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Florida Secretary of State  
Division of Corporations  
P.O. Box 6327  
Tallahassee, Florida 32314

Re: Heartland Group of  
Companies, Inc. -  
Amendment of Articles of  
Incorporation

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed please find an Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of the above-captioned corporation. Also enclosed is our check in the amount of \$35.00 to cover the filing fees related to this transaction.

To verify receipt of this document, please time-stamp the enclosed, additional copy of the Amendment, and forward it to me in the enclosed, self-addressed envelope.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. Should you have any questions, or require any additional information, please feel free to contact me at 1-800-666-2762.

Very truly yours,

CARLILE PATCHEN & MURPHY LLP

*Lisa R. Anderson*  
Lisa R. Anderson  
Paralegal

*[Handwritten signature]*

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enclosures  
cc: Michael A. Smith, Esq.

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*N/C Amend*

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TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

AMENDED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF

HEARTLAND GROUP OF COMPANIES, INC.

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Pursuant to Section 607.1006 of the Florida Business Corporation Act, the undersigned corporation adopts the Amended Articles of Incorporation attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

The Amended Articles of Incorporation were approved by the shareholders at a meeting duly noticed and called on June 19, 1997. There were 7,575,588 votes cast for the Amended Articles of Incorporation, 52,671 against, and 783,473 abstained out of 8,411,732 shares of common stock entitles to vote.

Signed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1997.

HEARTLAND GROUP OF COMPANIES, INC.

By: Michael E. Guirlinger, President  
Michael E. Guirlinger, President

EXHIBIT A

Amended Articles of Incorporation  
of  
HEARTLAND GROUP OF COMPANIES, INC.

Article I. The name is hereby amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of the corporation shall be:

THE BANC STOCK GROUP, INC.

All remaining Articles shall remain the same as set forth in the corporation's Amended Articles of Incorporation dated July 7, 1993.



ROBERT F. MILLIGAN  
COMPTROLLER OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF COMPTROLLER  
DEPARTMENT OF BANKING AND FINANCE  
STATE OF FLORIDA  
TALLAHASSEE  
32399-0350

August 19, 1997

Michael A. Smith  
Carlile Patchen & Murphy, LLP  
366 East Broad Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Mr. Smith:

Re: "The Banc Stock Group, Inc."

Thank you for your recent letter/fax requesting approval for use of the above-referenced name. It is the opinion of this Department that your name is definitive enough to differentiate the business being conducted from that of a commercial bank or trust company. Therefore, the Department does not object to your use of the above-referenced name being registered to conduct business in the State of Florida.

Sincerely,

Wm. Douglas Johnson  
Assistant Director  
Division of Banking  
101 East Gaines Street  
The Fletcher Building - Sixth Floor  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0350  
(904) 488-1111

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cc: Karon Beyer, Chief  
Bureau of Corporate Records  
Division of Corporations  
Secretary of State's Office

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September 8, 1997

Florida Secretary of State  
Division of Corporations  
P.O. Box 6327  
Tallahassee, Florida 32314

Attn: Ms. Teresa Brown

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DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS

Re: Heartland Group of  
Companies, Inc. -  
Amendment to Articles of  
Incorporation

Dear Ms. Brown:

You will find enclosed the following information  
pertaining to the above-captioned matter:

1. Amendment to Articles of Incorporation, originally  
filed with your office in June, 1997;
2. Correspondence from you dated July 7, 1997,  
rejecting the Amendment because of the use of the  
word "Banc" in the corporate name; and
3. Correspondence from the Office of the Comptroller  
dated August 19, 1997, advising they do not object  
to our use of the word "Banc" in our new corporate  
name.

At this time, we request that the amendment be processed  
and completed. Our check in the amount of \$35.00 was mailed with  
the original application, and was retained by your office.

To confirm receipt of this information, please time stamp  
the additional copy of the Amendment, and return it to me in the  
enclosed, self-addressed envelope.

Ms. Teresa Brown  
September 8, 1997  
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Thank you for your assistance with this matter. Should you have any questions, or require any additional information, please feel free to contact me at 1-800-666-2762.

Very truly yours,

CARLILE PATCHEN & MURPHY LLP

  
Lisa R. Anderson  
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cc: Ms. Sandra Quinn (w/ encl.)  
Michael A. Smith, Esq.



**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

**Sandra B. Mortham**  
Secretary of State

July 7, 1997

LISA R. ANDERSON  
CARLILE PATCHEN & MURPHY  
360 E. BROAD STREET  
COLUMBUS, OH 43215

SUBJECT: HEARTLAND GROUP OF COMPANIES, INC.  
Ref. Number: L67027

We have received your document for HEARTLAND GROUP OF COMPANIES, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$35.00. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

Written approval and clearance of the terms BANK, BANKER, BANC, BANKING, TRUST COMPANY, BANCSHARES, SAVINGS & LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS BANK, or CREDIT UNION must be obtained from the Division of Banking and Finance, pursuant to section 655.922(2a), Florida Statutes. The address is:

Division of Banking  
Director's Office  
101 E. Gaines St.  
Fletcher Bldg, 6th Floor.  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0350  
(850) 488-1111.

Please return your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call (850) 487-6908.

Teresa Brown  
Corporate Specialist

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