FORM 8-A

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FOR REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF SECURITIES PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(B) OR (G) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Rush Enterprises, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Texas

(State of incorporation or organization)

555 IH-35 South, Suite 500 New Braunfels, Texas

(Address of principal executive offices)

Title of each class to be so registered

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Name of each exchange on which each class is to be registered

Not applicable.

Not applicable.

74-1733016

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

78130 (Zip Code)

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A. (c), check the following box. o

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A. (d), check the following box.

Securities Act registration statement file number to which this form relates: Not applicable.

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

Class A Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share (Title of class)

Item 1. Description of Registrant's Securities to be Registered.

The class of security to be registered hereby is the Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Class A Common Stock"), of Rush Enterprises, Inc. (the "Registrant"). A description of the Class A Common Stock is contained in the Registrant's Proxy Statement dated May 15, 2002, and filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 17, 2002, under the headings "Proposed Amendment to the Company's Articles of Incorporation-General Description," "Proposed Amendment to the Company's Articles of Incorporation-Description of Class A Common Stock and Class B Common Stock," "Proposed Amendment to the Company's Articles of Incorporation-Certain Effects of the Proposal" and Exhibit A, which information is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 2. Exhibits.

- 3.1 Articles of Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of the Registrant dated as of July 9, 2002.
- 3.2 Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of the Registrant (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1 of the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, for the quarter ended June 30, 2000).
- 3.3 Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Registrant dated as of July 9, 2002.
- 4.1 Specimen Class A Common Stock certificate.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereto duly authorized.

Name: W. Marvin Rush Title: Chief Executive Officer

Date: July 9, 2002

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ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT TO THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF RUSH ENTERPRISES, INC.

Pursuant to the provisions of Article 4.04 of the Texas Business Corporation Act, Rush Enterprises, Inc., a Texas corporation (the "Corporation"), adopts the following Articles of Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation:

1. The name of the corporation is Rush Enterprises, Inc.

2. The Articles of Incorporation of the Corporation are hereby amended by deleting the whole of Article Four thereof in its entirety and replacing in lieu and instead of such section a new Article Four, reading in its entirety as follows:

"ARTICLE FOUR

The total number of shares of all classes of stock which the corporation shall be authorized to issue is 51,000,000 shares, divided into the following: (i) 1,000,000 shares of preferred stock, of the par value \$.01 per share ("Preferred Stock"), (ii) 40,000,000 shares of Class A Common Stock, of the par value \$.01 per share ("Class A Common Stock") and (iii) 10,000,000 shares of Class B Common Stock, of the par value \$.01 per share ("Class B Common Stock").

At the effective time of this amendment, each share of existing Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share, issued and outstanding shall automatically be reclassified and changed, without any action on the part of the holder thereof, into one share of Class B Common Stock.

A description of the respective classes of stock and a statement of the designations, preferences, limitations and relative rights of such classes of stock and the limitations on or denial of the voting rights of the shares of such classes of stock are as follows:

A. Provisions Applicable to Preferred Stock

Preferred Stock may be issued from time to time in one or more series and in such amounts as may be fixed and determined herein or by the board of directors. The designations, preferences, limitations and relative rights, including voting rights, of each series of Preferred Stock shall be such as are fixed by the board of directors, and stated and expressed in a resolution or resolutions adopted by the board of directors providing for the establishment of any such series of Preferred Stock. The board of directors is hereby expressly authorized to establish any series of unissued shares of Preferred Stock by fixing and determining the designations, preferences, limitations and relative rights, including voting rights, of the shares of any series so established, within the limitations set forth in Article 2.13 of the Texas Business Corporation Act and herein, and to increase or decrease the number of shares within each such series; provided, however, that the board of directors may not decrease the number of shares within a series below the number of shares within such series that is then issued.

Except in respect of the particulars fixed by the board of directors for series established by the board of directors as permitted hereby, all shares of Preferred Stock shall be of equal rank and shall be identical. All shares of any one series of Preferred Stock so designated by the board of directors shall be alike in every particular, except that shares of any one series issued at different times may differ as to the dates from which dividends thereon shall be cumulative.

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Provisions Applicable to Class A and Class B Common Stock

1. Junior Stock. Class A Common Stock and Class B Common Stock are junior to each series of Preferred Stock and are subject to all of the rights, privileges and preferences and priorities of Preferred Stock as herein set forth.

