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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, AUGUST 23, 2012

## AN ACT

1	Amending the act of December 22, 1983 (P.L.327, No.85),
2	entitled, as amended, "An act imposing regulations and
3	licensing requirements on auctioneers, apprentice
4	auctioneers, auction houses, auction companies and trading
5	assistants; imposing powers and duties on the State Board of
6	Auctioneer Examiners; and making repeals," further providing
7	for the title of the act, for definitions, for auctioneer and
8	apprentice auctioneer licenses, for status of existing
9	licensees and for applications for initial and renewal
10	licenses; providing for registration of trading assistants
11	and trading assistant companies; further providing for
12	special licensees to furnish bond and for authority to
13	transact business not transferable; repealing provisions
14	relating to auction house license, auction company license,
15	trading assistant registration and nonresident licensees;
16	further providing for reciprocity with other states;
17	repealing provisions relating to licensee and registrant to
18	furnish bond; and further providing for no other license or
19	registration required, for list of licensees and registrants,
20	for records of sales, for contracts for conduct of
21	transaction, for display of licenses, for investigations and
22	enforcement actions, for escrow account, for hearing on
23	charges, for administration and enforcement, for revocation
24	or suspension of license or registration, for issuance of new
25	license or registration pending investigation and decision,
26	for issuance of new license or registration after revocation,
27	for penalties and for actions by unlicensed persons
28	prohibited.

1 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania 2 hereby enacts as follows: 3 Section 1. The title of the act of December 22, 1983 (P.L.327, No.85), known as the Auctioneer Licensing and Trading 4 Assistant Registration Act, amended October 8, 2008 (P.L.1080, 5 6 No.89), is amended to read: 7 AN ACT 8 Imposing regulations and licensing requirements on auctioneers, 9 apprentice auctioneers, auction [houses, auction] companies, 10 trading assistants and trading [assistants] assistant 11 companies; imposing powers and duties on the State Board of 12 Auctioneer Examiners; and making repeals. 13 Section 1.1. Section 2 of the act, amended October 8, 2008 14 (P.L.1080, No.89), is amended to read: Section 2. Definitions. 15 16 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the 17 18 context clearly indicates otherwise: 19 "Apprentice auctioneer." [A person] An individual who is 20 licensed under this act as an apprentice auctioneer. "Auction" or "sale at auction." 21 22 (1) The offer [to sell] for sale of property [by an 23 auctioneer or apprentice auctioneer to the members of an 24 audience congregated for the purpose of making bids for the 25 purchase of the property] through the solicitation of bids 26 from one or more potential buyers in an effort [by the 27 auctioneer or apprentice auctioneer] to advance the amount of 28 the bids to obtain the highest or most favorable offer 29 regardless of the venue or format utilized. (2) The term "auction" or "sale at auction" includes: 30

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1	(i) live auctions;
2	(ii) online auctions;
3	(iii) real-time auctions;
4	(iv) extended auctions; and
5	(v) any similar such events as may be devised with
6	the development of technology, or otherwise involving the
7	sale of property and the advancement of the price through
8	a bidding process.
9	(3) The term "auction" or "sale at auction" excludes any
10	sale conducted through an [online] Internet [bidding]
11	competitive consignment sale platform.
12	"Auction company." [A company which, as part of its
13	business, arranges, manages, sponsors, advertises or carries out
14	auctions.] <u>A legally recognized entity which sells or attempts</u>
15	to sell property at auction or performs, or offers to perform,
16	any of the functions or activities requiring licensure as an
17	auction company under section 3(a)(1). The term includes any
18	legally recognized entity which holds itself out as engaged in
19	the business of selling property at auction.
20	"Auction house." An established place of business,
21	including, but not limited to, an auction barn, a sale barn and
22	a sale pavilion, where two or more auctions are held within any
23	12-month period and where representations are regularly made
24	that property is sold at auction. The term does not include
25	premises where isolated or periodic sales are conducted by an
26	auctioneer or auctioneer apprentice and which are used primarily
27	for purposes other than auctions or sales at auction.
28	"Auctioneer." [A person] <u>An individual</u> who sells or offers
29	or attempts to sell property at auction. The term includes [any
30	person who holds] <u>an individual who:</u>

