authorized to transact business in this Commonwealth under Article 9 (§ 50-73.53 et seq.) of Chapter 345 2.1 of Title 50 or registered as a foreign registered limited liability partnership under Article 9.1 346 (§ 50-73.112 et seq.) of Chapter 2.2 of Title 50, its certificate of authority or registration, as the case 347 may be, shall be cancelled automatically on the effective date of the certificate of organization issued by 348 the Commission. 349

§ 13.1-1010.3. Domestication of non-United States entities.

A. Any non-United States entity may become domesticated as a limited liability company by 350 351 complying with subsection E of this section and filing articles of organization that meet the requirements 352 of §§ 13.1-1003 and 13.1-1011 and include the following:

353 1. The name of the non-United States entity immediately prior to the filing of the articles of 354 organization;

355 2. The date on which and the jurisdiction in which the non-United States entity was first formed, 356 incorporated, organized, created or otherwise came into being; and

357 3. The jurisdiction that constituted the seat, siege social, or principal place of business or central 358 administration of the non-United States entity, or any equivalent thereto under applicable law, 359 immediately prior to the filing of the articles of organization.

360 B. A non-United States entity that has been domesticated pursuant to this section shall be deemed for 361 all purposes the same entity that existed before the domestication.

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362 C. Upon the effective date and time of the certificate of organization:

363 1. The non-United States entity shall be domesticated as a limited liability company, and the limited 364 liability company shall thereafter be subject to all of the provisions of this chapter, except that 365 notwithstanding subsection B of § 13.1-1004, the existence of the limited liability company shall be 366 deemed to have commenced on the date the non-United States entity commenced its existence in the 367 jurisdiction in which the non-United States entity was first formed, incorporated, organized, created or 368 otherwise came into being;

369 2. All property owned by the non-United States entity remains vested in the domesticated entity;

370 3. All obligations of the non-United States entity continue as obligations of the domesticated entity; 371 and

4. An action or proceeding pending against the non-United States entity may be continued as if thedomestication had not occurred.

D. The filing of articles of organization shall not affect the choice of law applicable to the non-United States entity, except that from the effective date of the time of the domestication, the law of the Commonwealth of Virginia, including the provisions of this chapter, shall apply to the non-United States entity to the same extent as if the non-United States entity had been organized as a limited liability company on the effective date of the certificate of organization.

E. The terms and conditions of a domestication of a non-United States entity as a limited liability
company shall be approved in the manner provided for by the document, instrument, agreement or other
writing, as the case may be, governing the internal affairs of the non-United States entity in the conduct
of its business or by applicable law other than the law of the Commonwealth, as appropriate.

F. Unless otherwise agreed, or as required under applicable non-Virginia law, the domesticating 383 384 non-United States entity shall not be required to wind up its affairs or pay its liabilities and distribute its 385 assets. The domestication shall not be deemed to constitute a dissolution of the non-United States entity 386 and shall constitute a continuation of the existence of the domesticating non-United States entity in the form of a domestic limited liability company. If, following domestication, a non-United States entity that 387 388 has become domesticated as a limited liability company continues its existence in the foreign country or other foreign jurisdiction in which it was existing immediately prior to domestication, the limited 389 390 liability company and the non-United States entity shall, for all purposes of the laws of the 391 Commonwealth of Virginia, constitute a single entity formed, organized, incorporated, created or 392 otherwise having come into being, as applicable, and exist under the laws of the Commonwealth of 393 Virginia and the laws of such foreign country or other foreign jurisdiction.

394 § 13.1-1014. Amendment of articles of organization.

395 A. A limited liability company may amend its articles of organization at any time to add or change a 396 provision that is required or permitted in the articles, or to delete a provision not required in the articles. 397 B. For an amendment to the articles of organization of a limited liability company to be adopted, the 398 amendment shall be approved by that number or percentage of members required to amend an 399 operating agreement, unless the articles of organization require a greater vote, by a majority vote of the 400 members entitled to vote thereon or a written operating agreement otherwise provide, provided that if 401 the limited liability company has been formed without any members and no members have been 402 admitted, an amendment may be adopted by the persons named as a manager in the articles of 403 organization or, if there are no members or managers, by the persons who formed the limited liability **404** company under § 13.1-1010.

405 C. To amend its articles of organization, a limited liability company shall file with the Commission 406 articles of amendment setting forth:

- **407** 1. The name of the limited liability company;
- **408** 2. The text of each amendment adopted;
- **409** 3. The date of each amendment's adoption; and
- 410 4. A statement that the amendment was adopted by a vote of the members, by the managers or by 411 the persons who formed the limited liability company in accordance with this chapter.

412 If the Commission finds that the articles of amendment comply with the requirements of law and that413 all required fees have been paid, it shall issue a certificate of amendment.

D. An amendment to articles of organization does not affect a cause of action existing against or in favor of the limited liability company, a proceeding to which the limited liability company is a party, or the existing rights of persons other than members of the limited liability company. An amendment changing a limited liability company's name does not abate a proceeding brought by or against the limited liability company in its former name.

419 E. A member of a limited liability company does not have a vested property right resulting from any420 provision of the articles of organization.

- **421** § 13.1-1014.1. Restatement of articles of organization.
- 422 A. A limited liability company may restate its articles of organization at any time.

423 B. The restatement may include one or more amendments to the articles of organization.

424 C. For a restatement of the articles of organization of a limited liability company to be adopted, the 425 restatement shall be approved by that number or percentage of members required to amend an operating 426 agreement, unless the articles of organization require a greater vote, by a majority vote of the members 427 entitled to vote thereon or a written operating agreement otherwise provide, provided that if the limited 428 liability company has been formed without any members and no members have been admitted, a 429 restatement may be adopted by the persons named as a manager in the articles of organization or, if 430 there are no members or managers, by the persons who formed the limited liability company under 431 § 13.1-1010.

432 D. A limited liability company restating its articles of organization shall file with the Commission 433 articles of restatement setting forth the name of the limited liability company and the text of the restated 434 articles of organization together with a certificate setting forth: 435

1. The name of the limited liability company immediately prior to restatement;

2. The date of adoption of the restated articles of organization;

437 3. Whether the restatement contains an amendment or amendments to the articles of organization; 438 and

439 4. A statement that the restatement was adopted by a vote of the members, by the managers or by 440 the persons who formed the limited liability company in accordance with this chapter.

441 E. If the Commission finds that the articles of restatement comply with the requirements of law and 442 that all required fees have been paid, it shall issue a certificate of restatement. When the certificate of 443 restatement is effective, the restated articles of organization supersede the original articles of 444 organization and all amendments to the original articles of organization.

445 F. The Commission may certify restated articles of organization as the articles of organization 446 currently in effect without including the information set forth in the certificate required by subsection D. 447 § 13.1-1019. Liability to third parties.

448 Except as otherwise provided by this Code or as expressly provided in the articles of organization, 449 no member, manager, organizer or other agent of a limited liability company shall have any personal 450 obligation for any liabilities of a limited liability company, whether such liabilities arise in contract, tort or otherwise, solely by reason of being a member, manager, organizer or agent of a limited liability 451 452 company. For the purposes of this section, a person to whom the rights of a member or manager are delegated as provided in § 13.1-1022 or § 13.1-1024 shall be deemed an agent of a limited liability 453 454 company. 455

§ 13.1-1038. Nature of interest in limited liability company.

456 A membership interest in a limited liability company is personal property. The only transferable 457 interest of a member in the limited liability company is the member's share of the profits and losses of 458 the limited liability company and the member's right to receive distributions.

459 § 13.1-1038.1. Admission of members.