2. *Dividends.* Subject to all rights of each series of Preferred Stock, dividends may be paid on Class A Common Stock and Class B Common Stock as and when declared by the board of directors of the corporation out of any funds of the corporation legally available for the payment thereof. The holders of record of Class A Common Stock and the holders of record of Class B Common Stock shall have equal rights and rank per share with respect to any and all dividends and distributions declared on the common stock of the corporation, and no dividend or distribution shall be declared or made with respect to either Class A Common Stock or Class B Common Stock unless that dividend or distribution is declared and made with respect to both such classes; except that a dividend or distribution upon Class A Common Stock and a dividend or distribution upon Class B Common Stock and a dividend or distribution upon Stock which will be paid in shares of common Stock which will be paid in shares of common stock of the corporation shall be declared and made only in shares of Class B Common Stock, and if a dividend or distribution is so declared and paid in shares of common stock to the holder of each share of that class, a per-share dividend or distribution in an equal number of shares of Class A Common Stock paid as a dividend or distribution on a share of Class B Common Stock shall be equal to the number of shares of Class B Common Stock paid as a dividend or distribution on a share of Class B Common Stock.

3. *Liquidation Preference*. Subject to all of the rights, privileges and preferences and priorities of each series of Preferred Stock, after payment shall have been made in full to the holders of each series of Preferred Stock in the event of any liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the corporation, to the extent of the liquidation preferences of such classes of stock, the remaining assets and funds of the corporation shall be distributed ratably to the holders of Class A Common Stock and Class B Common Stock according to their respective shares. Each share of Class A Common Stock and Class B Common Stock shall rank equally with respect to any distribution to be received by holders of common stock upon or with respect to liquidation, dissolution or winding up.

1. *Voting*. Subject to all of the rights, privileges and preferences and priorities of each series of Preferred Stock, (i) the holders of Class A Common Stock are entitled to one-twentieth (1/20th) of one vote per share on all questions presented to the shareholders. In all elections of directors of the corporation, each holder of Class A Common Stock shall have the right to vote in person or by proxy one-twentieth (1/20th) of one vote for each share of Class A Common Stock held by such holder for as many persons as there are directors to be elected.

Any provision of the Articles of Incorporation or By-Laws of the corporation requiring the affirmative vote of a specified percentage of shares of the corporation shall be read to give effect to the lesser voting rights of the holders of Class A Common Stock as described above; specifically, a provision that the affirmative vote of a specified percentage of the shares of the corporation is required shall require the affirmative vote of the holders of that percentage of the aggregate voting power of the corporation.

2. Convertibility. The Class A Common Stock is not convertible into shares of Class B Common Stock or any other security of the Corporation.

D. Provisions Applicable to Class B Common Stock

1. *Voting*. The holders of Class B Common Stock are entitled to one vote per share on all questions presented to the shareholders. In all elections of directors of the corporation, each holder of Class B Common Stock shall have the right to vote in person or by proxy the number of

shares of Class B Common Stock held by such holder for as many persons as there are directors to be elected.

2. Convertibility. Class B Common Stock is not convertible into shares of Class A Common Stock or any other security of the Corporation.

E. Provisions Applicable to Preferred Stock, Class A Common Stock and Class B Common Stock

1. *Preemptive Rights*. Ownership of shares of any class of the capital stock of the corporation shall not entitle the holders thereof to any preemptive right to subscribe for or purchase or have offered to them for subscription or purchase any additional shares of capital stock of any class of the corporation or any securities convertible into any class of capital stock of the corporation, however acquired, issued or sold by the corporation, it being the purpose and intent hereof that the board of directors shall have full right, power and authority to offer for subscription or sell or to make any disposal of any or all unissued shares of the capital stock of the corporation, not less than the par value thereof, or, in the case of any class of stock without par value, the stated value thereof, in money, property or labor, as the board of directors shall determine.

2. *Cumulative Voting*. No shareholder of the corporation shall have the right of cumulative voting at any election of directors or upon any other matter.

3. Authority to Purchase Own Shares. The corporation shall have the authority to purchase, directly or indirectly, its own shares to the extent of the aggregate of unrestricted capital surplus available therefor."

3. The foregoing amendment was adopted by the shareholders of the Corporation on July 9, 2002.

4. The number of shares of capital stock of the Corporation outstanding and entitled to vote on the amendment was 7,002,044 shares of common stock, \$.01 par value per share ("Common Stock").

5. The number of shares of Common Stock voted for the adoption of the amendment was 4,417,713 and the number of shares voted against adoption of the amendment was 215,180. Pursuant to Article Eleven of the Corporation's Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation filed with the Secretary of State of Texas on August 9, 2000, the adoption of the amendment requires the affirmative vote of the holders of shares having only a majority of the votes entitled to vote thereon.

