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## AN ACT

Repealing the act of July 31, 1941 (P.L.616, No.261), entitled 1 "An act defining, regulating and providing for the licensing 2 and registration of employment agents, and their 3 representatives, including private employment agents, 4 theatrical employment agencies and nurses' registries; providing for revocation and suspension of licenses and 5 6 registrations subject to appeal and for their reinstatement; 7 8 defining the powers and duties of the Department of Labor and Industry and the Department of Public Instruction; providing 9 penalties, and repealing existing laws." 10 11 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania 12 hereby enacts as follows: 13 Section 1. Section 1 of the act of July 31, 1941 (P.L.616, 14 No.261), known as the Employment Agency Law, is repealed: 15 [Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Employment Agency Law".] 16 17 Section 2. Sections 2 and 3 of the act, amended October 16, 18 1972 (P.L.917, No.220), are repealed: 19 [Section 2. Definitions. -- The following terms shall, unless 20 the context otherwise indicates, have the following respective

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meaning:

- 1 (1) "Department" shall mean the Department of Labor and
- 2 Industry of this Commonwealth.
- 3 (2) "Emergency engagement" means and includes any engagement
- 4 that is to be performed within forty-eight (48) hours of the
- 5 time such application was made by an employer.
- 6 (3) "Employe" as used in this act means any person
- 7 performing or seeking to perform work or service of any kind or
- 8 character whatsoever for hire.
- 9 (4) "Employer" as used in this act means any person
- 10 employing or seeking to employ any person for hire.
- 11 (5) "Employment agent" shall mean every person,
- 12 copartnership, association or corporation engaged in, or
- 13 maintaining as owner, agent, manager-contractor, subcontractor
- 14 or in any other capacity, an intelligence office, domestic and
- 15 commercial employment agency, theatrical or entertainment
- 16 employment agency, general employment bureau, shipping agency,
- 17 nurses' registry or any other agency or office for the purpose
- 18 of procuring or attempting to procure help or employment or
- 19 engagements for persons seeking employment or engagements, or
- 20 for the registration of persons seeking such help, employment or
- 21 engagement, or of giving information as to where and of whom
- 22 such help, employment or engagement may be procured, where a fee
- 23 or other valuable consideration is charged for such services,
- 24 whether such business is conducted in a building or on the
- 25 street or elsewhere. The term shall include any person,
- 26 copartnership, association or corporation which by advertisement
- 27 or otherwise offers as one of the main objects or purposes to
- 28 secure employment for any person who will pay for its services
- 29 or that collects dues, membership or registration fees of any
- 30 sort, where the main object of the person paying the same is to

- 1 secure employment: Provided, however, That nothing contained in
- 2 this act shall be construed to apply to any agent, agency or
- 3 department of any firm, copartnership, corporation or
- 4 association intended and established for the purpose of
- 5 procuring or attempting to procure help, employment or
- 6 engagement for persons seeking employment or engagement with
- 7 said firm, copartnership, corporation or association, where no
- 8 fee is charged, either directly or indirectly.
- 9 (6) "Fee" means and includes any money or other valuable
- 10 consideration paid or promised to be paid for services rendered
- 11 or to be rendered by any person conducting an employment agency
- 12 of any kind under the provisions of this act. Such term includes
- 13 any excess of money received by any such person over what has
- 14 been paid out by him for the transportation, transfer of baggage
- 15 or board and lodging for any applicant for employment. Such term
- 16 also includes the difference between the amount of money
- 17 received by any such person who furnishes employes, performers
- 18 or entertainers for circus, fair, vaudeville, theatrical and
- 19 other entertainments, exhibitions or performances and the amount
- 20 paid by him to the said employes, performers or entertainers
- 21 whom he hires or provides for such entertainments, exhibitions
- 22 or performances.
- 23 (7) "Nurses' registry" means and includes the business of
- 24 conducting any agency, bureau, office or any other place for the
- 25 purpose of procuring, offering, promising or attempting to
- 26 provide employment or engagements for nurses of any kind.
- 27 (8) "Person" shall include an individual, copartnership,
- 28 association, corporation, society and his or its manager, agents
- 29 and employes.
- 30 (9) "Private employment agent" shall mean every person,