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1	(1) Engages in or offers the calling for and recognition
2	of bids at auction.
3	(2) Engages in or offers any of the activities of an
4	auction company.
5	(3) Performs, or offers to perform, any of the functions
6	or activities requiring licensure under section 3(a)(1).
7	(4) Holds himself out as engaged in the business of
8	selling property at auction.
9	"Auctioneer-of-record." The licensed auctioneer designated
10	by an auction company as its auctioneer-of-record. The
11	auctioneer-of-record is principally responsible for the conduct
12	of the auctions of the auction company in accordance with this
13	act.
14	"Board." The State Board of Auctioneer Examiners [in the
15	Department of State].
16	"Commissioner." The Commissioner of Professional and
17	Occupational Affairs in the Department of State.
18	"Department." The Department of State.
19	"Extended auction." An auction or sale at auction conducted
20	in whole or in part online at which bids are received over an
21	extended period of time identified by a starting time and ending
22	time that may encompass multiple minutes, hours, days or other
23	periods.
24	"Internet competitive consignment sale platform." Hardware
25	or software architecture that provides or enables computer
26	access by multiple users to an interactive computer server for
27	the purpose of allowing users to offer property for sale and
28	that does not examine, set the price or prepare the description
29	of the property to be offered.
30	"Legally recognized entity." A partnership, association,

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1	corporation, limited liability company or other entity
2	recognized under the laws of this Commonwealth or any other
3	<u>state.</u>
4	"Licensee." [A person licensed under this act including an
5	auctioneer, apprentice auctioneer, holder of a special license
6	and, in the case of an auction house or company, the person
7	required to obtain the license.] An individual licensed under
8	this act as an auctioneer, apprentice auctioneer or holder of a
9	special license and a legally recognized entity licensed under
10	this act as an auction company.
11	"Live auction." An auction or sale at auction at which one
12	or more members of an audience are present in person, are
13	communicating telephonically or by other digital or electronic
14	means or are participating by absentee bid.
15	"Online auction." An auction or sale at auction conducted
16	over the Internet or similar interactive communication media.
17	["Online Internet bidding platform." Hardware or software
18	architecture that provides or enables computer access by
19	multiple users to an interactive computer server for the purpose
20	of allowing users to offer property for sale and that does not
21	examine, set the price or prepare the description of the
22	property to be offered.]
23	"On-site auction." An auction or sale at auction conducted
24	at the seller's residential or business location where the
25	property to be sold is located.
26	"Person." An individual[, partnership, association,
27	corporation, limited liability company or other] or a legally
28	recognized entity.
29	"Property." Real and personal property, including both
30	tangible and intangible personal property. The term includes,
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but is not limited to, domestic animals and farm products. 1 2 "Qualified [auctioneer] <u>sponsor</u>." A currently licensed 3 auctioneer residing in this Commonwealth. "Real-time auction." An auction or sale at auction at which 4 bids are solicited and received contemporaneously, in real time. 5 6 "Registrant." A person registered under this act as a 7 trading assistant or a trading assistant company. 8 "Seller." The owner of property, or the legal representative or agent of the owner of property, who consigns or otherwise 9 agrees to have the property sold at auction or sale by auction 10 or by way of an Internet competitive consignment sale platform. 11 12 "Special licensee." The holder of a special license issued 13 pursuant to section 3. 14 "Temporary venue." A venue, including a rented hall, used primarily for other purposes, at which an auction or sale at 15 16 auction is held by an auction company or an auctioneer, regardless of the frequency of the auctions or sales at auction. 17 18 "Trading assistant." An individual who, for a commission or fee, conducts or intends to conduct a business within this 19 20 Commonwealth of accepting personal property [to sell] on\_ consignment from the owner or seller of the personal property to 21 be sold on behalf of [another] the owner or seller through an 22 23 [online] Internet [bidding] <u>competitive consignment sale</u> 24 platform, or who performs, or offers to perform, any of the 25 functions or activities requiring registration under section 26 5.1(a). "Trading assistant company." A legally recognized entity\_ 27 28 that for a commission or fee, conducts or intends to conduct a 29 business within this Commonwealth of accepting personal property on consignment from the owner or seller of such personal 30