6. These Articles of Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation shall become effective as provided in the Texas Business Corporation Act.

7. Prior to the effectiveness of these Articles of Amendment, the Corporation's stated capital was \$70,020.44 (based on the number of shares of Common Stock issued and outstanding on May 13, 2002). Upon the effectiveness of these Articles of Amendment, the stated capital will increase by \$70,020.44 to \$140,040.88.

Rush Enterprises, Inc. has caused these Articles of Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation to be executed on the 9th day of July, 2002, by its duly authorized officer.

RUSH ENTERPRISES, INC.

By: /s/ W. MARVIN RUSH

W. Marvin Rush Chief Executive Officer

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ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT TO THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF RUSH ENTERPRISES, INC.

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C. Provisions Applicable to Class A Common Stock D. Provisions Applicable to Class B Common Stock E. Provisions Applicable to Preferred Stock, Class A Common Stock and Class B Common Stock

RUSH ENTERPRISES, INC. BYLAWS (AS AMENDED AND RESTATED AS OF JULY 9, 2002)

ARTICLE I OFFICES

1.1 The principal office of the corporation shall be located in New Braunfels, Texas.

1.2 The corporation may also have offices at such other places both within and without the State of Texas as the board of directors may from time to time determine or the business of the corporation may require.

ARTICLE II MEETINGS OF SHAREHOLDERS

2.1 Meetings of shareholders for any purpose may be held at such time and place within or without the State of Texas as shall be stated in the notice of the meeting or in a duly executed waiver of notice thereof.

2.2 The annual meeting of shareholders shall be held annually at such date and time as shall be designated from time to time by the board of directors and stated in the notice of meeting.

2.3 Special meetings of the shareholders for any purpose or purposes may be called by the president and shall be called by the president or secretary at the request in writing of a majority of the board of directors, or at the request in writing of shareholders owning one-tenth of all the shares entitled to vote at the meetings. A request for a special meeting shall state the purpose or purposes of the proposed meeting, and business transacted at any special meeting of shareholders shall be limited to the purposes stated in the notice.

2.4 Written notice stating the place, day and hour of the meeting and, in the case of a special meeting, the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called, shall be delivered not less than ten nor more than fifty days before the date of the meeting, either personally or by mail, by or at the direction of the president, the secretary, or the officer or persons calling the meeting, to each shareholder of record entitled to vote at such meeting.

2.5 The holders of a majority of the shares issued and outstanding and entitled to vote thereat, present in person or represented by proxy, shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of the shareholders for the transaction of business except as otherwise provided by statute or by the articles of incorporation. If, however, a quorum shall not be present or represented at any meeting of the shareholders, the shareholders entitled to vote thereat, present in person or represented by proxy, shall have power to adjourn the meeting from time to time, without notice other than announcement at the meeting, until a quorum shall be present or represented. At such adjourned meeting, provided a quorum shall be present or represented thereat, any business may be transacted which might have been transacted if the meeting had been held in accordance with the original notice thereof.

2.6 If a quorum is present at any meeting, the vote of the holders of a majority of the shares entitled to vote, present in person or represented by proxy, shall decide any question brought before such meeting, unless the question is one upon which a different vote is required by law or by the articles of incorporation.

2.7 Each outstanding share shall have such voting power on each matter submitted to a vote at a meeting of shareholders as set forth in the Articles of Incorporation. A shareholder may vote either in person or by proxy executed in writing by the shareholder or by his duly authorized attorney-in-fact.

2.8 Any action required or which may be taken at a meeting of the shareholders may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing, setting forth the action so taken, shall be signed by all the shareholders entitled to vote with respect to the subject matter thereof.

ARTICLE III DIRECTORS

3.1 The number of directors which shall constitute the whole board of directors shall be not less than one. Such number of directors shall from time to time be fixed and determined by the directors and shall be set forth in the notice of any meeting of shareholders held for the purpose of electing directors. The directors shall be elected at the annual meeting of shareholders, except as provided in Section 3.2, and each director elected shall hold office until his successor shall be elected and qualify. Directors need not be residents of Texas or shareholders of the corporation.

3.2 Any vacancy occurring in the board of directors may be filled by a majority of the remaining directors though less than a quorum of the board of directors. A director elected to fill a vacancy shall be elected for the unexpired term of his predecessor in office.