- 1 copartnership, association or corporation who for hire or with a
- 2 view of profit shall undertake to secure employment or help or
- 3 through the medium of a card, circular, pamphlet or any other
- 4 medium whatsoever or through the display of a sign or a bulletin
- 5 offers to secure employment or help or give information as to
- 6 where employment or help may be secured. Charitable institutions
- 7 making no charge for such services are not included.
- 8 (10) "Privilege" as used in this act means and includes the
- 9 furnishing of food, supplies, tools or shelter to contract
- 10 laborers, commonly known as commissary privileges.
- 11 (11) "Representative" or "counselor" as used in this act
- 12 shall mean an employe who solicits business or interviews
- 13 applicants or refers them to prospective employers for
- 14 employment.
- 15 (12) "Secretary" shall mean the Secretary of Labor and
- 16 Industry of the Department of Labor and Industry of this
- 17 Commonwealth.
- 18 (13) "Theatrical employment agency" means and includes the
- 19 business of conducting an agency, bureau, office or any other
- 20 place for the purpose of procuring or offering, promising or
- 21 attempting to provide engagements for persons who want
- 22 employment in the following occupations: circus, fair,
- 23 vaudeville, musical, theatrical and other entertainment or
- 24 exhibitions or performances; or of giving information as to
- 25 where such engagements may be procured or provided, whether such
- 26 business is conducted in a building, on the street or elsewhere.
- 27 (14) "Theatrical engagement" means and includes any
- 28 engagement or employment of a person as an actor, performer,
- 29 musician or entertainer in a circus, fair, vaudeville,
- 30 theatrical or any other entertainment, exhibition or

- 1 performance.
- 2 Section 3. The term "employment agent" as used in this act
- 3 shall not apply to:
- 4 (1) Departments, associations or bureaus which are
- 5 maintained solely for persons in this Commonwealth for the
- 6 purpose of obtaining employes for themselves or their members
- 7 and which charge no fee or other consideration to applicants for
- 8 employment or registration.
- 9 (2) Theatrical or entertainment producers and managers
- 10 assembling, managing and directing their own performances at
- 11 their own expense and who charge no commissions or fees,
- 12 directly or indirectly.
- 13 (3) Bureaus or agencies procuring employment for school
- 14 teachers without charge.
- 15 (4) Bureaus or agencies conducted by registered medical
- 16 institutions, duly incorporated hospitals, or registries
- 17 conducted by duly incorporated alumnae associations of nurses
- 18 procuring employment of nurses without charge.
- 19 (5) Employment bureaus maintained by this Commonwealth.
- 20 (6) Employment bureaus maintained by the United States of
- 21 America within this Commonwealth.
- 22 (7) Employment bureaus or agencies maintained by any
- 23 association of manufacturers within the Commonwealth for the
- 24 purpose of obtaining employes for their members and which charge
- 25 no fee to applicants for registration or employment: Provided,
- 26 however, That persons excluded from licensure under this section
- 27 shall not open, operate or maintain such agencies until they
- 28 register with the department as hereinafter provided.
- 29 (8) Consultants or agencies who charge no fees to the
- 30 applicant for registration or employment and who do not require

- 1 the applicant to enter into any contractual agreements with the
- 2 agency or consultant.]
- 3 Section 3. Section 4 of the act is repealed:
- 4 [Section 4. It shall be unlawful for any employment agent to
- 5 operate as such in this Commonwealth unless such employment
- 6 agent is the holder of a license as in this act provided.]
- 7 Section 4. Section 5 of the act, amended October 16, 1972
- 8 (P.L.917, No.220), is repealed:
- 9 [Section 5. (a) Every person desiring to operate as an
- 10 employment agent shall file, for each physical location, an
- 11 application for a license with the department. The original
- 12 application shall be on a form furnished by the department and
- 13 shall state:
- 14 (1) The name and street address of the applicant.
- 15 (2) The address of the place where the business is to be
- 16 conducted.
- 17 (3) The educational and business or employment history of
- 18 the applicant.
- 19 (4) Whether or not the applicant is pecuniarily interested
- 20 in any other business of like nature and, if so, where.
- 21 (5) Whether the applicant is the only person pecuniarily
- 22 interested in the business to be carried on under the license.
- 23 (6) If the applicant is a corporation, the names and
- 24 addresses of the officers of said corporation.
- 25 (7) If the applicant is a partnership, the names of all
- 26 partners therein.
- 27 (8) Whether the applicant has a criminal record.
- 28 (9) That the applicant is fully aware of all applicable
- 29 provisions of the act of October 27, 1955 (P.L.744), the
- 30 "Pennsylvania Human Relations Act," as amended, and that the

