

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE BILL

## No. 2524

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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, SEPTEMBER 13, 1982

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## AN ACT

1 Amending the act of August 21, 1953 (P.L.1273, No.361), entitled  
2 "An act to regulate the business of private detectives,  
3 investigators and watch, guard, or patrol agencies, and the  
4 licensing thereof in each county; providing penalties,"  
5 further excluding certain persons from the provisions of the  
6 act.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. Section 15, act of August 21, 1953 (P.L.1273,  
10 No.361), known as "The Private Detective Act of 1953," is  
11 amended to read:

12 Section 15. Application of Act.--Nothing in this act shall  
13 apply to any detective officer or man belonging to the  
14 Pennsylvania State Police, or to the police force of any county,  
15 city, borough, township, or incorporated town, or any employe of  
16 such State Police, or such police force, appointed or elected by

1 due authority of law, while engaged in the performance of their  
2 official duties or, IF THE BONDING REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 6 ARE <—  
3 FULFILLED, while ~~in~~ engaged off-duty in the performance of <—  
4 duties as set forth in clause 11 of subsection (b) of section 2,  
5 nor to any person, partnership, association, or corporation, or  
6 any bureau or agency, whose business is exclusively the  
7 furnishing of information as to the business and financial  
8 standing and credit responsibility of persons, partnerships,  
9 associations, or corporations, or as to the personal habits and  
10 financial responsibility of applicants for insurance, indemnity  
11 bonds, or commercial credit, or of claimants under insurance  
12 policies, and whose business does not embrace other activities  
13 described in section 2 of this act, nor to any corporation duly  
14 authorized by the Commonwealth to operate a fire alarm  
15 protection business, nor to any person while engaged in the  
16 business of adjuster for an insurance company, nor to any person  
17 regularly employed as special agent, detective or investigator  
18 exclusively by one employer in connection with the affairs of  
19 that employer only, nor to any charitable or philanthropic  
20 society or association duly incorporated under the laws of the  
21 Commonwealth and which is organized and maintained for the  
22 public good and not for private profit, nor shall anything in  
23 this act contained be construed to affect in any way attorneys  
24 or counselors at law in the regular practice of their  
25 profession, but such exemption shall not enure to the benefit of  
26 any employe or representative of such attorney or counselor at  
27 law who is not employed solely, exclusively and regularly by  
28 such attorney or counselor at law, nor to persons in the  
29 exclusive employment of common carriers subject to regulation by  
30 the interstate commerce commission or the Public Utility

1 Commission of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, nor to  
2 investigators in the employment of credit bureaus. [No] Except  
3 for the duties set forth in clause (11) of subsection (b) of  
4 section 2 which may be performed by any detective officer or a  
5 member of the Pennsylvania State Police or to the police force <—  
6 of any county, city, borough, township or incorporated town, or  
7 any employe of such State Police or such police force appointed  
8 or elected by due authority of law, no person, partnership,  
9 association, corporation, or any bureau or agency, exempted  
10 hereunder from the application of this act, shall perform any  
11 manner of detective service as described in section 2 hereof for  
12 any other person, partnership, association, corporation, bureau  
13 or agency, whether for fee, hire, reward, other compensation,  
14 remuneration, or consideration, or as an accommodation without  
15 fee, reward, or remuneration, or by a reciprocal arrangement  
16 whereby such services are exchanged on request of parties  
17 thereto. The commission of a single act prohibited by this act  
18 shall constitute a violation thereof.

19 Nothing in this act shall be construed to affect or prohibit  
20 the right of any person to form, or become affiliated with, or  
21 to continue as a member of, any union, association, society, or  
22 organization of his own choosing.

23 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.