3.3 The number of directors may be increased or decreased from time to time as provided in these bylaws but no decrease shall have the effect of shortening the term of any incumbent director. Any directorship to be filled by reason of an increase in the number of directors shall be filled by election at an annual or special meeting of shareholders.

3.4 Any director may be removed either for or without cause at any special meeting of shareholders duly called and held for such purpose.

MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

3.5 Meetings of the board of directors, regular or special, may be held either within or without the State of Texas.

3.6 The first meeting of each newly elected board of directors shall be held at such time and place as shall be fixed by the vote of the shareholders at the annual meeting and no notice of such meeting shall be necessary to the newly elected directors in order legally to constitute the meeting, provided a quorum shall be present. In the event that the shareholders fail to fix the time and place of such first meeting, it shall be held without notice immediately following the annual meeting of shareholders, and at the same place, unless by the unanimous consent of the directors then elected and serving such time or place shall be changed.

3.7 Regular meetings of the board of directors may be held upon such notice, or without notice, and at such time and at such place as shall from time to time be determined by the board.

3.8 Special meetings of the board of directors may be called by the chairman of the board of directors or the president and shall be called by the secretary on the written request of two directors. Notice of each special meeting of the board of directors shall be given to each director at least 24 hours before the time of the meeting.

3.9 Attendance of a director at any meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except where a director attends for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business on the ground that the meeting is not lawfully called or convened. Except as may be otherwise provided by law or by the articles of incorporation or by the bylaws, neither the business to be transacted at, nor the purpose of, any regular or special meeting of the board of directors need be specified in the notice or waiver of notice of such meeting.

3.10 At all meetings of the board of directors a majority of the directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business and the act of a majority of the directors present at any meeting at

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which there is a quorum shall be the act of the board of directors, unless otherwise specifically provided by law, the articles of incorporation or the bylaws. If a quorum shall not be present at any meeting of directors, the directors present thereat may adjourn the meeting from time to time, without notice other than announcement at the meeting, until a quorum shall be present.

3.11 The board of directors, by resolution passed by a majority of the full board, may from time to time designate a member or members of the board to constitute committees, including an executive committee, which shall in each case consist of one or more directors and shall have and may exercise such powers, as the board may determine and specify in the respective resolutions appointing them. A majority of all the members of any such committee may determine its action and fix the time and place of its meetings, unless the board of directors shall otherwise provide. The board of directors shall have power at any time to change the number, subject as aforesaid, and members of any such committee, to fill vacancies and to discharge any such committee.

3.12 Any action required or permitted to be taken at a meeting of the board of directors or any committee may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing, setting forth the action so taken, is signed by all the members of the board of directors or committee, as the case may be.

3.13 Members of the board of directors or members of any committee designated by the board may participate in and hold a meeting of such board or committee by means of conference telephone or similar communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other, and participation in a meeting pursuant to this provision shall constitute presence in person at such meeting, except where a person participates in the meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business on the ground that the meeting is not lawfully called or convened.

3.14 By resolution of the board of directors, the directors may be paid their expenses, if any, of attendance at each meeting of the board of directors and may be paid a fixed sum for attendance at each meeting of the board of directors or a stated salary as director. No such payment shall preclude any director from serving the corporation in any other capacity and receiving compensation therefor.

ARTICLE IV NOTICES

4.1 Any notice to directors or shareholders shall be in writing and shall be delivered personally or mailed to the directors or shareholders at their respective addresses appearing on the books of the corporation. Notice by mail shall be deemed to be given at the time when the same shall be deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid. Notice to directors may also be given by telegram.

4.2 Whenever any notice is required to be given under the provisions of the statutes or of the articles of incorporation or of these bylaws, a waiver thereof in writing signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice, whether before or after the time stated therein, shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice.

ARTICLE V OFFICERS

5.1 The officers of the corporation shall include a president and a secretary. The board of directors may appoint such other officers and agents as it deems necessary or advisable, including, without limitation, a chief executive officer, a chairman of the board, a vice chairman of the board, a treasurer, one or more vice presidents (which may be designated executive vice presidents or senior vice presidents), and one or more assistant vice presidents, assistant secretaries and assistant treasurers. Any two or more officers may be held by the same person. Each officer shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as provided hereinafter or as determined by the board of directors. No officer shall

execute, acknowledge, verify or countersign any instrument on behalf of the corporation in more than one capacity, if such instrument is required by law, by these bylaws or by any act of the corporation to be executed, acknowledged, verified or countersigned by two or more officers. The chairman and vice chairman of the board shall be elected from among the directors. With the foregoing exceptions, none of the other officers need be a director, and none of the officers need be a shareholder of the corporation.

