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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to registration of trademarks and service marks; amending s. 495.071, F.S.; revising the procedure by which the Department of State must notify registrants of marks that are expiring; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 495.071, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

495.071 Duration and renewal.--

(3) The Department of State shall notify registrants of marks hereunder of the necessity of renewal within the year next preceding the expiration of the 10 years following from the date of registration by mailing a renewal notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the registrant's current address on file with the department. The current address for a business organization is the address on the most recent annual report required by s. 607.1622, s. 608.4511, or s. 620.177 ~~writing to the last known address of the registrants.~~ The department shall prescribe the forms on which to make the required notification and the renewal called for in subsection (1) and may substitute the uniform business report, pursuant to s. 606.06, as a means of satisfying the requirement of this part.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Requires the Department of State to notify registrants by certified mail the next year preceding the expiration of 10 years after the date of registration of a trademark or service mark.