

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

February 27, 2026

Introduced by Sen. ADDABBO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions

AN ACT to amend the business corporation law, the limited liability company law, the partnership law and the transportation law, in relation to the use of assumed and corporate names pertaining to household goods moving

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of section 301 of the business corporation  
2 law is amended by adding a new subparagraph 12 to read as follows:

3 (12) Shall not, unless the applicant is subject to the approval of the  
4 commissioner of transportation and attaches such approval to the certifi-  
5 cate of incorporation, or application for authority or amendment there-  
6 of, contain the words "mover," "moving," or "relocation service" or any  
7 abbreviation or derivative thereof. Such consent shall not be granted by  
8 the commissioner of transportation if, in such commissioner's opinion,  
9 the use of the terms in the corporate name is likely to mislead or  
10 confuse the public into believing that the corporation holds a certifi-  
11 cate issued pursuant to section one hundred seventy-two or one hundred  
12 ninety-one of the transportation law.

13 § 2. Subdivisions (g), (h) and (i) of section 204 of the limited  
14 liability company law, subdivision (i) as added by chapter 316 of the  
15 laws of 2005, are amended and a new subdivision (j) is added to read as  
16 follows:

17 (g) shall not, unless the approval of the state department of social  
18 services is attached to the articles of organization or application for  
19 authority, contain the word "blind" or "handicapped." Such approval  
20 shall be granted by the state department of social services if in its  
21 opinion the word "blind" or "handicapped" as used in the limited liabil-  
22 ity company's proposed name will not tend to mislead or confuse the  
23 public into believing that the limited liability company is organized  
24 for charitable or nonprofit purposes related to the blind or the hand-  
25 icapped; [~~and~~]

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 (h) shall not, unless the approval of the attorney general is attached  
2 to the articles of organization or application for authority, contain  
3 the word "exchange" or any abbreviation or derivative thereof. Such  
4 approval shall not be granted by the attorney general if in [~~his or her~~]  
5 the attorney general's opinion the use of the word "exchange" in the  
6 limited liability company's proposed name would falsely imply that the  
7 limited liability company conducts its business at a place where trade  
8 is carried on in securities or commodities by brokers, dealers or  
9 merchants[-];

10 (i) shall not contain the following terms: "school," "education,"  
11 "elementary," "secondary," "kindergarten," "prekindergarten,"  
12 "preschool," "nursery school," "museum," "history," "historical,"  
13 "historical society," "arboretum," "library," "college," "university" or  
14 other term restricted by section two hundred twenty-four of the educa-  
15 tion law; "conservatory," "academy," or "institute" or any abbreviation  
16 or derivative of such terms, shall have endorsed thereon or annexed  
17 thereto the consent of the commissioner of education[-]; and

18 (j) shall not, unless the applicant is subject to approval of the  
19 commissioner of transportation and attaches such approval to the arti-  
20 cles of organization, or application for authority or amendment thereof,  
21 contain any of the words "mover," "moving," or "relocation service" or  
22 any abbreviation or derivative thereof. Such consent shall not be grant-  
23 ed by the commissioner of transportation if, in the commissioner's opin-  
24 ion, the use of the terms in the limited liability company's proposed  
25 name is likely to mislead or confuse the public into believing that the  
26 limited liability company holds a certificate issued pursuant to section  
27 one hundred seventy-two or one hundred ninety-one of the transportation  
28 law.

29 § 3. Paragraph 3 of subdivision (a) of section 121-102 of the partner-  
30 ship law is amended by adding a new subparagraph (E) to read as follows:

31 (E) shall not, unless the applicant is subject to approval of the  
32 commissioner of transportation and attaches such approval to the certifi-  
33 cate of limited partnership or application for authority or amendment  
34 thereof, contain any of the words "mover," "moving," or "relocation  
35 service" or any abbreviation or derivative thereof. Such consent shall  
36 not be granted by the commissioner of transportation if, in the commis-  
37 sioner's opinion, the use of the terms in the limited partnership's  
38 proposed name is likely to mislead or confuse the public into believing  
39 that the limited partnership holds a certificate issued pursuant to  
40 section one hundred seventy-two or one hundred ninety-one of the trans-  
41 portation law.

42 § 4. The transportation law is amended by adding a new section 172-a  
43 to read as follows:

44 § 172-a. Name requirements. No individual, partnership, company or  
45 corporation shall knowingly use, advertise or transact business under  
46 the names "mover," "moving," or "relocation service" or any name, title,  
47 or descriptive material indicating or tending to imply that such indi-  
48 vidual, association, partnership, company or corporation conducts,  
49 carries on, or is such a business when it is not authorized to operate  
50 as such, unless the right to do so has been granted by the commissioner  
51 pursuant to section one hundred seventy-two of this article. Any  
52 violation of this section shall have a civil penalty of up to ten thou-  
53 sand dollars. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, an  
54 individual, partnership, company or corporation doing business under any  
55 of such names on the effective date of this section may come into  
56 compliance with this section by obtaining a valid certificate issued

1 pursuant to section one hundred seventy-two of this article within one  
2 year from the effective date of this section.

3 § 5. The transportation law is amended by adding a new section 191-a  
4 to read as follows:

5 § 191-a. Name requirements. No individual, partnership, company or  
6 corporation shall knowingly use, advertise or transact business under  
7 the names "mover," "moving," or "relocation service" or any name, title,  
8 or descriptive material indicating or tending to imply that such indi-  
9 vidual, association, partnership, company or corporation conducts,  
10 carries on, or is such a business when it is not authorized to operate  
11 as such, unless the right to do so has been granted by the commissioner  
12 pursuant to section one hundred ninety-one of this article. Any  
13 violation of this section shall be subject to section one hundred nine-  
14 ty-eight-a of this article and shall have a civil penalty of up to ten  
15 thousand dollars. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section,  
16 an individual, partnership, company or corporation doing business under  
17 any of such names on the effective date of this section may come into  
18 compliance with this section by obtaining a valid certificate issued  
19 pursuant to section one hundred ninety-one of this article within one  
20 year from the effective date of this section.

21 § 6. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall  
22 have become a law.