5.2 The officers of the corporation shall be elected annually by the board of directors at its first regular meeting held after the annual meeting of shareholders or as soon thereafter as conveniently possible. Each officer shall hold office until his successor shall have been chosen and shall have qualified or until his death or the effective date of his resignation or removal, or until he shall cease to be a director in the case of the chairman and vice chairman.

5.3 Any officer or agent elected or appointed by the board of directors may be removed without cause by the affirmative vote of a majority of the board of directors whenever, in its judgment, the best interests of the corporation shall be served thereby, but such removal shall be without prejudice to the contractual rights, if any, of the person so removed. Any officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the corporation. Any such resignation shall take effect at the date of the receipt of such notice or at any later time specified therein, and unless otherwise specified therein, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

5.4 Any vacancy occurring in any office of the corporation by death, resignation, removal or otherwise, may be filled by the board of directors for the unexpired portion of the term.

5.5 The salaries of all officers and agents of the corporation shall be fixed by the board of directors or pursuant to its direction; and no officer shall be prevented from receiving such salary by reason of his also being a director.

5.6 The chairman of the board (if such officer is appointed by the board of directors) shall preside at all meetings of the board of directors or of the shareholders of the corporation. In the chairman's absence, such duties shall be attended to by the vice chairman of the board (if such officer is appointed by the board of directors). The chairman shall formulate and submit to the board of directors or the executive committee matters of general policy for the corporation and shall perform such other duties as usually appertain to the office or as may be prescribed by the board of directors or the executive committee.

5.7 The chief executive officer (if such officer is appointed by the board of directors) shall, subject to the control of the board of directors, supervise and control the business and affairs of the corporation, and shall see that all orders and resolutions of the board of directors and the executive committee are carried into effect. He shall have all powers and duties of supervision and management usually vested in the general manager of a corporation, including the power to appoint and remove subordinate officers, agents and employees, except those elected or appointed by the board of directors. In the absence of the chairman of the board or the vice chairman of the board (if such officer is appointed by the board of directors), the chief executive officer shall preside at all meetings of the board of directors and of the shareholders. He may also preside at any such meeting attended by the chairman or vice chairman of the board if he is so designated by the chairman, or in the chairman's absence, by the vice chairman. The chief executive officer shall keep the board of directors and the executive committee fully informed and shall consult with them concerning the business of the corporation. He shall also perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the shareholders, the board of directors or the executive committee.

5.8 If no chief executive officer is appointed by the board of directors, the president shall be the chief executive officer of the corporation. Subject to the control of the board of directors and the chief executive officer (if such officer is appointed by the board of directors), the president shall in general

supervise and control the business and affairs of the corporation. In the absence of the chairman of the board, the vice chairman of the board and the chief executive officer (if such officers are appointed by the board of directors), the president shall preside at all meetings of the board of directors and of the shareholders. He may also preside at any such meeting attended by the chairman or vice chairman of the board or the chief executive officer if he is so designated by the chairman, or in the chairman's absence, by the vice chairman, or in the vice chairman's absence, by the chief executive officer. Subject to the control of the chief executive officer (if such officer is appointed by the board of directors), the president shall have the power to appoint and remove subordinate officers, agents and employees, except those elected or appointed by the board of directors. The president shall keep the board of directors and the executive committee fully informed and shall consult with them concerning the business of the corporation. He may sign with the secretary or any other officer of the corporation thereunto authorized by the board of directors, certificates for shares of the corporation and any deeds, bonds, mortgages, contracts, checks, notes, drafts or other instruments which the board of directors to some other officer or agent of the corporation, or shall be required by law to be otherwise executed. He shall vote, or give a proxy to any other officer of the corporation to vote, all shares of stock of any other corporation standing in the name of the corporation and in general he shall perform all other duties normally incident to the office of president and such other duties as may be prescribed by the shareholders, the board of directors or the executive committee.

5.9 If one or more vice presidents are appointed by the board of directors, in the absence of the president, or in the event of his inability or refusal to act, the executive vice president (or in the event there shall be no vice president designated executive vice president, any vice president designated by the board of directors) shall perform the duties and exercise the powers of the president. Any vice president may sign, with the secretary or assistant secretary, certificates for shares of the corporation. The vice presidents shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to them by the president, the board of directors or the executive committee.