- 1 applicant has knowledge of the penalties that may be imposed for
- 2 violation of this act.
- 3 (b) No licensed employment agent shall permit any person not
- 4 mentioned in the original application for a license to become a
- 5 partner, if such agency is a partnership, or an officer of the
- 6 corporation, if such agency is a corporation, unless the written
- 7 consent of the department shall first be obtained. Such consent
- 8 may be withheld for any reason for which an original application
- 9 might have been rejected if the person in question had been
- 10 mentioned therein.]
- 11 Section 5. Sections 6, 7 and 8 of the act are repealed:
- 12 [Section 6. Upon receipt of such application the department
- 13 shall post in a conspicuous place on the premises at which the
- 14 business is or is intended to be conducted, the name and address
- 15 of the applicant, the place where the business is to be
- 16 conducted and the fact that such application has been filed.
- 17 The department shall thereupon investigate the character and
- 18 responsibility of the applicant and the location and premises at
- 19 which the business is intended to be conducted.
- 20 Any person may file within one week after the posting by the
- 21 department of the facts pertaining to the application as
- 22 heretofore provided a protest with the department against the
- 23 issuance of such license. Such protest shall be in writing and
- 24 shall be signed by the person filing the same or his authorized
- 25 agent or attorney and shall state the reasons why the license
- 26 should not be granted.
- 27 If the investigation by the department is unsatisfactory, or
- 28 in the event of a protest, the department shall, not less than
- 29 fifteen days after the posting of the facts of application, hold
- 30 a public hearing at a place designated by the department in the

- 1 city, borough, town or township where the business is to be
- 2 established. At least five days' notice of the time and place of
- 3 such hearing shall be given by the department to the applicant
- 4 and the protestants, if any.
- 5 The department shall have the power to issue subpoenas
- 6 requiring the attendance of witnesses and the production of
- 7 books and papers pertinent to any hearings which may be held
- 8 under this act and to administer oaths to and examine such
- 9 witnesses and to examine such books and papers.
- 10 Any witness who refuses to obey a subpoena issued hereunder,
- 11 or who refuses to be sworn or affirmed, or to testify, or who is
- 12 guilty of any contempt after summons to appear, may be punished
- 13 as for contempt of court, and for this purpose an application
- 14 may be made to any court of common pleas within whose
- 15 territorial jurisdiction the offense was committed, for which
- 16 purpose such court is hereby given jurisdiction.
- 17 Section 7. The department may refuse to issue licenses
- 18 whenever, after due investigation and hearing by the department,
- 19 it finds that the character of the applicant makes him unfit to
- 20 be an employment agent, or that the proposed plan of business is
- 21 unjust or unfair under the terms of this act, or that the
- 22 applicant has been guilty of unethical business practice, or
- 23 that the applicant being heretofore an employment agent has
- 24 failed to comply with the existing laws relating thereto, or
- 25 that the place where the business is to be conducted is not a
- 26 suitable place therefor, and such places, as well as for other
- 27 proper reasons, shall be deemed unsuitable if it is to be
- 28 conducted in rooms used for living purposes, or where boarders
- 29 or lodgers are kept, or where meals are served, or where persons
- 30 sleep, or in connection with a building or premises where

