Town of Lakeville



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From the office of **TOWN CLERK**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 110, Section 5 <u>REQUIRES</u> any person conducting business in the Commonwealth under any title other than the real name of the person conducting the business to file in the office of the Town Clerk a business certificate.*

NO REPRESENTATIONS AS TO THE LEGALITY OF SUCH BUSINESS UNDER ANY STATE STATUE, BUILDING CODE, TOWN BY –LAW OR ZONING BY-LAW ARE MADE BY THE ACCEPTANCE OF SUCH A BUSINESS CERTIFICATE BY THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE.

This law was enacted to protect creditors with whom traders contract under artificial description which, in the absence of such a certificate, might enable actual or responsible debtors for want of identification to escape liability.

The public should not rely on this certificate for other than its stated purpose and should contact the Office of the Building Inspector and Zoning Enforcement Officer for determinations.

*On October 4, 1985, Chapter 110, Section 5 was amended as follows:

"A certificate issued in accordance with this section shall be in force and effect for four (4) years from the date of issue, and shall be renewed each four (4) years thereafter so long as such business shall be conducted and shall lapse and be void unless so renewed". (Chapter 337, Acts of 1985)