

SECURIAN FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.
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SECURITIES DEALER, Member NASD, SIPC
REGISTERED INVESTMENT ADVISOR



March 8, 2001

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Amendment Section
Division of Corporation
P.O. Box 6327
Tallahassee, FL 32314

RE: NAME CHANGE NOTIFICATION
SECURIAN FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.
Formerly known as Ascend Financial Services, Inc.

Dear Sir or Madam:

We are pleased to announce that Ascend Financial Services, Inc. has changed its name to **Securian Financial Services, Inc.** Effective February 9, 2001, the paperwork to affect this change was submitted to, and approved by, the office of the Secretary of State of Minnesota, our domiciled state. We respectfully request that you make this change effective upon completion of your review.

In that regard, please find enclosed the following items to change our name in your state:

- A completed Application by Foreign Corporation to File Amendment to Application for Authorization to Transact Business in Florida form in duplicate;
- A certified copy of the Certificate of Good Standing;
- A certified copy of the Amended Articles of Incorporation;
- A duplicate copy of this letter and a return envelope. Please date stamp and return the duplicate copy of this letter to confirm receipt of this name change notification;
- A check drawn in the amount of \$35 in payment of the filing fee.

Please be advised that our address and Tax ID # (41-1486060) did not change.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact me at 1-888-237-1838, option 6, extension 55966.

Sincerely,

Blaine D. Westberg
Compliance Registration Technician

Enclosures

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**APPLICATION BY FOREIGN CORPORATION TO FILE AMENDMENT TO
APPLICATION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSACT BUSINESS IN
FLORIDA**

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TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

SECTION I (1-3 must be completed)

1. Ascend Financial Services, Inc.

Name of corporation as it appears within the records of the Department of State.

2. Incorporated under laws of: Minnesota

3. Date authorized to do business in Florida: 12/19/1984

SECTION II (4-7 complete only the applicable changes)

4. If the amendment changes the name of the corporation, when was the change effected under the laws of its jurisdiction of incorporation?

February 9, 2001

5. Name of corporation after the amendment, adding suffix "corporation," "company," "incorporated," or appropriate abbreviation, if not contained in new name of the corporation:

Securian Financial Services, Inc.

6. If the amendment changes the period of duration, indicate new period of duration.

No Change

7. If the amendment changes the jurisdiction of incorporation, indicate new jurisdiction.

No Change

Thomas L. Clark

Signature

Name and Title

Thomas L. Clark, Assistant Secretary

February 23, 2001

Date

State of Minnesota

SECRETARY OF STATE

Certificate of Good Standing

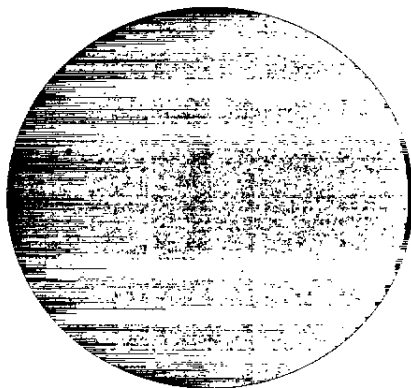
I, Mary Kiffmeyer, Secretary of State of Minnesota, do certify that: The corporation listed below is a corporation formed under the laws of Minnesota; that the corporation was formed by the filing of Articles of Incorporation with the Office of the Secretary of State on the date listed below; that the corporation is governed by the chapter of Minnesota Statutes listed below; and that this corporation is authorized to do business as a corporation at the time this certificate is issued.

Name: Securian Financial Services, Inc.

Date Formed: 03/27/1984

Chapter Governed By: 302A

This certificate has been issued on 02/26/01.



Mary Kiffmeyer
Secretary of State.



MINNESOTA SECRETARY OF STATE

AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

READ INSTRUCTIONS LISTED BELOW, BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM.

1. Type or print in black ink.
2. There is a \$35.00 fee payable to the Secretary of State for filing this "Amendment of Articles of Incorporation".
3. Return Completed Amendment Form and Fee to the address listed on the bottom of the form.

CORPORATE NAME: (List the name of the company prior to any desired name change)

Ascend Financial Services, Inc.

This amendment is effective on the day it is filed with the Secretary of State, unless you indicate another date, no later than 30 days after filing with the Secretary of State.

The following amendment(s) to articles regulating the above corporation were adopted: (Insert full text of newly amended article(s) indicating which article(s) is (are) being amended or added.) If the full text of the amendment will not fit in the space provided, attach additional numbered pages. (Total number of pages including this form 1.)

ARTICLE 1

The name of the corporation is "Securian Financial Services, Inc."

This amendment has been approved pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes chapter 302A or 317A*. I certify that I am authorized to execute this amendment and I further certify that I understand that by signing this amendment, I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in section 609.48 as if I had signed this amendment under oath.

Thomas L. Clark

(Signature of Authorized Person)

Name and telephone number of contact person: THOMAS L. CLARK (USA) 651-465-4306
Please print legibly

All of the information on this form is public and required in order to process this filing. Failure to provide the requested information will prevent the Office from approving or further processing this filing.

If you have any questions please contact the Secretary of State's office at (651)296-2803.

RETURN TO: Secretary of State
180 State Office Bldg., 100 Constitution Ave.
St. Paul, MN 55155-1299, (651)296-2803

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Mary Hefner
Secretary of State

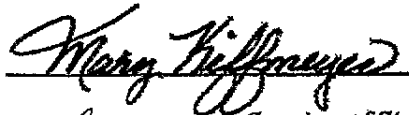
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

I hereby certify that this is a
true and complete copy of the
document as filed for record in
this office.

DATED 02-27-01



Secretary of State



By

