

**STATE OF MAINE**  
**Town of Cumberland**

**CERTIFICATE OF SOLE PROPRIETOR ADOPTING NAME OTHER THAN HIS OWN**  
(Title 31, M.R.S.A., Sec. 2)

The undersigned hereby certifies that he/she intends to engage in the \_\_\_\_\_  
(type of business)

Business, as sole proprietor thereof, and to adopt the name style and designation

\_\_\_\_\_  
(name of business)

in the conduct of said business.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Printed Name of Proprietor**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Proprietor**

(signature must be witnessed by Notary Public or Attorney)

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Home Address**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Business Location Address** (cannot be a PO Box)

**BELOW INFORMATION MUST BE COMPLETED BY A NOTARY PUBLIC OR ATTORNEY**

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**Cumberland County** \_\_\_\_\_ **SS.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

Then \_\_\_\_\_ personally appeared and made oath to the foregoing certificate, that the same is true.

Before me,

\_\_\_\_\_  
Attorney

Notary Public (Commission Expires \_\_\_\_\_)

Note: This certificate shall be deposited in the office of the clerk of the municipality in which the business is to be carried on. The clerk is entitled to a fee for recording this certificate.

**FEE: \$10.00 Payable to the Town of Cumberland**

**Title 31**  
**MERCANTILE PARTNERSHIPS AND ASSUMED BUSINESS NAMES**

**Section 2**

**Business under assumed name; filing of certificate**

Whenever any person intends to engage in such business as sole proprietor thereof, and to adopt any business name, style or designation other than his own name exclusively, he shall, before commencing business, deposit in the office of the clerk of the city or town in which such business is to be carried on a certificate signed and sworn to by him, setting forth his name and place of residence, the name, style or designation under which the business is to be conducted, and stating that he is the sole proprietor.

**Section 3**

**Statements as conclusive; perjury**

A person signing and making oath to any certificate deposited as provided by sections 1 and 2 shall not be permitted in any judicial proceeding to contradict the statements contained in such certificate. Whoever swears or affirms to any such certificate which is not true in fact shall be deemed guilty of perjury.

**Section 4**

**Records**

The clerks of the several cities and towns shall record in suitable books, kept exclusively for the purpose, the certificates deposited under sections 1 and 2, and such books shall be open to public inspection.

**Section 5**

**Failure to file; penalty**

Whoever fails to deposit seasonably the certificate required by sections 1 and 2 shall be punished by a fine of \$5 for each day he is in default.

**Section 6**

**Prohibition of certain names**

No person or persons, partnership or other entity engaged in any business, except a corporation, may adopt a name for such business that contains the words "corporation," "incorporated" or "limited," or any abbreviation of any such words. A limited partnership may use the term "limited partnership" as part of its name, a limited liability company may use the term "limited liability company" as part of its name and a limited liability partnership may use the term "limited liability partnership" as part of its name.

**Section 7**

**Inapplicable to corporations**

Sections 1 and 2 do not apply to corporations. A corporation desiring to do business under an assumed name shall proceed as provided in Title 13-C, section 404

Full Text of this section can be found at <http://janus.state.me.us/legis/statutes/31/title31ch1.rtf>