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property, to be sold on behalf of the owner or seller through an 1 Internet competitive consignment sale platform, or who performs, 2 or offers to perform, any of the functions or activities 3 requiring registration under section 5.1(a). 4 5 Section 2. Section 3 of the act, amended October 8, 2008 (P.L.1080, No.89), is amended to read: 6 7 Section 3. Auctioneer [and], apprentice auctioneer, auctioneer 8 company and special licenses. 9 (a) Requirement for license. -- [Notwithstanding section 10.1, 10 it] (1) It is unlawful for any person to engage in or carry 11 12 on the business or profession of an auctioneer or an auction 13 company, to conduct [a] an auction or sale at auction, to 14 hold himself out as an auctioneer or as an apprentice auctioneer, to hold itself out as an auction company or to 15 offer to conduct auctions or sales at auction in this 16 17 Commonwealth without first obtaining from the board a license 18 as an auctioneer [or apprentice auctioneer. Any member, 19 officer or employee of a partnership, association or 20 corporation who attempts to sell at auction or who is 21 actively engaged in the auction profession must have a 22 license as an auctioneer or apprentice auctioneer.], apprentice auctioneer, auction company or special license. 23 24 (2) (i) Without limiting the other provisions of this 25 subsection, and regardless of whether the computer system 26 or server utilized in connection with an online auction 27 is physically located within this Commonwealth or outside this Commonwealth, a license under this act shall be 28 29 required for any person offering to conduct or agreeing to conduct an online auction, or conducting an online 30

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1	auction, if:
2	(A) the seller or owner is situate in this
3	Commonwealth at the time the offer is made, the
4	agreement is made or the online auction is held;
5	(B) the online auction involves the sale of real
6	property situate in this Commonwealth; or
7	(C) the online auction involves the sale of
8	personal property situate in this Commonwealth at the
9	time the offer is made, the agreement is made or the
10	online auction is held.
11	(ii) Under this section licensure is not required
12	under circumstances in which the owner or seller
13	initiates contact with an auctioneer, auction company or
14	other provider of auction services located outside of
15	this Commonwealth to sell personal property at an online
16	auction outside of this Commonwealth.
17	(3) Any owner, member, officer or employee of an auction
18	company who engages in or offers the calling for and
19	recognition of bids at an auction must have a license as an
19 20	recognition of bids at an auction must have a license as an auctioneer or apprentice auctioneer.
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20	auctioneer or apprentice auctioneer.
20 21	auctioneer or apprentice auctioneer. (4) Licensees under this act shall be authorized to
20 21 22	<u>auctioneer or apprentice auctioneer.</u> <u>(4) Licensees under this act shall be authorized to</u> <u>conduct auctions at any venue within this Commonwealth</u> ,
20 21 22 23	<u>auctioneer or apprentice auctioneer.</u> <u>(4) Licensees under this act shall be authorized to</u> <u>conduct auctions at any venue within this Commonwealth,</u> <u>including on-site auctions and auctions held at auction</u>
20 21 22 23 24	<u>auctioneer or apprentice auctioneer.</u> <u>(4) Licensees under this act shall be authorized to</u> <u>conduct auctions at any venue within this Commonwealth,</u> <u>including on-site auctions and auctions held at auction</u> <u>houses and temporary venues, and in any format, including</u>
20 21 22 23 24 25	<u>auctioneer or apprentice auctioneer.</u> <u>(4) Licensees under this act shall be authorized to</u> <u>conduct auctions at any venue within this Commonwealth,</u> <u>including on-site auctions and auctions held at auction</u> <u>houses and temporary venues, and in any format, including</u> <u>live auctions and online auctions, whether real-time or</u>
20 21 22 23 24 25 26	<u>auctioneer or apprentice auctioneer.</u> <u>(4) Licensees under this act shall be authorized to</u> <u>conduct auctions at any venue within this Commonwealth,</u> <u>including on-site auctions and auctions held at auction</u> <u>houses and temporary venues, and in any format, including</u> <u>live auctions and online auctions, whether real-time or</u> <u>extended, together with any and all related activities.</u>
20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27	auctioneer or apprentice auctioneer. (4) Licensees under this act shall be authorized to conduct auctions at any venue within this Commonwealth, including on-site auctions and auctions held at auction houses and temporary venues, and in any format, including live auctions and online auctions, whether real-time or extended, together with any and all related activities. Events constituting auctions and auction-related activities

