

## CHAPTER 152

**AN ACT** concerning filings and certifications with the Division of Revenue, Office of Commercial Recording, and supplementing chapter 16 of Title 52 of the Revised Statutes.

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

C.52:16-8.1 Filings with, certification from State's commercial recording program; applicability.

1. a. Notwithstanding the statutory provisions to the contrary, for any of the areas listed in subsection b. of this section, whenever a law of this State directs a filing to be made with, or a certification to be obtained from, the Office of the Secretary of State, that law shall be construed to mean a filing with, or a certification from, the State's commercial recording program, no matter where the program is assigned as part of any government reorganization plan.

b. The provisions set forth in subsection a. of this section shall apply to filings and certifications for corporations and all other legal business entities, Uniform Commercial Code financing statements, notaries public and foreign commissioners of deeds, apostilles and other certifications used in international and domestic document exchange, trade names, trade and service marks, collection agency bonds, and legal name changes.

2. This act shall take effect immediately and be retroactive to May 29, 1998.

Approved November 12, 2000.