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A. Subject to subsection B, a person may become a member in a limited liability company:

461 1. In the case of a person acquiring a membership interest directly from the limited liability company, upon compliance with an operating agreement or, if the operating agreement does not so provide, upon the consent of a majority of the managers of a manager-managed limited liability 462 463 464 company or a majority vote of the members of a member-managed limited liability company; 465

2. In the case of an assignee of a membership interest, as provided in subsection A of § 13.1-1040;

466 3. In the case of a limited liability company that has no members as of the commencement of its existence under § 13.1-1004, as provided in any writing signed by both the initial member or members 467 468 and the person who formed the limited liability company under § 13.1-1010; and

469 4. In the case of a limited liability company the last remaining member of which has dissociated, (i) 470 as provided in a writing executed by the successor in interest of that member, who may provide for the 471 admission of the successor in interest or its nominee or designee to the limited liability company as a 472 member, effective as of the occurrence of the event that caused the dissociation of the last remaining 473 member, provided that the articles of organization or an operating agreement may provide that the 474 successor in interest of the last remaining member shall be obligated to agree in writing to the admission 475 of the successor in interest of that member or its nominee or designee to the limited liability company 476 as a member, effective as of the occurrence of the event that caused the dissociation of the last 477 remaining member, or (ii) in the manner provided for in the articles of organization or an operating 478 agreement, effective as of the occurrence of the event that caused the dissociation of the last remaining 479 member, pursuant to a provision of the articles of organization or an operating agreement that 480 specifically provides for the admission of a member to the limited liability company after there is no **481** longer a remaining member of the limited liability company;

482 5. In the case of a person being admitted as a member of a limited liability company pursuant to a merger approved in accordance with § 13.1-1071, as provided in the articles of merger or an operating 483

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484 agreement of the surviving limited liability company; and

485 6. In the case of a person being admitted as a member of a limited liability company pursuant to a 486 conversion or domestication of a partnership, non-United States entity, foreign limited liability company, 487 or corporation into a domestic limited liability company in accordance with Article 12.2 (§ 13.1-722.8 et seq.) of Chapter 9 of this title or § 13.1-1010.1 or § 13.1-1010.3, or ,effective on and after November 1, 488 489 2006, Article 14 (§ 13.1-1074 et seq.) of Chapter 12 of this title, as provided in the articles of 490 organization or an operating agreement of the converted or domesticated limited liability company at 491 the time of conversion or domestication.

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B. The effective time of admission of a member to a limited liability company shall be the later of:

493 1. The date the limited liability company is formed; or

494 2. The time provided in an operating agreement, articles of merger or articles of organization, as 495 applicable, or, if no such time is provided therein, then when the person's admission is reflected in the 496 records of the limited liability company.

497 C. A person may be admitted to a limited liability company as a member of the limited liability 498 company and may receive a membership interest in the limited liability company without making a 499 contribution or being obligated to make a contribution to the limited liability company. Unless otherwise 500 provided in the articles of organization or an operating agreement:

501 1. A person may be admitted to a limited liability company as a member of the limited liability 502 company without acquiring a membership interest in the limited liability company; and

503 2. A person may be admitted as the sole member of a limited liability company without making a 504 contribution or being obligated to make a contribution to the limited liability company or without 505 acquiring a membership interest in the limited liability company. 506

§ 13.1-1039. Assignment of interest.

507 A. Unless otherwise provided in the articles of organization or an operating agreement, a membership 508 interest in a limited liability company is assignable in whole or in part. An assignment of an interest in 509 a limited liability company does not of itself dissolve the limited liability company. An assignment does 510 not entitle the assignee to participate in the management and affairs of the limited liability company or 511 to become or to exercise any rights of a member. Such an assignment entitles the assignee to receive, to 512 the extent assigned, only any share of profits and losses and distributions to which the assignor would 513 be entitled.

514 B. Unless otherwise provided in the articles of organization or an operating agreement, a 515 membership interest in a limited liability company may be evidenced by a certificate of interest issued 516 by the limited liability company. The articles of organization or an operating agreement may provide for 517 the assignment or transfer of any interest represented by such a certificate and make other provisions 518 with respect to such certificates. 519

§ 13.1-1040.2. Effect of a member's dissociation.

520 A. Except as provided in the articles of organization or an operating agreement, the dissociation of a 521 member shall not affect the membership interest held by the dissociated member or the former member's 522 successor in interest. The former member or successor in interest shall continue to hold a membership 523 interest and shall have the same rights that an assignee of the membership interest would have under 524 *subsection A of* § 13.1-1039.

525 B. Except as provided in the articles of organization or an operating agreement, the dissociation of a 526 member shall not cause the limited liability company to be dissolved or its affairs to be wound up, and, 527 upon the occurrence of any such event, the limited liability company shall be continued without 528 dissolution. 529

§ 13.1-1041.1. Member's transferable interest subject to charging order.

530 A. On application by a judgment creditor of a member or of a member's assignee, a court having 531 jurisdiction may charge the transferable interest of the judgment debtor to satisfy the judgment. The 532 court may appoint a receiver of the share of the distributions due or to become due to the judgment 533 debtor in respect of the limited liability company and make all other orders, directions, accounts, and 534 inquiries the judgment debtor might have made or which the circumstances of the case may require. To 535 the extent so charged, the judgment creditor has only the right to receive any distribution or 536 distributions to which the judgment debtor would otherwise have been entitled in respect of the interest.

537 B. A charging order constitutes a lien on the judgment debtor's transferable interest in the limited 538 liability company. The court may order a foreclosure of the interest subject to the charging order at any 539 time. The purchaser at the foreclosure sale has the rights of an assignee.

540 C. At any time before foreclosure, an interest charged may be redeemed:

541 1. By the judgment debtor;

542 2. With property other than limited liability company property, by one or more of the other 543 members; or

544 3. With the limited liability company property, by one or more of the other members with the

545 consent of all of the members whose interests are not so charged.

546 D. This chapter does not deprive a member or a member's assignee of a right under exemption laws 547 with respect to the member's judgment debtor's interest in the limited liability company.

548 E. This section provides D. The entry of a charging order is the exclusive remedy by which a 549 judgment creditor of a member or of a member's assignee may satisfy a judgment out of the judgment 550 debtor's transferable interest in the limited liability company.

551 E. No creditor of a member or of a member's assignee shall have any right to obtain possession of, or otherwise exercise legal or equitable remedies with respect to, the property of the limited liability 552 553 company. 554

§ 13.1-1049.2. Other claims against dissolved limited liability company.

555 A. A dissolved limited liability company may also publish notice of its dissolution and request that 556 persons with claims against the dissolved limited liability company present them in accordance with the 557 notice. 558

B. The notice shall:

559 1. Be published one time in a newspaper of general circulation in the city or county where the 560 dissolved limited liability company's principal office, or, if none in the Commonwealth, its registered 561 office, is or was last located;

562 2. Describe the information that must be included in a claim and provide a mailing address where 563 the claim may be sent; and

564 3. State that a claim against the dissolved limited liability company will be barred unless a 565 proceeding to enforce the claim is commenced prior to the earlier of the expiration of any applicable 566 statute of limitations or three years after the date of publication of the notice.

567 C. If the dissolved limited liability company publishes a newspaper notice in accordance with subsection B, the claim of each of the following claimants is barred unless the claimant commences a 568 proceeding to enforce the claim against the dissolved limited liability company prior to the earlier of the 569 expiration of any applicable statute of limitations or three years after the publication date of the 570 571 newspaper notice: 572

1. A claimant who was not given written notice under § 13.1-1049.1;

573 2. A claimant whose claim was timely sent to the dissolved limited liability company but not acted 574 on: and 575

3. A claimant whose claim does not meet the definition of a claim in subsection D of § 13.1-1049.1.

576 D. A claim that is not barred by subsection C of § 13.1-1049.1 or subsection C of § 13.1-1049.2 may 577 be enforced: 578

1. Against the dissolved limited liability company, to the extent of its undistributed assets; or

2. Except as provided in subsection D of § 13.1-1049.3, if the assets have been distributed in liquidation, against a member of the dissolved limited liability company to the extent of the member's 579 580 581 pro rata share of the claim or the limited liability company assets distributed to the member in liquidation, whichever is less, but a member's total liability for all claims under this section may not 582 583 exceed the total amount of assets distributed to the member. 584

§ 13.1-1049.3 Court proceedings.

585 A. A dissolved limited liability company that has published a notice under § 13.1-1049.2 may file an 586 application with the circuit court of the city or county where the dissolved limited liability company's principal office, or, if none in the Commonwealth, its registered office, is or was last located for a 587 determination of the amount and form of security to be provided for payment of claims that are 588 589 contingent or have not been made known to the dissolved limited liability company or that are based on 590 an event occurring after the effective date of dissolution but that, based on the facts known to the 591 dissolved limited liability company, are reasonably estimated to arise after the effective date of 592 dissolution. Provision need not be made for any claim that is or is reasonably anticipated to be barred 593 under subsection C of § 13.1-1049.2.