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of the board, upon payment of the license fees required and upon 1 2 compliance with the requirements of this act, to issue a license 3 as an auctioneer or apprentice auctioneer to individuals or as an auctioneer to partnerships, associations and corporations who 4 qualify under and comply with this act. The board shall 5 supervise and control all licenses issued under this act.] 6 7 (c) Qualifications in general for license.--[Licenses] 8 Auctioneer, apprentice auctioneer and special auctioneer licenses shall be granted only to [persons] individuals who have 9 a good reputation for honesty, truthfulness, integrity and 10 competence to transact the business of <u>an</u> auctioneer or 11 12 apprentice auctioneer in a manner as to safequard the interest 13 of the public and only after satisfactory proof of these 14 qualifications has been presented to the board as required by this act and regulation. 15

(d) [Qualifications for apprentice] <u>Apprentice</u> auctioneer license.--To qualify for an apprentice auctioneer license, [a person] <u>an individual</u> must be sponsored and employed for compensation by a qualified [auctioneer] <u>sponsor</u> who employs no more than one other apprentice auctioneer.

(e) [Qualifications for auctioneer] <u>Auctioneer</u> license.--To
qualify for an auctioneer license, [a person] <u>an individual</u> must
have passed the prescribed examination after having:

(1) served an apprenticeship as a licensed apprentice
auctioneer for a period of not less than two years in the
employ of a qualified [auctioneer] <u>sponsor</u> and participated
for compensation in no less than 30 auctions; or

(2) successfully completed a prescribed course of study
in auctioneering of at least 20 credit hours at a school
approved by the board.

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1 (e.1) Auction company license.--

2 (1) Every legally recognized entity shall, before
3 operating as an auction company, obtain an auction company
4 license issued by the board.

5 (2) Every auction company shall designate an auctioneerof-record. Each auction company licensed under this act shall 6 designate an individual licensed as an auctioneer under this 7 act to serve as the auction company's auctioneer-of-record. 8 9 The designation of the auctioneer-of-record shall be made in the initial application for licensure as an auction company 10 and in each application for renewal of an auction company 11 12 license. The auctioneer-of-record may be an employee, 13 independent contractor or other agent of the auction company, 14 and there shall be no requirement that the auctioneer-ofrecord have an ownership interest in, or be an officer of, 15 the auction company. The auctioneer-of-record is principally 16 responsible for the conduct of the auctions of the auction 17 company in accordance with this act. However, nothing in this 18 19 act shall limit or restrict the ability of an auction company 20 to utilize the services of one or more auctioneers in 21 addition to the auctioneer identified as auctioneer of 22 record, and it shall not be necessary for the auctioneer-of-23 record to be present at every auction conducted by the 24 auction company, provided that a licensed auctioneer is 25 present to conduct the activities required to be conducted by 26 a licensed auctioneer under this act and to supervise any apprentice auctioneer. An auction company license becomes 27 invalid if the license of the auctioneer-of-record is not 28 29 renewed or is suspended or revoked or if the auctioneer-of-30 record becomes deceased or otherwise ceases to be the auction

1 <u>company's auctioneer-of-record without substitution by a</u>

2 <u>successor auctioneer-of-record.</u>

3 (3) Within 15 calendar days after an auction company's
4 auctioneer-of-record ceases to serve as auctioneer-of-record,
5 both the auction company and the auctioneer-of-record shall
6 have the obligation to notify the board in writing of the
7 termination of such status.

8 (f) [Qualifications for license reissued] Reissuance of license after long inactivity. -- Any [person] individual to whom 9 10 an auctioneer or apprentice auctioneer license has been issued and who has been inactive as an auctioneer or apprentice 11 12 auctioneer for a period of seven years without renewing the 13 license issued to him shall be required to submit to and pass an 14 examination approved by the board prior to having a license 15 reissued to him.

