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**Session Year 2026**  
**Substitute for Raised S.B. No. 294**

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**Introducer(s):**

Judiciary Committee

**Title:** AN ACT CONCERNING TRADE NAMES, FRAUDULENT FILINGS, IMPERMISSIBLE BUSINESS SOLICITATIONS, DISSOLUTION OF CORPORATIONS, THE ISSUANCE OF AN APOSTILLE AND FEES CHARGED BY A NOTARY.

**Statement of Purpose:** To: (1) Revise processes related to applications for, and issuance of, trade name certificates, (2) provide the Secretary of the State with additional authority to take actions with respect to fraudulent filings, deceptive business solicitations and the dissolution of corporations that fail to comply with state law, (3) revise provisions relating to the issuance of an apostille, and (4) increase permissible fees that may be charged by a notary.

**Bill History:**

02-25-2026 REFERRED TO JOINT COMMITTEE ON Judiciary Committee

02-27-2026 PUBLIC HEARING 03/04

03-30-2026 JOINT FAVORABLE SUBSTITUTE

03-30-2026 FILED WITH LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE

04-08-2026 REFERRED TO OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH AND OFFICE OF FISCAL ANALYSIS 04/13/26-5:00 PM

04-14-2026 REPORTED OUT OF LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE

04-14-2026 FAVORABLE REPORT, TABLED FOR THE CALENDAR, SENATE

04-14-2026 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 393

04-14-2026 FILE NUMBER 615

04-29-2026 SENATE PASSED

04-29-2026 RULES SUSPENDED, TRANSMITTED TO THE HOUSE

04-30-2026 FAVORABLE REPORT, TABLED FOR THE CALENDAR, HOUSE

04-30-2026 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 535

05-05-2026 HOUSE PASSED

05-05-2026 IN CONCURRENCE

05-19-2026 PUBLIC ACT 26-81

05-22-2026 TRANSMITTED TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE

05-22-2026 TRANSMITTED BY SECRETARY OF THE STATE TO GOVERNOR

05-26-2026 SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR

**Co-sponsor(s):**

Rep. Craig C. Fishbein, 90th Dist. Rep. Steven J. Stafstrom, 129th Dist.