5.10 The secretary shall (a) keep the minutes of the meetings of the shareholders, the board of directors and committees of directors; (b) see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these bylaws and as required by law; (c) be custodian of the corporate records and of the seal of the corporation, and see that the seal of the corporation or a facsimile thereof is affixed to all certificates for shares prior to the issue thereof and to all documents, the execution of which on behalf of the corporation under its seal is duly authorized in accordance with the provisions of these bylaws; (d) keep or cause to be kept a register of the post office address of each shareholder which shall be furnished by such shareholder; (e) sign with the president, or an executive vice president or vice president, certificates for shares of the corporation, the issue of which shall have been authorized by resolution of the board of directors; (f) have general charge of the stock transfer books of the corporation; and (g) in all duties normally incident to the office of secretary and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the president, the board of directors or the executive committee.

5.11 If a treasurer is appointed by the board of directors, the board of directors may require that the treasurer give a bond for the faithful discharge of his duties in such sum and with such surety or sureties as the board of directors shall determine. He shall (a) have charge and custody of and be responsible for all funds and securities of the corporation; receive and give receipts for moneys due and payable to the corporation from any source whatsoever and deposit all such

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moneys in the name of the corporation in the corporation's banks, trust companies or other depositories; (b) prepare, or cause to be prepared, for submission at each regular meeting of the board of directors, at each annual meeting of the shareholders, and at such other times as may be required by the board of directors, the president or the executive committee, a statement of financial condition of the corporation in such

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detail as may be required; and (c) in general, perform all the duties incident to the office of treasurer and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the president, the board of directors or the executive committee.

5.12 The assistant secretaries and assistant treasurers (if such officers are appointed by the board of directors) shall, in general, perform such duties as shall be assigned to them by the secretary or the treasurer, respectively, or by the president, the board of directors or the executive committee. The assistant secretaries and assistant treasurers shall, in the absence of the secretary or treasurer, respectively, perform all functions and duties which such absent officers may delegate, but such delegation shall not relieve the absent officer from the responsibilities and liabilities of his office. The assistant secretaries may sign, with the president or a vice president, certificates for shares of the corporation, the issue of which shall have been authorized by a resolution of the board of directors. The assistant treasurers shall respectively, if required by the board of directors, give bonds for the faithful discharge of their duties in such sums and with such sureties as the board of directors shall determine.

ARTICLE VI CERTIFICATES REPRESENTING SHARES

6.1 The shares of the corporation shall be represented by certificates signed by the president or a vice president and the secretary or an assistant secretary of the corporation, and may be sealed with the seal of the corporation or a facsimile thereof.

6.2 The signatures of the president or vice president and the secretary or assistant secretary upon a certificate may be facsimiles if the certificate is countersigned by a transfer agent, or registered by a registrar, other than the corporation itself or an employee of the corporation. In case any officer who has signed or whose facsimile signature has been placed upon such certificate shall have ceased to be such officer before such certificate is issued, it may be issued by the corporation with the same effect as if he were such officer at the date of its issue.

LOST CERTIFICATES

6.3 The board of directors may direct a new certificate to be issued in place of any certificate theretofore issued by the corporation alleged to have been lost or destroyed. When authorizing such issue of a new certificate, the board of directors, in its discretion and as a condition precedent to the issuance thereof, may prescribe such terms and conditions as it deems expedient and may require such indemnities as it deems adequate to protect the corporation from any claim that may be made against it with respect to any such certificate alleged to have been lost or destroyed.

6.4 Upon surrender to the corporation or the transfer agent of the corporation of a certificate representing shares duly endorsed or accompanied by proper evidence of succession, assignment or authority to transfer, a new certificate shall be issued to the person entitled thereto and the old certificate canceled and the transaction recorded upon the books of the corporation.

CLOSING OF TRANSFER BOOKS

6.5 For the purpose of determining shareholders entitled to notice of or to vote at any meeting of shareholders, or any adjournment thereof, or entitled to receive payment of any dividend, or in order to make a determination of shareholders for any other proper purpose, the board of directors may provide that the stock transfer books shall be closed for a stated period but not to exceed, in any case, fifty days. If the stock transfer books shall be closed for the purpose of determining shareholders entitled to notice of or to vote at a meeting of shareholders, such books shall be closed for at least ten days immediately preceding such meeting. In lieu of closing the stock transfer books, the board of directors may fix in advance a date as the record date for any such determination of shareholders, such

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date in any case to be not more than fifty days and, in case of a meeting of shareholders, not less than ten days prior to the date on which the particular action, requiring such determination of shareholders, is to be taken. If the stock transfer books are not closed and no record date is fixed for the determination of shareholders entitled to notice of or to vote at a meeting of shareholders, or shareholders entitled to receive payment of a dividend, the date on which notice of the meeting is mailed or the date on which the resolution of the board of directors declaring such dividend is adopted, as the case may be, shall be the record date for such determination of shareholders. When a determination of shareholders entitled to vote at any meeting of shareholders has been made as provided in this section, such determination shall be applied to any adjournment thereof except where the determination has been made through the closing of the stock transfer books and the stated period of closing has expired.