594 B. Within 10 days after the filing of the application, notice of the proceeding shall be given by the 595 dissolved limited liability company to each claimant holding a contingent claim whose contingent claim 596 is shown on the records of the dissolved limited liability company.

597 C. The court may appoint a guardian ad litem to represent all claimants whose identities are unknown in any proceeding brought under this section. The reasonable fees and expenses of such **598** 599 guardian, including all reasonable expert witness fees, shall be paid by the dissolved limited liability 600 company.

601 D. Provision by the dissolved limited liability company for security in the amount and the form 602 ordered by the court under subsection A shall satisfy the dissolved limited liability company's 603 obligations with respect to claims that do not meet the definition of a claim in subsection D of 604 § 13.1-1049.1, and such claims may not be enforced against a member who received assets in 605 liquidation.

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606 § 13.1-1057. Transaction of business without registration.

A. A foreign limited liability company transacting business in this Commonwealth may not maintain
any action, suit, or proceeding in any court of this Commonwealth until it has registered in this
Commonwealth.

610 B. The failure of a foreign limited liability company to register in this Commonwealth does not
611 impair the validity of any contract or act of the foreign limited liability company or prevent the foreign
612 limited liability company from defending any action, suit, or proceeding in any court of this
613 Commonwealth.

C. If a foreign limited liability company transacts business in this Commonwealth without a
certificate of registration, each member, manager or employee of the limited liability company who does
any of such business in this Commonwealth knowing that a certificate of authority registration is
required and has not been obtained shall be liable for a penalty of not less than \$500 and not more than
\$5,000 to be imposed by the Commission, after the limited liability company and the individual have
been given notice and an opportunity to be heard.

620 D. A foreign limited liability company, by transacting business in this Commonwealth without
 621 registration, appoints the clerk of the Commission as its agent for service of process with respect to
 622 causes of action arising out of the transaction of business in this Commonwealth.

623 § 13.1-1067. Property title records.

624 A. Whenever by (i) amendment to the articles of organization pursuant to § 13.1-1014, (ii) certificate 625 of correction of the application for registration of a foreign limited liability company pursuant to 626 § 13.1-1055, (iii) conversion of a general partnership or limited partnership to a limited liability 627 company pursuant to § 13.1-1010.1, (iv) conversion of a corporation to a limited liability company 628 where otherwise permitted by law, Θ (v) domestication of a non-United States entity as a limited 629 liability company pursuant to § 13.1-1010.3, or (vi) domestication of a foreign limited liability company pursuant to Article 14 (§ 13.1-1074 et seq.) of Chapter 12 of this title, the name of any domestic or 630 foreign limited liability company is changed or a general or limited partnership, corporation, foreign 631 632 *limited liability company*, or non-United States entity is converted to *or domesticated in* limited liability 633 company form, the clerk of the Commission, upon request, shall issue a certificate that recites the 634 change of name or, conversion, or domestication. The certificate may be admitted to record in the deed books, in accordance with § 17.1-227, of any court's office within the jurisdiction of which any property 635 of the limited liability company is located in order to maintain the continuity of title records. The person 636 637 filing the certificate shall pay a fee of \$10 to the clerk of the court, but no tax shall be due thereon.

638 B. Whenever by merger of a domestic or foreign limited liability company with one or more 639 domestic or foreign limited liability companies, partnerships, limited partnerships, corporations, business trusts or other entities pursuant to Article 13 (§ 13.1-1070 et seq.) of Chapter 12 of this title or to the 640 641 laws of a foreign jurisdiction, or by conversion of any entity to a foreign limited liability company pursuant to the laws of a foreign jurisdiction, a domestic or foreign limited liability company succeeds 642 643 to the ownership of or any interest in real estate, and when such domestic or foreign limited liability 644 company furnishes the Commission with a certificate of merger issued by the Commission or a similar 645 certificate of merger or conversion issued by any competent authority of the jurisdiction under which 646 any such foreign limited liability company is organized, the clerk of the Commission, upon request, shall issue a certificate that recites the succession to ownership of or interest in real estate. The certificate 647 may be admitted to record in the deed books, in accordance with § 17.1-227, of any recording office 648 649 within the jurisdiction of which any property of the limited liability company is located in order to 650 maintain the continuity of title records. The person filing the certificate shall pay a fee of \$10 to the 651 clerk of the court, but no tax shall be due thereon.

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Article 14.

Domestication.

654 § 13.1-1074. Domestication.

A. A foreign limited liability company may become a domestic limited liability company in the
manner provided in this article. The laws of this Commonwealth shall govern the effect of domesticating
in this Commonwealth pursuant to this article.

B. A domestic limited liability company not required by law to be a domestic limited liability
company may become a foreign limited liability company if the jurisdiction in which the limited liability
company intends to domesticate allows for the domestication. Regardless of whether the laws of the
foreign jurisdiction require the adoption of a plan of domestication, the domestication shall be approved
in the manner provided in this article. The laws of the jurisdiction in which the limited liability company
domesticates shall govern the effect of domesticating in that jurisdiction.

664 § 13.1-1075. Plan of domestication.

665 *A. The plan of domestication shall set forth:*

666 1. A statement of the jurisdiction in which the domestic and foreign limited liability company is

667 presently domesticated; and

668 2. A statement of the jurisdiction in which the domestic and foreign limited liability company is to be 669 domesticated.

670 B. The plan of domestication may include:

671 1. As a referenced attachment, the articles of organization of the limited liability company upon its 672 domestication; and

673 2. Any other provision relating to the domestication.

C. The plan of domestication may also include a provision that the members may amend the plan at 674 675 any time prior to the effective date of the certificate of domestication or such other document required 676 by the laws of the other jurisdiction to consummate the domestication.

677 § 13.1-1076. Action on plan of domestication by a domestic limited liability company.

678 In the case of a domestic limited liability company:

679 A. Unless the articles of organization or a written operating agreement of the limited liability company provides otherwise, the members of the limited liability company shall approve the plan of 680 domestication by the members in the manner provided in the limited liability company's operating 681 682 agreement for amendments to the operating agreement or, if no such provision is made in an operating 683 agreement, by all the members.

684 B. If an amendment to a plan of domestication is made in accordance with subsection C of 685 § 13.1-1075, and articles of domestication already have been filed with the Commission, amended 686 articles of domestication shall be filed with the Commission before the effective date of any certificate of **687** domestication issued by the Commission for the articles of domestication which the amended articles are 688 to supersede. 689

§13.1-1077. Articles of domestication.

690 A. After the domestication of a foreign limited liability company is approved in the manner required 691 by the laws of the jurisdiction in which the limited liability company is organized, the limited liability 692 company shall file with the Commission articles of domestication setting forth:

1. The name of the limited liability company immediately prior to the filing of the articles of domestication and, if that name is unavailable for use in this Commonwealth or the limited liability 693 694 company desires to change its name in connection with the domestication, a name that satisfies the 695 696 requirements of § 13.1-1012; 697

2. The plan of domestication; and

698 3. The original jurisdiction of the limited liability company and the date the limited liability company 699 was organized in that jurisdiction, and each subsequent jurisdiction and the date the limited liability 700 company was domesticated in each such jurisdiction, if any, prior to the filing of the articles of 701 domestication.

702 B. The articles of domestication shall have attached articles of organization that comply with the 703 requirements of this chapter.

704 C. If the Commission finds that the articles of domestication comply with the requirements of law 705 and that all required fees have been paid, it shall issue a certificate of domestication. 706

D. The certificate of domestication shall become effective pursuant to subsection D of § 13.1-1004.

707 E. A foreign limited liability company's existence as a domestic limited liability company shall begin 708 when the certificate of domestication is effective. Upon becoming effective, the certificate of 709 domestication shall be conclusive evidence that all conditions precedent required to be performed by the 710 foreign limited liability company have been complied with and that the limited liability company has 711 been organized under this chapter.

