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VIA INTERAGENCY MAIL

Dear General Cornyn:

Under Section 5.17 of the Texas Business Corporation Act, a corporation may adopt a plan of conversion and convert to another type of business entity. Section 5.20 of the Texas Business Corporation Act details the effects of the conversion. Section 5.20 addresses the transfer of all rights, title, and interests to all real estate owned by the converting entity to the converted entity as well stating that all liabilities and obligations of the converting entity shall continue to be liabilities and obligations of the converted entity once the conversion takes effect.

The effect of a conversion on any state licenses held originally by the converting business entity is not specifically addressed by the Texas Business Corporation Act. Therefore, state agencies have different interpretations on whether a license held by the converting entity automatically transfers to the converted entity or whether further action is required. A uniform interpretation of the effect of a conversion from one business entity to another on a license held by the converting entity would be helpful to many license holders in my district.

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I respectfully request an opinion on this issue.

Sincerely,

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