REGISTERED SHAREHOLDERS

6.6 The corporation shall be entitled to recognize the exclusive right of a person registered on its books as the owner of shares to receive dividends, and to vote as such owner, and shall not be bound to recognize any equitable or other claim to or interest in such share or shares on the part of any other person, whether or not it shall have express or other notice thereof, except as otherwise provided by the laws of Texas.

LIST OF SHAREHOLDERS

6.7 The officer or agent having charge of the transfer books for shares shall make, at least ten days before each meeting of shareholders, a complete list of the shareholders entitled to vote at such meeting, arranged in alphabetical order, with the address of each and the number of shares held by each, which list, for a period of ten days prior to such meeting, shall be kept on file at the registered office of the corporation and shall be subject to inspection by any shareholder at any time during usual business hours. Such list shall also be produced and kept open at the time and place of the meeting and shall be subject to the inspection of any shareholder during the whole time of the meeting. The original share ledger or transfer book, or a duplicate thereof, shall be prima facie evidence as to who are the shareholders entitled to examine such list or share ledger or transfer book or to vote at any meeting of the shareholders.

ARTICLE VII GENERAL PROVISIONS

DIVIDENDS

7.1 Subject to the provisions of the articles of incorporation relating thereto, if any, dividends may be declared by the board of directors, in its discretion, at any regular or special meeting, pursuant to law. Dividends may be paid in cash, in property or in the corporation's own shares, subject to any provisions of the articles of incorporation.

7.2 Before payment of any dividend, there may be set aside out of any funds of the corporation available for dividends such sum or sums as the directors from time to time, in their absolute discretion, think proper as a reserve fund for meeting contingencies, or for equalizing dividends, or for repairing or maintaining any property of the corporation, or for such other purpose as the directors shall think conducive to the interest of the corporation, and the directors may modify or abolish any such reserve in the manner in which it was created.

CHECKS

7.3 All checks or demands for money and notes of the corporation shall be signed by such officer or officers or such other person or persons as the board of directors may from time to time designate.

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FISCAL YEAR

7.4 The fiscal year of the corporation shall be fixed by resolution of the board of directors.

SEAL

7.5 The corporate seal shall be in such form as may be prescribed by the board of directors. The seal may be used by causing it or a facsimile thereof to be impressed or affixed or in any manner reproduced.

BOOKS AND RECORDS

7.6 The corporation shall keep correct and complete books and records of account and shall keep minutes of the proceedings of its shareholders and board of directors, and shall keep at its registered office or principal place of business, or at the office of its transfer agent or registrar, a record of its shareholders, giving the names and addresses of all shareholders and the number and class of the shares held by each.

ARTICLE VIII INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

Article 2.02-1 of the Texas Business Corporation Act (the "Article") permits the corporation to indemnify its present and former directors and officers to the extent and under the circumstances set forth therein. In addition, in some instances, indemnification is required by the Article. The corporation hereby elects to and does hereby indemnify the following persons to the fullest extent permitted or required by the Article promptly upon request of any such person making a request for indemnity hereunder: (a) any person who is or was a director or officer of the corporation; (b) any person who while a director or officer of the corporation, is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, partner, venturer, proprietor, trustee, employee, agent or similar functionary of another foreign or domestic corporation, partnership, joint venture, sole proprietorship, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise; and (c) any person who is or was serving at the request of the corporation partnership, joint venture, sole proprietor, partnership, joint venture, sole proprietor, trustee, employee, agent or similar functionary of another foreign or domestic corporation as a director or officer or porteion, partnership, joint venture, sole proprietorship, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise; and (c) any person who is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, partner, venturer, proprietor, trustee, employee, agent or similar functionary of another foreign or domestic corporation, partnership, joint venture, sole proprietorship, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise. Such obligation to so indemnify and to so make such determinations may be specifically enforced by resort to any court of competent jurisdiction. Further, the corporation shall pay or reimburse the reasonable expenses of such persons covered hereby in advance of the final disposition of any proceeding to the fullest extent permitted or to further indemnify the above described perso

ARTICLE IX AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be altered, amended, or repealed or new bylaws may be adopted by a majority of the whole board of directors at any regular or special meeting.