712 F. If the foreign limited liability company is authorized to transact business in this Commonwealth 713 under Article 10 (§ 13.1-1051 et seq.) of this chapter, its certificate of registration shall be canceled 714 automatically on the effective date of the certificate of domestication issued by the Commission. 715

§ 13.1-1078. Surrender of articles of organization upon domestication.

716 A. Whenever a domestic limited liability company has approved, in the manner required by this article, a plan of domestication providing for the limited liability company to be domesticated under the 717 718 laws of another jurisdiction, the limited liability company shall file with the Commission articles of 719 organization surrender setting forth: 720

1. The name of the limited liability company;

2. The limited liability company's new jurisdiction of organization;

3. The plan of domestication;

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4. A statement that the articles of organization surrender are being filed in connection with the 723 724 domestication of the limited liability company as a foreign limited liability company to be organized 725 under the laws of another jurisdiction and that the limited liability company is surrendering its certificate of organization under the laws of this Commonwealth; 726

727 5. A statement that the limited liability company revokes the authority of its registered agent to

728 accept service on its behalf and appoints the clerk of the Commission as its agent for service of process

729 in any proceeding based on a cause of action arising during the time it was organized in this 730 *Commonwealth*;

- 731 6. A mailing address to which the clerk may mail a copy of any process served on him under 732 subdivision 5: and
- 733 7. A commitment to notify the clerk of the Commission in the future of any change in the mailing 734 address of the limited liability company.
- 735 B. If the Commission finds that the articles of organization surrender comply with the requirements 736 of law and that all required fees have been paid, it shall issue a certificate of organization surrender.
- 737 C. The limited liability company shall automatically cease to be a domestic limited liability company 738 when the certificate of organization surrender becomes effective.
- 739 D. If the former domestic limited liability company intends to continue to transact business in the Commonwealth, then, within thirty days after the effective date of the certificate of organization 740 surrender, it shall deliver to the Commission an application for a certificate of registration to transact 741 business in the Commonwealth pursuant to § 13.1-1052 together with a copy of its instrument of 742 743 domestication and articles of organization and all amendments thereto, duly authenticated by the 744 Secretary of State or other official having custody of limited liability company records in the state or 745 other jurisdiction under whose laws it is organized or domesticated.
- 746 § 13.1-1079. Effect of domestication.
- 747 A. When a foreign limited liability company's certificate of domestication in this Commonwealth 748 becomes effective, with respect to that limited liability company:
- 749 1. The title to all real estate and other property remains in the limited liability company without 750 reversion or impairment; 751
 - 2. The liabilities remain the liabilities of the limited liability company;
- 752 3. A proceeding pending may be continued by or against the limited liability company as if the 753 domestication did not occur:
- 754 4. The articles of organization attached to the articles of domestication constitute the articles of 755 organization of the limited liability company; and 756
- 5. The limited liability company is deemed to: 757
 - a. Be organized under the laws of this Commonwealth for all purposes;
- 758 b. Be the same limited liability company as the limited liability company that existed under the laws 759 of the jurisdiction or jurisdictions in which it was originally organized or formerly domesticated; and
- 760 c. Have been organized on the date it was originally formed or organized.
- 761 B. Any member of a foreign limited liability company that domesticates into this Commonwealth who, 762 prior to the domestication, was liable for the liabilities or obligations of the limited liability company is 763 not released from those liabilities or obligations by reason of the domestication. 764
 - § 13.1-1080. Abandonment of domestication.
- 765 A. Unless the domestic limited liability company's articles of organization, operating agreement or 766 the plan of domestication provides otherwise, after the domestication has been authorized and at any time before the effective date of the certificate of domestication issued by the Commission, the 767 768 domestication may be abandoned by majority vote of the members of the domestic limited liability 769 company.
- 770 B. If a domestication is abandoned under subsection A after articles of organization surrender have 771 been filed with the Commission but before the certificate of organization surrender has become effective, 772 written notice that the domestication has been abandoned in accordance with this section shall be filed 773 with the Commission prior to the effective date of the certificate of organization surrender. The notice 774 shall take effect upon filing and the domestication shall be deemed abandoned and shall not become 775 effective.
- 776 C. If the domestication of a foreign limited liability company into this Commonwealth is abandoned 777 in accordance with the laws of the foreign jurisdiction after articles of domestication have been filed 778 with the Commission but before the certificate of domestication has become effective in this Commonwealth, written notice that the domestication has been abandoned shall be filed with the 779 780 Commission prior to the effective date of the certificate of domestication. The notice shall take effect 781 upon filing and the domestication shall be deemed abandoned and shall not become effective.
- 782 § 15.2-5800. (Effective until January 1, 2008) Definitions; professional baseball games; consent for 783 construction.
- 784 As used in this chapter the following words have the meanings indicated:
- "Authority" means the Virginia Baseball Stadium Authority. 785
- 786 "Corporate income tax revenues" means corporate income tax as estimated by the Tax Commissioner 787 under Article 10 (§ 58.1-400 et seq.) of Chapter 3 of Title 58.1 from any team or other organization based on income generated within a facility, including revenues generated in connection with the 788

789 development and construction of a facility. The Tax Commissioner shall calculate such revenues by 790 multiplying the estimated tax payment of any corporation as required under Article 20 (§ 58.1-500 et 791 seq.) of Chapter 3 of Title 58.1 generating income as described herein by the ratio of their gross 792 revenues from the activities as described herein to gross revenues from all activities in Virginia.

793 "Facility" means (i) major league baseball stadiums, (ii) office, restaurant, concessions, retail, 794 lodging, and other facilities which are owned and operated in connection with a major league baseball 795 stadium and are located within the stadium, and (iii) any onsite parking lots and garages.

796 "Major league baseball" means the organization which controls the administrative functions for the 797 ownership and operation of major league baseball operations in the United States and Canada.

"Major league baseball franchise" means the contractual right granted by major league baseball to 798 799 any person or persons to own or operate a major league baseball team in a specified location.

"Major league baseball stadium" means a sports facility which is designed for use primarily as a 800 baseball stadium and which meets criteria that may be established by major league baseball. 801

"Pass-through entity tax revenues" means personal or corporate income tax as estimated by the Tax 802 Commissioner from any individual or corporation under Article 2 (§ 58.1-320 et seq.) or Article 10 (§ 58.1-400 et seq.) of Chapter 3 of Title 58.1 based on gross receipts from a sole proprietorship, 803 804 805 partnership, electing small business corporation (S corporation), limited liability corporation company, 806 and any other form of pass-through entity generated within a facility. The Tax Commissioner shall 807 calculate the estimated revenue by multiplying the gross receipts from activities described herein by two 808 tenths of one percent.

809 "Personal income tax revenues" means personal income tax as estimated by the Tax Commissioner 810 from individuals under Article 2 (§ 58.1-320 et seq.) of Chapter 3 of Title 58.1 based on salaries, wages, 811 and other income generated through employment or the conduct of a trade or business within a facility, 812 including without limitation, such taxes collected from team players, coaches, and office personnel; personnel employed by the operator of, or enterprises operating within, a facility; and personnel involved 813 in the development and construction of a facility. The Tax Commissioner shall calculate such revenues 814 by multiplying wages and salaries described herein by three and nine-tenths percent with respect to 815 816 wages and salaries paid to team players of a major league baseball franchise based at the facility and by 817 three and one-half percent for all other individuals described herein.

818 "Sales tax revenues" means tax collections under the Virginia Retail Sales and Use Tax Act 819 (§ 58.1-600 et seq.), as limited herein, generated by transactions taking place upon the premises of a 820 facility, including transactions generating revenues in connection with the development and construction of a facility. Except to the extent directed by a local governing body pursuant to § 15.2-5814, sales tax 821 822 revenues shall not include any local general retail sales and use tax levied pursuant to §§ 58.1-605 and 823 58.1-606. 824

§ 50-73.46:1. Partner's transferable interest subject to charging order.