16 Designation of auctioneer-of-record.--If the applicant [ (a) 17 for a license is a partnership, association or corporation, then 18 a member of the partnership or association or an officer of the 19 corporation, who is licensed in this Commonwealth as an 20 auctioneer, must be designated as the auctioneer-of-record. The 21 auctioneer-of-record is principally responsible for the conduct of the auctions of the partnership, association or corporation 22 23 in accordance with this act. A partnership, association or 24 corporation auctioneer license becomes invalid if the license of the auctioneer-of-record is not renewed or is suspended or 25 26 revoked.]

27 (g.1) Special license to conduct auction.--An auctioneer or
28 auction company authorized to engage in auctioneering in another
29 state shall, on application and payment of the license fee, be
30 issued a special license for each specifically identified

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auction conducted in this Commonwealth. Applications must be 1 made 20 days in advance of the auction or sale at auction and 2 must include the name and address of the consignor or owner of 3 all items to be sold. All applications are subject to approval 4 5 by the board and shall include proof of authority to engage in auctioneering in the other state. 6 7 Sales exempt from license requirements.--[(h) 8 The requirement to obtain a license under this act does not 9 apply to sales at auction in the following circumstances: 10 (1) To a specified single sale per year conducted by the owner of property if the owner is not engaged in the business 11 12 of selling the property and if the property is owned by the 13 person in an individual capacity. 14 (2)To a sale conducted by or on behalf of a charitable 15 organization if the person conducting the sale receives no 16 compensation therefor. 17 To a sale conducted by or on behalf of a person (3)18 appointed by judicial order or decree. 19 (4)To a sale conducted in the settlement of any 20 decedent's estate. 21 To a sale conducted by or under the direction of any (5)22 public authority. 23 (6) To any sale required by law to be at auction. 24 (i) Special license to conduct auction.--An auctioneer 25 authorized to engage in auctioneering in another state shall, 26 upon application and payment of the license fee, be issued a 27 special license for each auction conducted by him. Applications must be made 20 days in advance of the sale and must include the 28 29 name and address of the consignor or owner of all items to be 30 sold. All applications are subject to approval by the board and

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1 shall include proof of authority to engage in auctioneering in 2 the other state.]

3 Section 2.1. The act is amended by adding a section to read:
4 Section 3.1. Sales exempt from license requirements.

5 The requirement to obtain a license under this act does not 6 apply to sales at auction in the following circumstances:

- 7 <u>(1) To a specified single sale per year conducted by the</u> 8 <u>owner of property if the owner is not engaged in the business</u>
- 9 of selling the property and if the property is owned by the
- 10 person in an individual capacity.
- 11 (2) To a sale conducted by or on behalf of a charitable
- 12 <u>organization if the person conducting the sale receives no</u>
- 13 <u>compensation therefor.</u>
- 14 (3) To a sale conducted by or on behalf of a person
  15 appointed by judicial order or decree.
- 16 <u>(4) To a sale conducted in the settlement of any</u>
- 17 <u>decedent's estate conducted by the executor or administrator</u>
- 18 <u>of the estate.</u>
- 19 (5) To a sale conducted by or under the direction of any
   20 public authority.
- 21 Section 3. Section 4 of the act is amended by adding a
- 22 subsection to read:
- 23 Section 4. Status of existing licensees.
- 24 \* \* \*
- 25 (c) Licensed auction houses.--An auction house license
- 26 issued under and pursuant to this act and existing on the
- 27 <u>effective date of this paragraph shall remain in full force and</u>
- 28 effect through February 28, 2013, at which time the license
- 29 shall expire and shall not be subject to renewal. Thereafter,
- 30 auction house licenses will no longer be issued or renewed in