- 1 intoxicating liquors are sold or reputed to be sold (excepting
- 2 cafes or restaurants in office buildings and hotels which
- 3 maintain regular office suites), or in a house of ill repute, or
- 4 in a neighborhood deemed unsatisfactory by the department. No
- 5 theatrical employment agency shall be conducted in a private
- 6 home.
- 7 Section 8. In all other cases the department, upon the
- 8 compliance by the applicant with the provisions of this act,
- 9 shall grant such applicant a license for a period of one year.
- 10 In all cases, whether the license shall be granted or refused,
- 11 the department shall make such final decision and take such
- 12 action within (30) days after the filing of the application.
- 13 Licenses may be renewed from year to year upon application,
- 14 payment of license fees and filing of bonds as in the case of
- 15 original applications.]
- 16 Section 6. Sections 9 and 10 of the act, amended or added
- 17 October 16, 1972 (P.L.917, No.220), are repealed:
- 18 [Section 9. No such license shall be granted until the
- 19 applicant has filed with the secretary a bond of a duly
- 20 authorized surety company, to be approved by the department, in
- 21 the penal sum of three thousand (\$3,000) dollars payable to the
- 22 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, conditioned that the applicant
- 23 will comply with the provisions of this act and shall pay all
- 24 damages occasioned to any person by reason of any misstatement,
- 25 misrepresentation, fraud or deceit or any unlawful act or
- 26 omission of any such person, his agent or employes, while acting
- 27 within the scope of their employment, made, committed or omitted
- 28 in the business conducted under such license, or caused by any
- 29 other violation of this act in carrying on such business.
- 30 All actions upon bonds given under this act shall be in the

- 1 same manner as actions upon official bonds.
- 2 Section 10. No person shall open, keep or carry on any
- 3 employment agency in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania unless
- 4 every such person shall have obtained a license to do so.
- 5 (1) Licenses to be known as class "1" shall be required for
- 6 employment agents performing services leading a person to
- 7 employment, payment for such service being entirely contingent
- 8 upon the employer offering and the applicant accepting
- 9 employment and the obligation for payment therefore being made
- 10 in whole or in part by the applicant. The annual license fee
- 11 shall be the sum of one hundred fifty (\$150) dollars.
- 12 (2) Licenses to be known as class "2" shall be required for
- 13 all modeling and theatrical service agents or bureaus. The
- 14 annual license fee shall be the sum of one hundred fifty (\$150)
- 15 dollars.]
- Section 7. Section 11 of the act is repealed:
- 17 [Section 11. Each applicant for a license shall file with
- 18 the application a schedule of fees, charges and commissions
- 19 which he intends to charge and collect for his services,
- 20 together with a copy of all forms and contracts to be used in
- 21 the operation of the agency. Such schedule of fees, charges and
- 22 commissions may thereafter be changed by filing with the
- 23 department an amended or supplemental schedule showing such
- 24 changes at least fifteen (15) days before the change is to
- 25 become effective. Any change in forms or contracts must be filed
- 26 with the department at least fifteen (15) days before such
- 27 change is to become effective. Such schedule of fees to be
- 28 charged shall be posted in a conspicuous place in such agency.
- 29 It shall be unlawful for any employment agency to charge,
- 30 collect or receive a greater compensation for any service

- 1 performed by it than is specified in the schedule filed with the
- 2 department.]
- 3 Section 8. Sections 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19 of the
- 4 act, added October 16, 1972 (P.L.917, No.220), are repealed:
- 5 [Section 12. It shall be unlawful for any person to act or
- 6 assume to act as an employment agent, counselor or
- 7 representative without first registering with the department and
- 8 successfully completing an examination covering the provisions
- 9 of this act and regulations pertaining thereto.
- 10 Registrations shall be effective and the test satisfactorily
- 11 completed within thirty (30) days from date of employment with
- 12 the agency. In the event of failure of the examination,
- 13 provisions shall be made for retesting within a time specified
- 14 by the department.
- 15 A counselor-in-training may perform whatever duties the
- 16 agency deems necessary to enable the counselor-in-training to
- 17 become a registered counselor. However, a counselor-in-training
- 18 may not actually place applicants nor may that counselor-in-
- 19 training be paid commissions for making such placements.
- 20 A fee of ten (\$10) dollars shall accompany an application for
- 21 registration. A registration may be renewed each year for an
- 22 additional fee of ten (\$10) dollars.
- It shall be the responsibility of the employment agent and
- 24 the counselor or representative to maintain current
- 25 registration.
- 26 Section 13. The department, upon its own motion, or upon the
- 27 filing with it by any person or by any authority, board or
- 28 commission of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania of a verified
- 29 complaint, accompanied by such evidence, documentary or
- 30 otherwise, as makes out a prima facie case that any registered