825 A. On application by a judgment creditor of a partner or of a partner's assignee, a court having jurisdiction may charge the transferable interest of the judgment debtor to satisfy the judgment. The 826 827 court may appoint a receiver of the share of the distributions due or to become due to the judgment 828 debtor in respect of the limited partnership and make all other orders, directions, accounts, and inquiries 829 the judgment debtor might have made or which the circumstances of the case may require. To the extent 830 so charged, the judgment creditor has only the right to receive any distribution or distributions to which 831 the judgment debtor would otherwise have been entitled in respect of the interest.

832 B. A charging order constitutes a lien on the judgment debtor's transferable interest in the limited 833 partnership. The court may order a foreclosure of the interest subject to the charging order at any time. 834 The purchaser at the foreclosure sale has the rights of an assignee. 835

C. At any time before foreclosure, an interest charged may be redeemed:

836 1. By the judgment debtor;

837 2. With property other than partnership property, by one or more of the other partners; or

838 3. With partnership property, by one or more of the other partners with the consent of all of the 839 partners whose interests are not so charged.

840 D. This chapter does not deprive a partner or a partner's assignee of a right under exemption laws 841 with respect to the partner's judgment debtor's interest in the limited partnership.

842 E. This section provides D. The entry of a charging order is the exclusive remedy by which a 843 judgment creditor of a partner or of a partner's assignee may satisfy a judgment out of the judgment 844 debtor's transferable interest in the limited partnership.

E. No creditor of a partner or of a partner's assignee shall have any right to obtain possession of, 845 846 or otherwise exercise legal or equitable remedies with respect to, the property of the limited partnership. 847 § 50-73.52:2. Other claims against dissolved limited partnership.

848 A. A dissolved limited partnership may also publish notice of its dissolution and request that persons 849 with claims against the dissolved limited partnership present them in accordance with the notice.

850 B. The notice shall:

851 1. Be published one time in a newspaper of general circulation in the city or county where the 852 dissolved limited partnership's principal office, or, if none in the Commonwealth, its registered office, is 853 or was last located;

854 2. Describe the information that must be included in a claim and provide a mailing address where 855 the claim may be sent; and

856 3. State that a claim against the dissolved limited partnership will be barred unless a proceeding to 857 enforce the claim is commenced prior to the earlier of the expiration of any applicable statute of 858 limitations or three years after the date of publication of the notice.

859 C. If the dissolved limited partnership publishes a newspaper notice in accordance with subsection B, 860 the claim of each of the following claimants is barred unless the claimant commences a proceeding to enforce the claim against the dissolved limited partnership prior to the earlier of the expiration of any 861 applicable statute of limitations or three years after the publication date of the newspaper notice: 862 863

1. A claimant who was not given written notice under § 50-73.52:1;

2. A claimant whose claim was timely sent to the dissolved limited partnership but not acted on; and 864 3. A claimant whose claim does not meet the definition of a claim in subsection D of § 50-73.52:1. 865

D. A claim that is not barred by subsection C of § 50-73.52:1 or subsection C of § 50-73.52:2 may 866 867 *be enforced:*

868 1. Against the dissolved limited partnership, to the extent of its undistributed assets; or

869 2. Except as provided in subsection D of § 50-73.52:3, if the assets have been distributed in 870 liquidation, against a partner of the dissolved limited partnership to the extent of the partner's pro rata 871 share of the claim or the limited partnership assets distributed to the partner in liquidation, whichever 872 is less, but a partner's total liability for all claims under this section may not exceed the total amount of assets distributed to the partner. 873

874 § 50-73.52:3 Court proceedings.

875 A. A dissolved limited partnership that has published a notice under § 50-73.52:2 may file an 876 application with the circuit court of the city or county where the dissolved limited partnership's 877 principal office, or, if none in the Commonwealth, its registered office, is or was last located for a determination of the amount and form of security to be provided for payment of claims that are 878 879 contingent or have not been made known to the dissolved limited partnership or that are based on an 880 event occurring after the effective date of dissolution but that, based on the facts known to the dissolved 881 limited partnership, are reasonably estimated to arise after the effective date of dissolution. Provision 882 need not be made for any claim that is or is reasonably anticipated to be barred under subsection C of 883 § 50-73.52:2.

884 B. Within 10 days after the filing of the application, notice of the proceeding shall be given by the 885 dissolved limited partnership to each claimant holding a contingent claim whose contingent claim is 886 shown on the records of the dissolved limited partnership.

887 C. The court may appoint a guardian ad litem to represent all claimants whose identities are unknown in any proceeding brought under this section. The reasonable fees and expenses of such 888 889 guardian, including all reasonable expert witness fees, shall be paid by the dissolved limited 890 partnership.

891 D. Provision by the dissolved limited partnership for security in the amount and the form ordered by 892 the court under subsection A shall satisfy the dissolved limited partnership's obligations with respect to 893 claims that do not meet the definition of a claim in subsection D of § 50-73.52:1, and such claims may 894 not be enforced against a partner who received assets in liquidation.

895 § 50-73.79. Definitions.

896 In this article chapter:

897 "Business" includes every trade, occupation, and profession.

898 "Commission" means the State Corporation Commission of Virginia.

899 "Debtor in bankruptcy" means a person who is the subject of:

900 (i) an order for relief under Title 11 of the United States Code or a comparable order under a 901 successor statute of general application; or

902 (ii) a comparable order under federal, state, or foreign law governing insolvency.

903 "Distribution" means a transfer of money or other property from a partnership to a partner in the 904 partner's capacity as a partner or to the partner's transferee.

905 "Foreign registered limited liability partnership" means a limited liability partnership or registered 906 limited liability partnership, or the functional equivalent thereof, formed pursuant to an agreement 907 governed by the laws of any state or jurisdiction other than this Commonwealth and registered as a 908 limited liability partnership under the laws of that state or jurisdiction.

909 "Partnership" means an association of two or more persons to carry on as co-owners a business for 910 profit formed under § 50-73.88, predecessor law, or comparable law of another jurisdiction, and

911 includes, for all purposes of the laws of this Commonwealth, a registered limited liability partnership.

912 "Partnership agreement" means the agreement, whether written, oral, or implied, among the partners 913 concerning the partnership, including amendments to the partnership agreement.

914 "Partnership at will" means a partnership in which the partners have not agreed to remain partners 915 until the expiration of a definite term or the completion of a particular undertaking.

916 "Partnership interest" or "partner's interest in the partnership" means all of a partner's interests in the 917 partnership, including the partner's transferable interest and all management and other rights.

918 "Person" means an individual, corporation, business trust, estate, trust, partnership, limited liability 919 company, association, joint venture, government, governmental subdivision, agency, or instrumentality, 920 or any other legal or commercial entity.

921 "Property" means all property, real, personal, or mixed, tangible or intangible, or any interest therein.

"Registered limited liability partnership" means a partnership formed pursuant to an agreement governed by the laws of this Commonwealth and registered under § 50-73.132. 922 923

924 "State" means a state of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto 925 Rico, or any territory or insular possession subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.

"Statement" means a statement of partnership authority under § 50-73.93, a statement of denial under § 50-73.94, a statement of dissociation under § 50-73.115, a statement of dissolution under § 50-73.121, 926 927 928 a statement of merger under § 50-73.131, a statement of registration as a registered limited liability 929 partnership under § 50-73.132, a statement of registration as a foreign registered limited liability 930 partnership under § 50-73.138, an amendment or cancellation of any of the foregoing or a renewal of a 931 statement of partnership authority.

932 "Transfer" includes an assignment, conveyance, lease, mortgage, deed, and encumbrance.

933 § 50-73.108. Partner's transferable interest subject to charging order.

934 A. On application by a judgment creditor of a partner or of a partner's transferee, a court having jurisdiction may charge the transferable interest of the judgment debtor to satisfy the judgment. The 935 936 court may appoint a receiver of the share of the distributions due or to become due to the judgment 937 debtor in respect of the partnership and make all other orders, directions, accounts, and inquiries the 938 judgment debtor might have made or which the circumstances of the case may require. To the extent so 939 charged, the judgment creditor has only the right to receive any distribution or distributions to which 940 the judgment debtor would otherwise have been entitled in respect of the interest.

941 B. A charging order constitutes a lien on the judgment debtor's transferable interest in the 942 partnership. The court may order a foreclosure of the interest subject to the charging order at any time. 943 The purchaser at the foreclosure sale has the rights of a transferee.

