

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

**SENATE BILL**

**No. 464**      Session of  
2005

INTRODUCED BY SCARNATI, JUBELIRER, BRIGHTBILL, ORIE, VANCE,  
GORDNER, PIPPY, MADIGAN, RAFFERTY, CORMAN, THOMPSON,  
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WONDERLING, FERLO AND RHOADES, MARCH 28, 2005

REFERRED TO LABOR AND INDUSTRY, MARCH 28, 2005

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of December 5, 1936 (2nd Sp.Sess., 1937  
2 P.L.2897, No.1), entitled "An act establishing a system of  
3 unemployment compensation to be administered by the  
4 Department of Labor and Industry and its existing and newly  
5 created agencies with personnel (with certain exceptions)  
6 selected on a civil service basis; requiring employers to  
7 keep records and make reports, and certain employers to pay  
8 contributions based on payrolls to provide moneys for the  
9 payment of compensation to certain unemployed persons;  
10 providing procedure and administrative details for the  
11 determination, payment and collection of such contributions  
12 and the payment of such compensation; providing for  
13 cooperation with the Federal Government and its agencies;  
14 creating certain special funds in the custody of the State  
15 Treasurer; and prescribing penalties," further providing for  
16 limitation on fees.

17 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
18 hereby enacts as follows:

19 Section 1. Section 702 of the act of December 5, 1936 (2nd  
20 Sp.Sess., 1937 P.L.2897, No.1), known as the Unemployment  
21 Compensation Law, amended September 29, 1951 (P.L.1580, No.408),  
22 is amended to read:

23 Section 702. Limitation of Fees.--No employer or employe  
24 shall be charged fees of any kind in any proceeding under this

1 act by the department, the board, or any of its officers or  
2 agents. Any [individual claiming compensation] party involved in  
3 any proceeding before the department, the board, or referee may  
4 be represented by counsel or other duly authorized agent; but no  
5 such counsel or agent shall either charge or receive any greater  
6 fee for such services than is approved by the board. Any person  
7 who violates any provision of this section shall be guilty of a  
8 misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to  
9 pay a fine of not less than fifty dollars nor more than five  
10 hundred dollars, or be imprisoned for not more than six months,  
11 or both.

12 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.