

14A:15-3

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

WJSA 14A:15-3 (Corporate information searches or lookups--  
eliminates free searches)  
LAWS OF 1979 CHAPTER 295  
Bill No. A3174  
Sponsor(s) Berman  
Date Introduced April 23, 1979  
Committee: Assembly Commerce, Industry and Professions  
Senate Labor, Industry and Professions  
Amended during passage  Yes  No  
Date of Passage: Assembly June 21, 1979  
Senate Nov. 13, 1979  
Date of approval Jan. 14, 1980

Following statements are attached if available:

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| Sponsor statement             | Yes                                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Below) |
| Committee Statement: Assembly | Yes                                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>         |
| Senate                        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>                    |
| Fiscal Note                   | Yes                                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>         |
| Veto message                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>                    |
| Message on signing            | Yes                                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>         |

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Sponsor's statement:

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ASSEMBLY, No. 3174

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED APRIL 23, 1979

By Assemblywoman BERMAN

Referred to Committee on Commerce, Industry and Professions

AN ACT concerning certain corporate fees payable to the Secretary of State and amending N. J. S. 14A:15-3.

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
2 *of New Jersey:*

1 1. N. J. S. 14A:15-3 is amended to read as follows:

2 14A:15-3. The Secretary of State shall also charge and collect  
3 for:

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| 4  | (1) filing an application to reserve a specified corpo-  |         |
| 5  | rate name and issuing a certificate of reservation       | \$20.00 |
| 6  | if application is for the first name available for       |         |
| 6A | corporate use among not more than three speci-           |         |
| 7  | fied names .....                                         | \$25.00 |
| 8  | (2) filing a notice of transfer of a reserved corporate  |         |
| 9  | name .....                                               | \$10.00 |
| 10 | (3) filing an application by a foreign corporation to    |         |
| 11 | register its corporate name .....                        | \$35.00 |
| 12 | (4) filing an application by a foreign corporation to    |         |
| 13 | renew the registration of its corporate name ....        | \$35.00 |
| 14 | (5) filing a statement of cancellation of shares .....   | \$25.00 |
| 15 | (6) filing a statement of reduction of stated capital .. | \$25.00 |
| 16 | (7) filing a certificate as to the acquisition of the    |         |
| 17 | shares or a class of shares of a domestic cor-           |         |
| 18 | poration .....                                           | \$30.00 |
| 19 | (8) issuing a certificate of standing, including regis-  |         |
| 20 | tered agent and registered office .....                  | \$10.00 |
| 21 | (9) issuing a certificate of standing, same as above,    |         |
| 22 | but including incorporators, officers and directors,     |         |
| 23 | and authorized shares .....                              | \$20.00 |
| 24 | (10) issuing a certificate of standing, listing charter  |         |
| 25 | documents .....                                          | \$20.00 |

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

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| 26 | (11) issuing a certificate of availability of corporate     |         |
| 27 | name (1 to 3 names) .....                                   | \$10.00 |
| 28 | (12) filing a certificate of registration of fictitious     |         |
| 29 | name .....                                                  | \$25.00 |
| 30 | (13) filing a certificate of renewal of registration of     |         |
| 31 | fictitious name .....                                       | \$25.00 |
| 32 | (14) filing a certificate of correction, in addition to any |         |
| 33 | applicable license fee .....                                | \$10.00 |
| 34 | (15) all other certificates issued or papers filed, but     |         |
| 35 | not otherwise provided for .....                            | \$10.00 |
| 36 | (16) corporate information searches or lookups [—in         |         |
| 37 | excess of five names per day]—per name .....                | \$1.00  |
| 1  | 2. This act shall take effect 30 days after enactment.      |         |

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STATEMENT

The purpose of this bill is to eliminate the five free corporate information searches or look-ups currently allowed.

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ASSEMBLY COMMERCE, INDUSTRY AND PROFESSIONS  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY, No. 3174**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JUNE 11, 1979

This bill eliminates the five free corporate information searches or look-ups per day presently allowed every inquirer. The Department of State has found this to be a difficult service to administer as well as unnecessarily discriminatory.

FISCAL NOTE TO  
**ASSEMBLY, No. 3174**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

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DATED: AUGUST 7, 1979

Assembly Bill No. 3174 eliminates the five free corporate information searches or look-up currently allowed by the Secretary of State's office.

The Department of State estimates that enactment of this legislation would increase the revenues of the State by \$14,000.00 in fiscal 1979-80 and \$14,400.00 in the next 2 fiscal years.

The Department of State further advises that these estimates are based on current workload in this category. Elimination of free information may increase requests but this is uncertain.

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In compliance with written request received, there is hereby submitted a fiscal estimate for the above bill, pursuant to P. L. 1962. c. 27.

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- executive director of the budget;
- executive director of purchasing;
- executive director of physical facilities;
- executive director of data processing;
- executive director of financial affairs;
- executive controller;
- executive director of internal audit and
- public information officer.

A-1323, sponsored by Assemblyman Chuck Hardwick (R-Union), which requires approved adoption agencies to provide prospective adoptive parents with all available information relevant to the health and development of the child under consideration for adoption.

This information will be collected on a standardized form to be prepared by the Commissioner of Human Services to insure statewide uniformity.

A-1627, sponsored by Assemblyman Albert Burstein (D-Bergen), which exempts from title transfer fees real property transfers by an executor or administrator in order to effect the distribution of a decedant's estate in accordance with the decedant's will.

A-3174, sponsored by Assemblywoman Barbara P. Berman (D-Camden), which eliminates the five free corporate information searches or lookups from the Secretary of State's Office. The bill imposes a \$1 fee for all searches, whether requested in person or by mail.

A-3585, sponsored by Assemblyman Robert E. Littell (R-Sussex), which validates certain proceedings for the issuance of bonds for school districts.

The only exceptions would be when the bond proposal would cause the school district debt limit to exceed the limitations imposed by N.J.S. 18A:24-19; or if the proposal did not properly disclose the effect on the borrowing margin of the municipality.

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