944 C. At any time before foreclosure, an interest charged may be redeemed:

945 1. By the judgment debtor;

946 2. With property other than partnership property, by one or more of the other partners; or

947 3. With partnership property, by one or more of the other partners with the consent of all of the 948 partners whose interests are not so charged.

949 D. This chapter does not deprive a partner or a partner's assignee of a right under exemption laws with respect to the partner's judgment debtor's interest in the partnership. 950

E. This section provides D. The entry of a charging order is the exclusive remedy by which a 951 judgment creditor of a partner or of a partner's transferee may satisfy a judgment out of the judgment 952 953 debtor's transferable interest in the partnership.

954 E. No creditor of a partner or of a partner's assignee shall have any right to obtain possession of, 955 or otherwise exercise legal equitable remedies with respect to, the property of the partnership. 956

§ 50-73.117. Events causing dissolution and winding up of partnership business.

957 A partnership is dissolved, and its business shall be wound up, only upon the occurrence of any of 958 the following events:

959 1. In a partnership at will, the partnership's having notice from a partner, other than a partner who is dissociated under subdivisions 2 through 12 of § 50-73.109, of that partner's express will to withdraw as 960 961 a partner, on a later date specified by the partner in the notice or, if no later date is specified, the date 962 of notice; 963

2. In a partnership for a definite term or particular undertaking:

964 a. The expiration of Within 90 days after a partner's dissociation by death or otherwise under subdivisions 6 through 12 of § 50-73.109 or wrongful dissociation under subsection B of § 50-73.110, 965 unless before that time a majority in interest the express will of at least one half of the remaining 966 partners, including partners who have rightfully dissociated to wind up the partnership's business, for 967 968 which purpose a partner's rightful dissociation pursuant to subdivision B 2 a of § 50-73.110, agree to 969 continue constitutes the expression of that partner's will to wind up the partnership business;

970 b. The express will of all of the partners to wind up the partnership business; or

971 c. The expiration of the term or the completion of the undertaking;

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972 3. An event agreed to in the partnership agreement resulting in the winding up of the partnership 973 business;

974 4. An event that makes it unlawful for all or substantially all of the business of the partnership to be 975 continued, but a cure of illegality within 90 days after notice to the partnership of the event is effective 976 retroactively to the date of the event for purposes of this section;

977 5. On application by a partner, a judicial determination that:

978 a. The economic purpose of the partnership is likely to be unreasonably frustrated;

979 b. Another partner has engaged in conduct relating to the partnership business which makes it not **980** reasonably practicable to carry on the business in partnership with that partner; or

981 c. It is not otherwise reasonably practicable to carry on the partnership business in conformity with 982 the partnership agreement; or

983 6. On application by a transferee of a partner's transferable interest, a judicial determination that it is 984 equitable to wind up the partnership business:

985 a. After the expiration of the term or completion of the undertaking, if the partnership was for a 986 definite term or particular undertaking at the time of the transfer or entry of the charging order that gave 987 rise to the transfer; or

988 b. At any time, if the partnership was a partnership at will at the time of the transfer or entry of the 989 charging order that gave rise to the transfer.

990 § 50-73.137:3. Other claims against dissolved registered limited liability partnership.

991 A. A dissolved partnership that is a registered limited liability partnership at the time of its 992 dissolution may also publish notice of its dissolution and request that persons with claims against the dissolved partnership present them in accordance with the notice. 993

994 B. The notice shall:

995 1. Be published one time in a newspaper of general circulation in the city or county where the 996 dissolved partnership's principal office, or, if none in the Commonwealth, its registered office, is or was 997 *last located;*

998 2. Describe the information that must be included in a claim and provide a mailing address where 999 the claim may be sent; and

1000 3. State that a claim against the dissolved partnership will be barred unless a proceeding to enforce 1001 the claim is commenced prior to the earlier of the expiration of any applicable statute of limitations or 1002 three years after the date of publication of the notice.

1003 C. If the dissolved partnership publishes a newspaper notice in accordance with subsection B, the 1004 claim of each of the following claimants is barred unless the claimant commences a proceeding to 1005 enforce the claim against the dissolved partnership prior to the earlier of the expiration of any 1006 applicable statute of limitations or three years after the publication date of the newspaper notice: 1007

1. A claimant who was not given written notice under § 50-73.137:2;

1008 2. A claimant whose claim was timely sent to the dissolved partnership but not acted on; and

1009 3. A claimant whose claim does not meet the definition of a claim in subsection D of § 50-73.137:2.

1010 D. A claim that is not barred by subsection C of § 50-73.137:2 or subsection C of § 50-73.137:3 1011 may be enforced:

1012 1. Against the dissolved partnership, to the extent of its undistributed assets; or

1013 2. Except as provided in subsection D of § 50-73.137:4, if the assets have been distributed in 1014 liquidation, against a partner of the dissolved partnership to the extent of the partner's pro rata share of 1015 the claim or the partnership assets distributed to the partner in liquidation, whichever is less, but a partner's total liability for all claims under this section may not exceed the total amount of assets 1016 distributed to the partner. 1017

1018 § 50-73.137:4. Court proceedings.

1019 A. A dissolved limited liability partnership that has published a notice under § 50-73.137:3 may file 1020 an application with the circuit court of the city or county where the dissolved partnership's principal 1021 office, or, if none in the Commonwealth, its registered office, is or was last located for a determination 1022 of the amount and form of security to be provided for payment of claims that are contingent or have not 1023 been made known to the dissolved partnership or that are based on an event occurring after the effective date of dissolution but that, based on the facts known to the dissolved partnership, are 1024 reasonably estimated to arise after the effective date of dissolution. Provision need not be made for any 1025 1026 claim that is or is reasonably anticipated to be barred under subsection C of \S 50-73.137:3.

1027 B. Within 10 days after the filing of the application, notice of the proceeding shall be given by the 1028 dissolved partnership to each claimant holding a contingent claim whose contingent claim is shown on 1029 the records of the dissolved partnership.

1030 C. The court may appoint a guardian ad litem to represent all claimants whose identities are 1031 unknown in any proceeding brought under this section. The reasonable fees and expenses of such 1032 guardian, including all reasonable expert witness fees, shall be paid by the dissolved partnership.

1033 D. Provision by the dissolved partnership for security in the amount and the form ordered by the 1034 court under subsection A shall satisfy the dissolved partnership's obligations with respect to claims that 1035 do not meet the definition of a claim in subsection D of § 50-73.137:2, and such claims may not be 1036 enforced against a partner who received assets in liquidation.

1037 § 56-1. Definitions.

1038 Whenever used in any chapter under this title, the following terms, words and phrases shall have the 1039 meaning and shall include what is specified in this section, unless the contrary plainly appears, that is to 1040 say: 1041

The words "the Commission" shall mean the State Corporation Commission.

1042 The word "corporation" or "company" shall include all corporations created by acts of the General 1043 Assembly of Virginia, or under the general incorporation laws of this Commonwealth, or doing business 1044 therein, and shall exclude all municipal corporations, other political subdivisions, and public institutions 1045 owned or controlled by the Commonwealth.

The words "interexchange telephone service" shall mean telephone service between points in two or 1046 1047 more exchanges, which is not classified as local exchange telephone service.

The words "Virginia limited liability company" shall mean (i) any limited liability company organized under Chapter 12 (§ 13.1-1000 et seq.) of Title 13.1, ΘF (ii) any entity that has become a 1048 1049 1050 limited liability company pursuant to Article 12.2 (§ 13.1-722.8 et seq.) of Chapter 9 of Title 13.1 or 1051 pursuant to conversion or domestication under Chapter 12 (§ 13.1-1000 et seq.) of Title 13.1, or (iii) 1052 any foreign limited liability company that is organized or is domesticated by filing articles of 1053 organization that meet the requirements of §§ 13.1-1003 and 13.1-1011 and include (a) the name of the 1054 foreign limited liability company immediately prior to the filing of the articles of organization; (b) the 1055 date on which and the jurisdiction in which the foreign limited liability company was first formed, 1056 organized, created or otherwise came into being; and (c) the jurisdiction that constituted the seat, siege 1057 social, or principal place of business or central administration of the foreign limited liability company, 1058 or any equivalent thereto under applicable law, immediately prior to the filing of the articles of 1059 organization. The With respect to an organization or domestication pursuant to clause (iii), the terms 1060 and conditions of a domestication of a foreign limited liability company as a limited liability company 1061 shall be approved in the manner provided for by the document, instrument, agreement or other writing, 1062 as the case may be, governing the internal affairs of the foreign limited liability company in the conduct 1063 of its business or by applicable law other than the law of this Commonwealth, as appropriate- The, and 1064 the provisions governing the status, powers, obligations, and choice of law applicable under 1065 § 13.1-1010.3 shall apply to any limited liability company so domesticated or organized in accordance 1066 with this process.