this Commonwealth, and any holder of an auction house license as 1 of February 28, 2013, who is not also the holder of an auction 2 company license shall be required to obtain either an auction 3 company license or an auctioneer's license in order to continue 4 in the business and profession of auctioneering in this 5 Commonwealth. 6 Section 4. Section 5 of the act, amended October 8, 2008 7 8 (P.L.1080, No.89), is amended to read: Section 5. Applications for initial and renewal licenses. 9 (a) Application for auctioneer license.--Applications for 10 license as an auctioneer shall be made to the board in writing 11 12 [upon] on forms provided by the board which shall contain such 13 information as [to the individual or, if the applicant is a 14 partnership, association or corporation, as to its members or officers, as] the board requires. [If the applicant is an 15 16 individual, the application shall be signed by that individual. 17 If the applicant is a partnership or an association, the 18 application shall be signed by a member. If the applicant is a 19 corporation, the application shall be signed by an officer.] An 20 application by a licensed apprentice auctioneer seeking to 21 qualify on the basis of an apprenticeship shall contain or be accompanied by satisfactory evidence that the applicant was in 22 23 the employ of a sponsor for at least two years and participated 24 for compensation in not less than 30 auctions on the dates and 25 at the locations provided by the applicant. Upon the filing of 26 an application, the board shall investigate the allegations 27 contained in the application and if, upon investigation, it 28 finds the allegations untrue, it may refuse to examine or 29 license the applicant or may revoke any license issued to the applicant on the basis of materially untrue allegations 30

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1 contained in the application for a license. The board shall set 2 forth in writing its findings and reasons for its refusal or 3 revocation and furnish a copy to the applicant.

4 Application for apprentice auctioneer license.--(b) 5 Applications for license as an apprentice auctioneer shall be made to the board in writing [upon] on forms provided by the 6 board which shall contain such information as to the applicant 7 as the board requires. For license renewals, the licensee shall 8 set forth the period of time, if any, during which [he] the 9 10 apprentice auctioneer was engaged in the auction profession, stating the name of [his present] the apprentice auctioneer's 11 12 current sponsor and any former sponsor for the period of five 13 years immediately preceding the date of the renewal. If it becomes necessary to change sponsors, the apprentice auctioneer 14 15 must notify the board by letter upon the termination of the 16 sponsorship and submit a transfer form, provided by the board, when a new sponsor is obtained. An apprentice auctioneer license 17 18 is invalid when there is no sponsoring auctioneer and credit 19 does not accrue during that time. A license will be reissued 20 when the apprentice auctioneer submits a transfer form which informs the board that [he] the apprentice auctioneer has 21 secured a new sponsor. 22

23 (b.1) Application for auction company license.--Every 24 legally recognized entity seeking an auction company license shall file with the board an application in writing on forms 25 provided by the board which shall contain such information as to 26 the applicant and as to the members or officers of the 27 applicant, as the board shall require. Each application shall 28 29 identify an auctioneer-of-record. On the filing of an application, the board shall investigate the allegations 30

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<u>contained in the application and if, on investigation, it finds</u>
 <u>the allegations untrue, it may refuse to license the applicant</u>

3 to operate an auction company.

[Examinations] Auctioneer examinations.--The board shall 4 (C) contract with a professional testing organization for the 5 preparation and administration of the auctioneer examination, in 6 7 accordance with section 812.1(a) of the act of April 9, 1929 8 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929. [No person] Except as otherwise provided under this act or by 9 10 regulation, no individual may be issued an auctioneer license 11 unless the [person] individual passes an examination approved by 12 the board. The board shall hold examinations at locations, times 13 and dates prescribed by regulation of the board.

(d) Issuance of new license after revocation.--In the event the license of an auctioneer or an apprentice auctioneer is revoked by the board subsequent to the effective date of this act, no new license may be issued to that person until he complies with all the provisions of this act.