- 1 counselor has violated this act or the regulations pertaining
- 2 thereto in the performance of his duties, may hold a hearing to
- 3 determine his continued eligibility for registration.
- 4 Any person who violates any provisions of this section or who
- 5 testifies falsely as to any matter required by the provisions of
- 6 this section or of this act shall, upon conviction thereof in a
- 7 summary proceeding, be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than
- 8 ten (\$10) dollars, nor more than one hundred (\$100) dollars, or
- 9 upon nonpayment thereof, to undergo imprisonment for a period of
- 10 not more than thirty (30) days.
- 11 Section 14. It shall be the duty of every employment agent
- 12 to keep a record of every applicant, job order and job
- 13 placement. Such records shall be kept in a manner acceptable to
- 14 the department and shall be open during office hours to
- 15 inspection by the department and its duly authorized agents. No
- 16 employment agent or his employes shall knowingly make any false
- 17 entry in such records.
- 18 Section 15. It shall be the duty of the employment agent
- 19 whenever possible to communicate orally or in writing with at
- 20 least one of the persons mentioned as reference by any applicant
- 21 for work in private families or to be employed in a fiduciary
- 22 capacity, and the result of such investigation shall be kept on
- 23 file in such agency: Provided, That if the applicant for help
- 24 voluntarily waives in writing such investigation of references
- 25 the employment agent shall not be required so to do.
- 26 Section 16. Every employment agent shall post in conspicuous
- 27 place in his agency such sections of this act as may be required
- 28 by the department, copies of which shall be supplied by the
- 29 department. He shall also post his license in the main room of
- 30 the agency. He shall further post the notice entitled,

- 1 'Employment Provisions-Pennsylvania Human Relations Act' copies
- 2 of which can be obtained from the Pennsylvania Human Relations
- 3 Commission.
- 4 Every employment agent shall, under rules to be prescribed by
- 5 the department, furnish the department upon request statements
- 6 showing the number of applicants and the number and characters
- 7 of placements and job orders.
- 8 Section 17. If, after verbal and written warnings, an
- 9 employment agent persists in violating sections 14, 15 and 16 of
- 10 this act, he shall be charged with a summary offense and, upon
- 11 conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not less
- 12 than one hundred (\$100) dollars nor more than five hundred
- 13 (\$500) dollars, or upon nonpayment thereof, to undergo
- 14 imprisonment for a period of not more than thirty (30) days.
- 15 Section 18. Every employment agent conducting a theatrical
- 16 employment agency, before making a theatrical engagement, except
- 17 an emergency engagement, shall have a bona fide contract in
- 18 writing for an employe with any employer for services in any
- 19 such engagement and shall prepare and file in such agency a
- 20 written statement signed and verified by the employment agent
- 21 setting forth how long such employer has been engaged in the
- 22 theatrical business. Every such statement shall be kept for the
- 23 period of one (1) year and shall set forth whether or not such
- 24 employer, while financially interested in a theatrical business,
- 25 has failed to pay salaries or has "left stranded" any company,
- 26 group or employe during the two (2) years preceding the date of
- 27 application and further shall set forth the names of at least
- 28 two persons as references. If such employer is a corporation,
- 29 such statement shall set forth the names of the officers and
- 30 directors thereof, the length of time such corporation or any of