1067 The words "local exchange telephone service" shall mean telephone service provided in a 1068 geographical area established for the administration of communication services and consists of one or 1069 more central offices together with associated facilities which are used in providing local exchange 1070 service. Local exchange service, as opposed to interexchange service, consists of telecommunications 1071 between points within an exchange or between exchanges which are within an area where customers 1072 may call at rates and charges specified in local exchange tariffs filed with the Commission.

1073 The word "person" shall include individuals, partnerships, *limited liability companies*, and 1074 corporations.

The words "public service corporation" or "public service company" shall include gas, pipeline, 1075 1076 electric light, heat, power and water supply companies, sewer companies, telephone companies, telegraph 1077 companies, and all persons authorized to transport passengers or property as a common carrier. "Public service corporation" or "public service company" shall not include a municipal corporation, other 1078 1079 political subdivision or public institution owned or controlled by the Commonwealth; however, if such 1080 an entity has obtained a certificate to provide services pursuant to § 56-265.4:4, then such entity shall be 1081 deemed to be a public service corporation or public service company and subject to the authority of the 1082 Commission with respect only to its provision of the services it is authorized to provide pursuant to 1083 such certificate.

The word "railroad" shall include all railroad or railway lines, whether operated by steam, electricity, 1084 1085 or other motive power, except when otherwise specifically designated.

1086 The words "railroad company" shall include any company, trustee or other person owning, leasing or 1087 operating a railroad.

1088 The word "rate" shall be considered to mean "rate charged for any service rendered or to be 1089 rendered."

1090 The words "rate," "charge" and "regulation" shall include joint rates, joint charges and joint 1091 regulations, respectively.

The words "transportation company" shall include any railroad company, any company transporting 1092 1093 express by railroad, and any ship or boat company.

1094 § 58.1-2201. Definitions.

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1095 As used in this chapter, unless the context requires otherwise:

1096 "Alternative fuel" means a combustible gas, liquid or other energy source that can be used to 1097 generate power to operate a highway vehicle and that is not a motor fuel.

1098 "Assessment" means a written determination by the Department of the amount of taxes owed by a taxpayer. Assessments made by the Department shall be deemed to be made when a written notice of assessment is delivered to the taxpayer by the Department or is mailed by certified or registered mail to the taxpayer at the last known address appearing in the Commissioner's files.

"Aviation consumer" means any person who uses in excess of 100,000 gallons of aviation jet fuel in any fiscal year and is licensed pursuant to Article 2 (§ 58.1-2204 et seq.) of this chapter.

1104 "Aviation fuel" means aviation gasoline or aviation jet fuel.

"Aviation gasoline" means fuel designed for use in the operation of aircraft other than jet aircraft,and sold or used for that purpose.

1107 "Aviation jet fuel" means fuel designed for use in the operation of jet or turbo-prop aircraft, and sold 1108 or used for that purpose.

1109 "Blended fuel" means a mixture composed of gasoline or diesel fuel and another liquid, other than a 1110 de minimis amount of a product such as carburetor detergent or oxidation inhibitor, that can be used as 1111 a fuel in a highway vehicle.

"Blender" means a person who produces blended fuel outside the terminal transfer system.

"Bonded aviation jet fuel" means aviation jet fuel held in bonded storage under United States
Customs Law and delivered into a fuel tank of aircraft operated by certificated air carriers on
international flights.

1116 "Bonded importer" means a person, other than a supplier, who imports, by transport truck or another 1117 means of transfer outside the terminal transfer system, motor fuel removed from a terminal located in 1118 another state in which (i) the state from which the fuel is imported does not require the seller of the fuel 1119 to collect motor fuel tax on the removal either at that state's rate or the rate of the destination state; (ii) 1120 the supplier of the fuel is not an elective supplier; or (iii) the supplier of the fuel is not a permissive 1121 supplier.

1122 "Bulk plant" means a motor fuel storage and distribution facility that is not a terminal and from 1123 which motor fuel may be removed at a rack.

"Bulk user" means a person who maintains storage facilities for motor fuel and uses part or all of the stored fuel to operate a highway vehicle, watercraft, or aircraft.

"Bulk user of alternative fuel" means a person who maintains storage facilities for alternative fueland uses part or all of the stored fuel to operate a highway vehicle.

1128 "Commercial watercraft" means a watercraft employed in the business of commercial fishing,
1129 transporting persons or property for compensation or hire, or any other trade or business unless the
1130 watercraft is used in an activity of a type generally considered entertainment, amusement, or recreation.
1131 "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles.

"Corporate or partnership officer" means an officer or director of a corporation, partner of a partnership, or member of a limited liability company, who as such officer, director, partner or member is under a duty to perform on behalf of the corporation, partnership, or limited liability company the tax collection, accounting, or remitting obligations.

"Department" means the Department of Motor Vehicles, acting directly or through its duly authorizedofficers and agents.

1138 "Designated inspection site" means any state highway inspection station, weigh station, agricultural
1139 inspection station, mobile station, or other location designated by the Commissioner or his designee to
1140 be used as a fuel inspection site.

"Destination state" means the state, territory, or foreign country to which motor fuel is directed for
delivery into a storage facility, a receptacle, a container, or a type of transportation equipment for the
purpose of resale or use. The term shall not include a tribal reservation of any recognized Native
American tribe.

"Diesel fuel" means any liquid that is suitable for use as a fuel in a diesel-powered highway vehicle
or watercraft. The term shall include undyed #1 fuel oil and undyed #2 fuel oil, but shall not include
gasoline or aviation jet fuel.

1148 "Distributor" means a person who acquires motor fuel from a supplier or from another distributor for 1149 subsequent sale.

"Dyed diesel fuel" means diesel fuel that meets the dyeing and marking requirements of 26 U.S.C.§ 4082.

"Elective supplier" means a supplier who (i) is required to be licensed in the Commonwealth and (ii)elects to collect the tax due the Commonwealth on motor fuel that is removed at a terminal located in

1154 another state and has Virginia as its destination state.

1155 "End seller" means the person who sells fuel to the ultimate user of the fuel.

1156 "Export" means to obtain motor fuel in Virginia for sale or distribution in another state, territory, or 1157 foreign country. Motor fuel delivered out-of-state by or for the seller constitutes an export by the seller, 1158 and motor fuel delivered out-of-state by or for the purchaser constitutes an export by the purchaser.

1159 "Exporter" means a person who obtains motor fuel in Virginia for sale or distribution in another 1160 state, territory, or foreign country.

"Fuel" includes motor fuel and alternative fuel. 1161

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1162 "Fuel alcohol" means methanol or fuel grade ethanol.

"Fuel alcohol provider" means a person who (i) produces fuel alcohol or (ii) imports fuel alcohol 1163 1164 outside the terminal transfer system by means of a marine vessel, a transport truck, a tank wagon, or a 1165 railroad tank car.

"Gasohol" means a blended fuel composed of gasoline and fuel grade ethanol.

"Gasoline" means (i) all products that are commonly or commercially known or sold as gasoline and 1167 1168 are suitable for use as a fuel in a highway vehicle, aircraft, or watercraft, other than products that have an American Society for Testing Materials octane number of less than 75 as determined by the motor 1169 1170 method; (ii) a petroleum product component of gasoline, such as naphtha, reformate, or toluene; (iii) gasohol; and (iv) fuel grade ethanol. The term does not include aviation gasoline sold for use in an 1171 1172 aircraft engine.