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RUSH ENTERPRISES, INC. INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS

CUSIP 781846 20 9 SEE REVERSE FOR CERTAIN DEFINITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

This Certifies that

is the owner of

FULLY PAID AND NON-ASSESSABLE SHARES OF CLASS A COMMON STOCK, \$.01 PAR VALUE PER SHARE, OF RUSH ENTERPRISES, INC.

transferable on the books of the Corporation by the holder hereof in person or by duly authorized attorney upon surrender of this certificate properly endorsed. This certificate is not valid unless countersigned and registered by the Transfer Agent and Registrar.

WITNESS the facsimile seal of the Corporation and the facsimile signatures of its duly authorized officers. Dated:

SECRETARY

CHAIRMAN

COUNTERSIGNED AND REGISTERED: AMERICAN STOCK TRANSFER & TRUST COMPANY TRANSFER AGENT AND REGISTRAR BY AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

A FULL STATEMENT OF THE DENIAL OF PREEMPTIVE RIGHTS IS SET FORTH IN THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE CORPORATION ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE. THE CORPORATION WILL FURNISH A COPY OF SUCH STATEMENT TO THE RECORD HOLDER OF THIS CERTIFICATE WITHOUT CHARGE ON WRITTEN REQUEST TO THE CORPORATION AT ITS PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS OR REGISTERED OFFICE.

A FULL STATEMENT OF ALL OF THE DESIGNATIONS, PREFERENCES, LIMITATIONS AND RELATIVE RIGHTS, INCLUDING VOTING RIGHTS, OF THE SHARES OF EACH CLASS AUTHORIZED TO BE ISSUED BY THE CORPORATION IS SET FORTH IN THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE CORPORATION ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE. THE CORPORATION WILL FURNISH A COPY OF SUCH STATEMENT TO THE RECORD HOLDER OF THIS CERTIFICATE WITHOUT CHARGE ON WRITTEN REQUEST TO THE CORPORATION AT ITS PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS OR REGISTERED OFFICE.

The following abbreviations, when used in the inscription on the face of this certificate, shall be construed as though they were written out in full according to applicable laws or regulations:

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as tenants in common as tenants by the entireties as joint tenants with right of survivorship and not as tenants in common

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under Uniform Gifts to Minors Act

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Additional abbreviations may also be used though not in the above list.

For value received, hereby sell, assign and transfer unto

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPEWRITE NAME AND ADDRESS, INCLUDING ZIP CODE, OF ASSIGNEE)

shares of the capital stock represented by the within Certificate, and do hereby irrevocably constitute and appoint

Attorney to transfer the said stock on the books of the within named Corporation with full power of substitution in the premises.

Dated

NOTICE: THE SIGNATURE TO THIS ASSIGNMENT MUST CORRESPOND WITH THE NAME AS WRITTEN UPON THE FACE OF THE CERTIFICATE IN EVERY PARTICULAR, WITHOUT ALTERATION OR ENLARGEMENT OR ANY CHANGE WHATEVER.

Signature(s) Guaranteed:

By

The signature(s) should be guaranteed by an eligible guarantor institution, (Banks, Stockbrokers, Savings and Loan Associations and Credit Unions with membership in an approved signature guarantee Medallion Program) pursuant to S.E.C. Rule 17Ad-15.

THIS certificate also evidences and entitles the holder hereof to certain Rights as set forth in A Rights Agreement between RUSH ENTERPRISES, INC. and AMERICAN STOCK TRANSFER & TRUST COMPANY dated as of APRIL 8, 1996 (the 'Rights Agreement'), the terms of which are hereby incorporated herein by reference and a copy of which is on file at the principal executive offices of RUSH ENTERPRISES, INC. Under certain circumstances, as set forth in the Rights Agreement, the Rights described therein will be evidenced by separate certificates and will no longer be evidenced by this certificate. RUSH ENTERPRISES, INC. will mail to the holder of this certificate a copy of the Rights Agreement without charge after receipt of a written request therefor. as described in the rights agreement, Rights issued to any Person who becomes an Acquiring Person (as those terms are defined in the Rights Agreement) shall become null and void. the rights shall not be exercisable by a holder in any jurisdiction where the requisite qualification to the issuance to such holder of the rights, or the exercise by such holder of the rights in such jurisdiction, shall not have been obtained or obtainable.