- 1 its officers have been engaged in the theatrical business and
- 2 the amount of the paid up capital stock. If the employer
- 3 conducts a cabaret or night club the agent shall include in such
- 4 statement the name and address of the owner or owners and
- 5 whether they have failed to pay salaries to employes within the
- 6 past two (2) years. If any allegations in such written verified
- 7 statement is made upon information and belief the person
- 8 verifying this statement shall set forth the sources of his
- 9 information and the reasons for his belief. Such statement shall
- 10 be kept on file for the benefit of any employes whose services
- 11 are sought by any such employers.
- 12 Every employment agent conducting a theatrical employment
- 13 agency who shall procure for or offer to an applicant a
- 14 theatrical engagement or any kind of employment as an
- 15 entertainer shall have executed in triplicate a numbered
- 16 contract containing the name, address and signature of the
- 17 applicant, the name and address and signature of the employer
- 18 and that of the employment agency acting for such employer in
- 19 employing or furnishing such applicant for employment, the
- 20 character of the entertainment to be given or services to be
- 21 rendered, the number and time of performances to be given per
- 22 day or per week, time of rehearsal, by whom the transportation,
- 23 if any, is to be paid, and, if it is to be paid by the
- 24 applicant, either the cost of the transportation between the
- 25 places where said entertainment or services are to be given or
- 26 rendered or the average cost of such transportation. The
- 27 contract shall state from whom said applicant is to receive his
- 28 or her salary, board and lodging, the amount of salary promised
- 29 and the gross commissions or fees to be paid by the applicant
- 30 and to whom such gross commissions or fees are to be paid. The

- 1 original contract shall be given to the applicant for
- 2 employment; the duplicate contract shall be given to the
- 3 employer, and the triplicate contract shall be kept on file in
- 4 the office of the agency for a period of one (1) year.
- 5 Such numbered contracts shall contain no other conditions and
- 6 provisions except such as are equitable among the parties
- 7 thereto and do not constitute an unreasonable restriction of
- 8 business.
- 9 Section 19. Every employment agent conducting a nurses'
- 10 registry shall cause every applicant for employment to fill out
- 11 an application form giving the following information: the name
- 12 and address and qualifications of such applicant; the names and
- 13 places of the hospitals wherein the applicant has studied or has
- 14 been employed; the length of time of service therein or other
- 15 experiences in nursing if not in a hospital; and whether such
- 16 applicant is a graduate trained, certified, registered,
- 17 undergraduate or practical nurse or trained attendant. There
- 18 shall be stated on such application the number and date of the
- 19 certificate issued to such nurse or trained attendant by the
- 20 Department of Education. Such application form shall be kept on
- 21 file in the office of the registry and shall be open to the
- 22 inspection of the Department of Labor and Industry and the
- 23 Department of Education.]
- Section 9. Section 20 of the act, amended or added October
- 25 16, 1972 (P.L.917, No.220) and December 7, 1994 (P.L.702,
- 26 No.105), is repealed:
- 27 [Section 20. (a) No employment agent shall induce or
- 28 attempt to induce any employe to leave his employment with a
- 29 view to obtaining other employment through such employment
- 30 agent.

- 1 (b) No employment agent or his representative shall demand,
- 2 divide, or offer to divide or share directly or indirectly any
- 3 fees, charge or compensation, received or to be received from
- 4 any employe, with any employer or person in any way connected
- 5 with the business thereof.
- 6 (c) No employment agency shall accept promissory notes or
- 7 any other evidence of indebtedness without recourse. No
- 8 subsequent holder shall be deemed a holder in due course. A
- 9 violation of this section shall constitute a summary offense
- 10 under this act.
- 11 (d) No employment agent shall publish or cause to be
- 12 published any false or fraudulent or misleading information,
- 13 representation, notice or advertisement. All advertisements
- 14 shall indicate that a fee will be charged whenever the
- 15 employment agent charges an applicant a fee for its services
- 16 under the provisions of subsection (m). All advertisements of
- 17 such employment agent by means of cards, circulars or signs and
- 18 in newspapers or other publications, and all letterheads,
- 19 receipts and blanks shall be printed and contain the name and
- 20 address of such employment agent and the words "employment
- 21 agency."
- (e) No employment agent shall give any false information or
- 23 make any false promise or false representation concerning an
- 24 engagement or employment to any employer or to any applicant who
- 25 shall register or apply for an engagement or employment or help.
- 26 (f) No employment agent shall send or cause to be sent any
- 27 person as a servant, employe, entertainer or performer, to any
- 28 place of bad repute, house of ill fame, or assignation house, or
- 29 to any house or place of amusement kept for immoral purposes, or
- 30 place resorted to for the purpose of prostitution, or gambling

