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**Referred to the
Committee on Licenses and Inspections**

AN ORDINANCE

Amending Section 9-4403 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Enforcement,” to provide for the continuation of nuisance business enforcement following a change in business, under certain terms and conditions.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Section 9-4403 of The Philadelphia Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

TITLE 9. REGULATION OF BUSINESSES, TRADES AND PROFESSIONS

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CHAPTER 9-4400. RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS OPERATIONS

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§ 9-4403. Enforcement.

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(6) [Transfer of business ownership shall not terminate any Notice of Intent to Cease Operations, Cease Operations Order or nuisance abatement plan in effect with respect to a nuisance business. The acquiring business owner shall be responsible for compliance with any enforcement action pending against the nuisance business and prior business owner.] *Change in the name, ownership or structure of a business subject to enforcement under this Section shall not relieve a successor business from liability if such successor business is merely a continuation of the prior business, conducts the same operations as the prior business in essentially an unchanged manner, or was fraudulently established to escape liability under this Chapter. Such*

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successor business shall be responsible for compliance with any notices and orders issued to, and any nuisance abatement plans executed by, the prior business.

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Explanation:

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted.
Italics indicate new matter added.