

**CHAPTER 15. CUSTODY AND MANAGEMENT OF ORPHAN  
CORPORATE AND BUSINESS RECORDS**

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**Authority**

The provisions of this Chapter 15 issued under the Associations Code, 15 Pa.C.S. § 140(b), unless otherwise noted.

**Source**

The provisions of this Chapter 15 adopted January 24, 1997, effective January 25, 1997, 27 Pa.B. 495, unless otherwise noted.

**§ 15.1. Transfer of custody and management of orphan corporate and business records.**

(a) The Department of State is authorized, under 15 Pa.C.S. § 140, to provide for the transfer on a progressive and phased basis to the custody and management of the Department any or all orphan corporate and business records. These records are corporate and limited partnership filings and recordings which were formally effected in the office of the Clerk of Court of Common Pleas or the office for the recording of deeds or an equivalent row office in a home rule charter county and which are no longer effected in such offices by reason of the enactment of corporate statutes.

(b) Under 15 Pa.C.S. § 140(b), the Department is required to publish in the *Pennsylvania Code* a notice where, as between a county and the Department, custody of all orphan corporate and business records resides. Under this requirement, notice is hereby given that as of September 1, 1996, all orphan corporate records maintained in the 67 counties of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania have been transferred to the Department of State's Corporation Bureau. The records are available on 16mm microfilm and are accessible to the public.

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