- 1 house, the character of which the employment agent could have
- 2 ascertained upon reasonable inquiry.
- 3 (g) No employment agent shall send out any applicant for
- 4 employment without making a reasonable effort to investigate the
- 5 character of the employer.
- 6 (h) No such employment agent shall send out any applicant
- 7 for employment without having obtained a bona fide order
- 8 therefor. For the purposes of this act, a bona fide job order
- 9 shall include the following information:
- 10 (1) Name and address of employer seeking applicant.
- 11 (2) Full name and position of person giving job order.
- 12 (3) Name of person accepting job order on behalf of
- 13 employment agent.
- 14 (4) Date on which job order is accepted.
- 15 (5) Location for which applicant is requested.
- 16 (6) Job title.
- 17 (7) Job description.
- 18 (8) Starting salary range (commissions, bonuses, draw).
- 19 (9) Fee policy of employer.
- 20 (10) Educational and experience requirements for particular
- 21 position.
- 22 (i) No employment agent shall advertise any position unless
- 23 such employment agent has a bona fide job order for said
- 24 position.
- 25 (j) No employment agent or his representatives shall send
- 26 any applicant to any place where a strike, a lock out or other
- 27 labor trouble exists without first notifying the applicant of
- 28 such conditions, and shall in addition thereto enter a complete
- 29 statement of such facts upon the receipt given to such
- 30 applicant.

- 1 (k) No employment agent or representative shall, when acting
- 2 in the capacity of either an employer or an employment agent or
- 3 representative, engage in any policies or practices deemed to be
- 4 unlawful discriminatory practices by the act of October 27, 1955
- 5 (P.L.744), the "Pennsylvania Human Relations Act," as amended.
- 6 (1) Every employment agent shall give to each applicant who
- 7 signs a contract, a copy of said contract at the time of
- 8 application.
- 9 (m) No employment agent shall charge a fee for its services
- 10 until the applicant has accepted a position. "Accept a position"
- 11 shall mean that an applicant has actually reported for work
- 12 having met all of the conditions of employment, or has a
- 13 definite agreement with an employer concerning starting date,
- 14 starting salary (including bonuses, commissions, etc.) and
- 15 duties.
- 16 For a position known to be of a duration of ten (10) weeks or
- 17 less or for a position that the applicant loses within a period
- 18 of ten (10) weeks after the starting date, the fee will be a
- 19 maximum of ten (10%) percent of the amount earned, except if the
- 20 applicant fails to report as agreed or resigns to accept
- 21 employment elsewhere, then the agency shall be entitled to its
- 22 full fee.
- 23 (n) No employment agent shall charge a registration fee. Any
- 24 person who violates any provision of this section is quilty of a
- 25 summary offense and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced
- 26 to pay a fine of not less than one hundred (\$100) dollars nor
- 27 more than five hundred (\$500) dollars, or, in default of
- 28 payment, shall undergo imprisonment for a period of not more
- 29 than thirty (30) days.]
- 30 Section 10. Sections 21 and 22 of the act, added October 16,

- 1 1972 (P.L.917, No.220), are repealed:
- 2 [Section 21. If, after conviction of any violation of this
- 3 act or the rules and regulations pertaining thereto, an
- 4 employment agent persists in violating this act and the rules
- 5 and regulations pertaining thereto, by three (3) or more
- 6 convictions in any twenty-four-month period, the department may
- 7 suspend the license of said agent after hearing upon due notice
- 8 to the holder of such license. The period of such suspension
- 9 shall be at the discretion of the department, but in any case
- 10 shall not be less than ten (10) calendar days nor exceed ninety
- 11 (90) days. Upon order of suspension of the license, the
- 12 employment agent shall immediately deliver the license to the
- 13 department and shall cease and desist all activity as an
- 14 employment agent for the duration of the suspension.
- Any person who violates the provision of this section is
- 16 quilty of a summary offense and upon conviction thereof shall be
- 17 sentenced to pay a fine of not less than two hundred (\$200)
- 18 dollars, nor more than five hundred (\$500) dollars and in
- 19 addition thereto, the license of such employment agent may be
- 20 revoked at the request of the department.
- 21 Section 22. Any person who violates any provision of this
- 22 act or the rules and regulations pertaining thereto for which no
- 23 other specific penalty is provided shall be guilty of a summary
- 24 offense and upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a
- 25 fine of not less than one hundred (\$100) dollars nor more than
- 26 five hundred (\$500) dollars, or to, on default in the payment
- 27 thereof, undergo imprisonment for a period of not more than
- 28 thirty (30) days.]
- 29 Section 11. Section 23 of the act, added and repealed in
- 30 part October 16, 1972 (P.L.917, No.220) and April 28, 1978