19 Expiration and renewal of license. -- All licenses issued (e) 20 by the board shall be for a maximum term of two years and shall expire on the last day of February of each odd year. It is the 21 duty of all persons licensed to practice as an auctioneer [or], 22 23 apprentice auctioneer [or to operate as an auction house] or 24 auction company to renew the license biennially with the board 25 and to pay the license fee for each biennial license renewal. 26 Applications for renewals of licenses issued under this act shall be made within 60 days prior to the expiration of the 27 28 license [upon] on forms and in the manner provided by the board. 29 Internet sales. -- An applicant or licensee renewing a (f) license under this section must indicate to the board whether or 30

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1	not sales will be conducted via an [online] Internet [bidding]
2	competitive consignment sale platform.
3	Section 5. The act is amended by adding a section to read:
4	Section 5.1. Registration of trading assistants and trading
5	<u>assistant companies.</u>
6	(a) Requirement for registrationIt shall be unlawful for
7	an individual to act as a trading assistant, or for any legally
8	recognized entity to act as a trading assistant company, for a
9	sale, or offer to sell, conducted on an Internet competitive
10	consignment sale platform without either first registering with,
11	or obtaining licensure from, the board. A legally recognized
12	entity conducting business as a trading assistant must register
13	<u>as a trading assistant company even though a member or officer</u>
14	is registered as a trading assistant. Registration is required
15	on a biennial basis, and renewal shall be due on the last day of
16	February of each odd year.
17	(b) ApplicationApplication for registration under this
18	section shall include the following:
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	section shall include the following:
19	section shall include the following: (1) The name of the applicant, the business and the
19 20	section shall include the following: (1) The name of the applicant, the business and the physical location where the business will be conducted.
19 20 21	<pre>section shall include the following:     (1) The name of the applicant, the business and the     physical location where the business will be conducted.     (2) The date the applicant will begin accepting goods</pre>
19 20 21 22	<pre>section shall include the following:     (1) The name of the applicant, the business and the     physical location where the business will be conducted.     (2) The date the applicant will begin accepting goods     for sale through an Internet competitive consignment sale</pre>
19 20 21 22 23	<pre>section shall include the following:     (1) The name of the applicant, the business and the     physical location where the business will be conducted.     (2) The date the applicant will begin accepting goods     for sale through an Internet competitive consignment sale     platform.</pre>
19 20 21 22 23 24	<pre>section shall include the following:     (1) The name of the applicant, the business and the     physical location where the business will be conducted.     (2) The date the applicant will begin accepting goods     for sale through an Internet competitive consignment sale     platform.     (3) The applicant's Pennsylvania tax identification</pre>
19 20 21 22 23 24 25	<pre>section shall include the following:     (1) The name of the applicant, the business and the     physical location where the business will be conducted.     (2) The date the applicant will begin accepting goods     for sale through an Internet competitive consignment sale     platform.     (3) The applicant's Pennsylvania tax identification     number.</pre>
19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26	<pre>section shall include the following:     (1) The name of the applicant, the business and the     physical location where the business will be conducted.     (2) The date the applicant will begin accepting goods     for sale through an Internet competitive consignment sale     platform.     (3) The applicant's Pennsylvania tax identification     number.     (4) The applicant's e-mail address.</pre>
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registration biennially with the board and to pay the fee for 1 each biennial registration. 2 Section 6. Sections 7 and 8 of the act are amended to read: 3 Section 7. [Special licensees] Licensees and registrants to 4 5 furnish bond. General rule.--[A] No license, including a special 6 (a) 7 license, or registration shall be granted or issued to any 8 person under this act until the applicant has filed with the board an approved bond payable to the Commonwealth in the [penal 9 10 sum] amount of \$5,000 [shall accompany every application for a special license]. The bond shall be executed by a surety company 11 authorized by the laws of this Commonwealth to transact business 12 13 in this Commonwealth. The bond shall be for the use of the 14 Commonwealth and for any person or persons who may have a cause of action against a licensee [arising] or registrant under this 15

16 act.

(b) Conditions of bond.--The [conditions] <u>condition</u> of the bond shall be that the licensee, <u>including a special licensee or</u> <u>registrant</u>, will comply with and abide by the provisions of this act and will pay to the Commonwealth, the board or any person or persons any and all money that may come due to the Commonwealth, the board or the person or persons from a licensee <u>or registrant</u> under and by virtue of this act.

(c) Action on bond.--If any person is aggrieved by the
misconduct of any <u>licensee</u>, including a special licensee or
<u>registrant</u> and recovers judgment against the licensee or
<u>registrant</u> therefor, the person may on any execution issued
under the judgment maintain an action upon the bond of the
licensee or registrant in any court having jurisdiction of the
amount claimed.