1173 "Governmental entity" means (i) the Commonwealth or any political subdivision thereof or (ii) the 1174 United States or its departments, agencies, and instrumentalities.

1175 "Gross gallons" means an amount of motor fuel measured in gallons, exclusive of any temperature, 1176 pressure, or other adjustments.

"Heating oil" means any combustible liquid, including but not limited to dyed #1 fuel oil, dyed #2 1177 1178 fuel oil, and kerosene, that is burned in a boiler, furnace, or stove for heating or for industrial 1179 processing purposes.

"Highway" means every way or place of whatever nature open to the use of the public for purposes 1180 of vehicular travel in the Commonwealth, including the streets and alleys in towns and cities. 1181

1182 "Highway vehicle" means a self-propelled vehicle designed for use on a highway.

1183 "Import" means to bring motor fuel into Virginia by any means of conveyance other than in the fuel 1184 supply tank of a highway vehicle. Motor fuel delivered into Virginia from out-of-state by or for the seller constitutes an import by the seller, and motor fuel delivered into Virginia from out-of-state by or 1185 1186 for the purchaser constitutes an import by the purchaser.

1187 "Importer" means a person who obtains motor fuel outside of Virginia and brings that motor fuel 1188 into Virginia by any means of conveyance other than in the fuel tank of a highway vehicle. For 1189 purposes of this chapter, a motor fuel transporter shall not be considered an importer.

"In-state-only supplier" means (i) a supplier who is required to have a license and who elects not to collect the tax due the Commonwealth on motor fuel that is removed by that supplier at a terminal 1190 1191 1192 located in another state and has Virginia as its destination state or (ii) a supplier who does business only 1193 in Virginia.

1194 "Licensee" means any person licensed by the Commissioner pursuant to Article 2 (§ 58.1-2204 et 1195 seq.) of this chapter or §58.1-2244. 1196

"Liquid" means any substance that is liquid above its freezing point.

"Motor fuel" means gasoline, diesel fuel, blended fuel, and aviation fuel.

1198 "Motor fuel transporter" means a person who transports motor fuel for hire by means of a pipeline, a 1199 tank wagon, a transport truck, a railroad tank car, or a marine vessel.

1200 "Net gallons" means the amount of motor fuel measured in gallons when adjusted to a temperature of 60 degrees Fahrenheit and a pressure of 14.7 pounds per square inch. 1201

1202 "Occasional importer" means any person who (i) imports motor fuel by any means outside the 1203 terminal transfer system and (ii) is not required to be licensed as a bonded importer.

1204 "Permissive supplier" means an out-of-state supplier who elects, but is not required, to have a 1205 supplier's license under this chapter.

Person" means any individual; firm; cooperative; association; corporation; limited liability 1206 corporation company; trust; business trust; syndicate; partnership; limited liability partnership; joint 1207 1208 venture; receiver; trustee in bankruptcy; club, society or other group or combination acting as a unit; or public body, including but not limited to the Commonwealth, any other state, and any agency, 1209 1210 department, institution, political subdivision or instrumentality of the Commonwealth or any other state.

"Position holder" means a person who holds an inventory position of motor fuel in a terminal, as reflected on the records of the terminal operator. A person holds an "inventory position of motor fuel" 1211 1212 1213 when he has a contract with the terminal operator for the use of storage facilities and terminaling 1214 services for fuel at the terminal. The term includes a terminal operator who owns fuel in the terminal.

1215 "Principal" means (i) if a partnership, all its partners; (ii) if a corporation, all its officers, directors,

and controlling direct or indirect owners; (iii) if a limited liability company, all its members; and (iv) or 1216 1217 an individual.

1218 "Provider of alternative fuel" means a person who (i) acquires alternative fuel for sale or delivery to 1219 a bulk user or a retailer; (ii) maintains storage facilities for alternative fuel, part or all of which the 1220 person sells to someone other than a bulk user or a retailer to operate a highway vehicle; (iii) sells 1221 alternative fuel and uses part of the fuel acquired for sale to operate a highway vehicle by means of a 1222 fuel supply line from the cargo tank of the vehicle to the engine of the vehicle; or (iv) imports 1223 alternative fuel into Virginia, by a means other than the usual tank or receptacle connected with the 1224 engine of a highway vehicle, for sale or use by that person to operate a highway vehicle.

1225 "Rack" means a facility that contains a mechanism for delivering motor fuel from a refinery, 1226 terminal, or bulk plant into a transport truck, railroad tank car, or other means of transfer that is outside 1227 the terminal transfer system.

1228 "Refiner" means any person who owns, operates, or otherwise controls a refinery.

1229 "Refinery" means a facility for the manufacture or reprocessing of finished or unfinished petroleum 1230 products usable as motor fuel and from which motor fuel may be removed by pipeline or marine vessel 1231 or at a rack.

1232 "Removal" means a physical transfer other than by evaporation, loss, or destruction. A physical 1233 transfer to a transport truck or other means of conveyance outside the terminal transfer system is 1234 complete upon delivery into the means of conveyance.

1235 "Retailer" means a person who (i) maintains storage facilities for motor fuel and (ii) sells the fuel at 1236 retail or dispenses the fuel at a retail location.

1237 "Retailer of alternative fuel" means a person who (i) maintains storage facilities for alternative fuel 1238 and (ii) sells or dispenses the fuel at retail, to be used to generate power to operate a highway vehicle.

1239 "Supplier" means (i) a position holder, or (ii) a person who receives motor fuel pursuant to a 1240 two-party exchange. A licensed supplier includes a licensed elective supplier and licensed permissive 1241 supplier.

1242 'System transfer" means a transfer (i) of motor fuel within the terminal transfer system or (ii) of fuel 1243 grade ethanol by transport truck or railroad tank car.

1244 "Tank wagon" means a straight truck or straight truck/trailer combination designed or used to carry 1245 fuel and having a capacity of less than 6,000 gallons.

1246 "Terminal" means a motor fuel storage and distribution facility (i) to which a terminal control 1247 number has been assigned by the Internal Revenue Service, (ii) to which motor fuel is supplied by 1248 pipeline or marine vessel, and (iii) from which motor fuel may be removed at a rack. 1249

"Terminal operator" means a person who owns, operates, or otherwise controls a terminal.

1250 "Terminal transfer system" means a motor fuel distribution system consisting of refineries, pipelines, 1251 marine vessels, and terminals, and which is a "bulk transfer/terminal system" under 26 C.F.R. Part 1252 48.4081-1.

1253 "Transmix" means (i) the buffer or interface between two different products in a pipeline shipment or 1254 (ii) a mix of two different products within a refinery or terminal that results in an off-grade mixture.

1255 "Transport truck" means a tractor truck/semitrailer combination designed or used to transport cargoes 1256 of motor fuel over a highway.

1257 "Trustee" means a person who (i) is licensed as a supplier, an elective supplier, or a permissive 1258 supplier and receives tax payments from and on behalf of a licensed or unlicensed distributor, or other 1259 person pursuant to § 58.1-2231 or (ii) is licensed as a provider of alternative fuel and receives tax 1260 payments from and on behalf of a bulk user of alternative fuel, retailer of alternative fuel or other 1261 person pursuant to § 58.1-2252.

1262 "Two-party exchange" means a transaction in which fuel is transferred from one licensed supplier to 1263 another licensed supplier pursuant to an exchange agreement, which transaction (i) includes a transfer 1264 from the person who holds the inventory position in taxable motor fuel in the terminal as reflected on 1265 the records of the terminal operator and (ii) is completed prior to removal of the product from the 1266 terminal by the receiving exchange partner.

1267 "Undyed diesel fuel" means diesel fuel that is not subject to the United States Environmental 1268 Protection Agency or Internal Revenue Service fuel-dyeing requirements.

1269 "Use" means the actual consumption or receipt of motor fuel by any person into a highway vehicle, 1270 aircraft, or watercraft.

1271 "Watercraft" means any vehicle used on waterways.

1272 2. That the provisions of this act amending and reenacting §§ 13.1-1005 and 13.1-1067 of the Code 1273 of Virginia and adding Article 14 (§ 13.1-1074 et seq.) in Chapter 12 of Title 13.1 of the Code of 1274 Virginia shall become effective on November 1, 2006.