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AN ACT to prohibit the use of a corporate name for the purpose of conducting any business or occupation in the state of Wisconsin, unless the same be duly registered in the county where the same is located, with the register of deeds of said county, showing the name or names of such person or persons doing business under such corporate name.

The people of the state of Wisconsin represented in senate and assembly do enact as follows:

Penalty for unlawful use of corporate name. SECTION 1. Any person or persons who shall engage in or advertise any mercantile or commission business under a name purporting or appearing to be a corporate name, with intent thereby to obtain credit, and which name does not disclose the real name or names of one or more of the persons engaged in said business, without first filing in the office of the register of deeds of the county wherein his or their principal place of business may be, a verified statement disclosing and showing the name or names of all persons using such name, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars or by imprisonment in the county jail not more than one year.

Use of, evidence of obtaining credit. SECTION 2. The adoption of and advertising of any business under any name in its form corporate and not disclosing the name of one or more persons connected with said business, shall be legal evidence that such name is or was adopted or used for the purpose of obtaining credit.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force, from and after its passage and publication.

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