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1982

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, JUNE 1, 1982

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
17 due authority of law, while engaged in the performance of their

1 official duties or while in engaged off-duty in the performance
2 of duties as set forth in clause 11 of subsection (b) of section
3 2, nor to any person, partnership, association, or corporation,
4 or any bureau or agency, whose business is exclusively the
5 furnishing of information as to the business and financial
6 standing and credit responsibility of persons, partnerships,
7 associations, or corporations, or as to the personal habits and
8 financial responsibility of applicants for insurance, indemnity
9 bonds, or commercial credit, or of claimants under insurance
10 policies, and whose business does not embrace other activities
11 described in section 2 of this act, nor to any corporation duly
12 authorized by the Commonwealth to operate a fire alarm
13 protection business, nor to any person while engaged in the
14 business of adjuster for an insurance company, nor to any person
15 regularly employed as special agent, detective or investigator
16 exclusively by one employer in connection with the affairs of
17 that employer only, nor to any charitable or philanthropic
18 society or association duly incorporated under the laws of the
19 Commonwealth and which is organized and maintained for the
20 public good and not for private profit, nor shall anything in
21 this act contained be construed to affect in any way attorneys
22 or counselors at law in the regular practice of their
23 profession, but such exemption shall not enure to the benefit of
24 any employe or representative of such attorney or counselor at
25 law who is not employed solely, exclusively and regularly by
26 such attorney or counselor at law, nor to persons in the
27 exclusive employment of common carriers subject to regulation by
28 the interstate commerce commission or the Public Utility
29 Commission of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, nor to
30 investigators in the employment of credit bureaus. [No] Except

1 for the duties set forth in clause (11) of subsection (b) of
2 section 2 which may be performed by any detective officer or a
3 member of the Pennsylvania State Police or to the police force
4 of any county, city, borough, township or incorporated town, or
5 any employe of such State Police or such police force appointed
6 or elected by due authority of law, no person, partnership,
7 association, corporation, or any bureau or agency, exempted
8 hereunder from the application of this act, shall perform any
9 manner of detective service as described in section 2 hereof for
10 any other person, partnership, association, corporation, bureau
11 or agency, whether for fee, hire, reward, other compensation,
12 remuneration, or consideration, or as an accommodation without
13 fee, reward, or remuneration, or by a reciprocal arrangement
14 whereby such services are exchanged on request of parties
15 thereto. The commission of a single act prohibited by this act
16 shall constitute a violation thereof.

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

21 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.