- 1 (P.L.202, No.53), is repealed:
- 2 [Section 23. As an alternative, supplemental and additional
- 3 remedy in cases of unlawful practices, the department may
- 4 institute proceedings in the court asking for the revocation of
- 5 such license.
- 6 Whenever a license shall be revoked, the department shall
- 7 not, within one (1) year, of such revocation, issue another
- 8 license to such person. No such person shall be employed during
- 9 such period by any other employment agent.]
- 10 Section 12. Sections 24, 25, 26 and 27 of the act, added
- 11 October 16, 1972 (P.L.917, No.220), are repealed:
- 12 [Section 24. There is hereby created in the Department of
- 13 Labor and Industry an Employment Agency Advisory Council
- 14 consisting of seven (7) members to be appointed for a term of
- 15 two (2) years by the secretary to assist him in carrying out his
- 16 duties under this act and for the purpose of conducting public
- 17 hearings at the request of the secretary to recommend rules and
- 18 regulations for the implementation of this act.
- 19 The members of the advisory council shall, insofar as
- 20 possible, be geographically representative of the various
- 21 segments of the private employment agency business, one from the
- 22 Eastern Pennsylvania area, one from the Central Pennsylvania
- 23 area, one from the Western Pennsylvania area, one from the
- 24 Bureau of Consumer Protection, one from the Department of Labor
- 25 and Industry and two citizens of the Commonwealth of good
- 26 repute. The council shall organize and elect a chairman and
- 27 thereafter meet upon the call of the chairman or a majority of
- 28 the members. Each member of the council shall receive thirty
- 29 (\$30) dollars per day plus necessary expenses for each day
- 30 actually spent in the performance of his duty.

- 1 The council shall have the power and duty to:
- 2 (1) Consult with the secretary concerning any matter arising
- 3 under the administration of this act.
- 4 (2) Conduct hearings at the request of the secretary to
- 5 develop rules and regulations for the implementation of this
- 6 act.
- 7 (3) Advise the secretary on matters pertaining to the
- 8 private employment agency industry.
- 9 Section 25. The secretary shall be charged with the
- 10 enforcement of the provisions of this act and shall have power
- 11 to make and enforce such reasonable rules and regulations for
- 12 the conduct of the business of employment agents as may be
- 13 necessary to carry out the laws relating thereto. For the
- 14 purpose of enforcing this act, the secretary shall appoint
- 15 inspectors who shall have power to execute and serve all
- 16 warrants and processes of law issued by any justice of the
- 17 peace, alderman and magistrate or by any court of competent
- 18 jurisdiction in the same manner as sheriffs, constables or
- 19 police officers may serve and execute such processes. Such
- 20 inspectors may arrest on view and without warrant any unlicensed
- 21 person detected by them violating any of the provisions of this
- 22 act and may take such person so offending before any justice of
- 23 the peace, alderman or magistrate and there make a complaint
- 24 against him.
- 25 Section 26. All registers, books, records and other papers
- 26 required by this act to be kept by any employment agent shall be
- 27 open at all reasonable hours to the inspection of the department
- 28 and its inspectors. An auditor may be sent to the office of any
- 29 employment agent by the department at least once a year, or more
- 30 often if necessary, to obtain information for the use of the

- 1 department.
- 2 Section 27. All moneys or fees required to be paid under
- 3 this act shall be collected by the department and by it paid
- 4 into the State Treasury through the Department of Revenue.]
- 5 Section 13. This act shall take effect in 60 days.