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1 Section 8. Authority to transact business not transferable. 2 The authority to transact business as an auctioneer, apprentice auctioneer[, auction house] or auction company 3 licensed under [a license issued by the board] this act, or as a 4 trading assistant or trading assistant company registered under 5 this act, is restricted to the person named in the license or 6 7 registration and may not be transferred to the benefit of any 8 other person. [A partnership, association or corporation licensed under this act is only permitted to transact auction 9 10 business through a member, officer or employee who is licensed 11 under this act.]

Section 7. Sections 9 and 10 of the act are repealed:
 [Section 9. Auction house license.

(a) Requirement for license.--Every person, except an individual who is licensed as an auctioneer, shall, before operating an auction house, obtain a license from the board to operate the auction house. Every partnership, association or corporation must obtain a license even though a member or officer is licensed as an auctioneer.

20 (b) Application for license.--Every person seeking a license to operate an auction house shall file with the board an 21 application in writing upon forms provided by the board which 22 23 shall contain such information as to the individual or, if the 24 applicant is a partnership, association or corporation, as to 25 the members or officers, as the board requires. A person must 26 file a separate application for each auction house to be operated. The application shall be accompanied by the license 27 28 fee and surety bond required by this act.

(c) Investigation and refusal of license.--Upon the filingof an application, the board shall investigate the allegations

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1 contained in the application and, if, upon investigation, it 2 finds the allegations untrue, it may refuse to license the 3 applicant to operate an auction house.

4 (d) Information from auctioneer.--A licensed auctioneer who 5 also operates an auction house shall notify the board in writing 6 of the address of each auction house operated by him and of the 7 trade or business name by which each auction house is known. The 8 auctioneer shall notify the board in writing if the operation of 9 the auction house is sold or discontinued or if the name or 10 location of the auction house is changed.

11 Section 10. Auction company license.

(a) Requirement for license.--Every person, except an individual who is licensed as an auctioneer or an individual who is licensed to operate an auction house, shall, before operating an auction company, obtain a license from the board to operate the auction company. Every partnership, association or corporation must obtain a license even though a member or officer is licensed as an auctioneer.

19 (b) Application for license.--Every person seeking a license 20 to operate an auction company shall file with the board an application in writing upon forms provided by the board which 21 shall contain such information as to the individual or, if the 22 23 applicant is a partnership, association or corporation, as to 24 the members or officers, as the board requires. Each application shall be accompanied by the license fee and surety bond required 25 by this act. 26

(c) Investigation and refusal of license.--Upon the filing of an application, the board shall investigate the allegations contained in the application and, if, upon investigation, it finds the allegations untrue, it may refuse to license the

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1 applicant to operate an auction company.

Information from auctioneer or auction house. -- A 2 (d) 3 licensed auctioneer or an individual licensed to operate an auction house, who also operates an auction company, shall 4 notify the board in writing that he is operating an auction 5 company and shall specify the trade or business name and the 6 7 address of the principal place of business of each auction 8 company which he operates. The individual who is licensed as an auctioneer or to operate as an auction house shall notify the 9 10 board in writing if the operation of the auction company is sold or discontinued or if the name or location of the auction 11 12 company is changed.] 13 Section 8. Section 10.1 of the act, added October 8, 2008 14 (P.L.1080, No.89), is repealed: 15 [Section 10.1. Trading assistant registration. 16 (a) Requirement for registration. -- It shall be unlawful for 17 any individual to act as a trading assistant for a sale 18 conducted by competitive bidding without either first 19 registering with or obtaining licensure from the board. 20 Registration is required on a biennial basis. 21 Application.--Application for registration under this (b) 22 section shall include the following: 23 (1)Name of the applicant, the business and the physical 24 location where the business will be conducted. 25 Date the applicant will begin accepting goods for (2) 26 sale through an online Internet bidding platform. 27 Pennsylvania tax identification number. (3) 28 (4) E-mail address. 29 (c) Fee.--A registration fee of \$100 shall be included with 30 each application for registration.]

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1 Section 9. Section 11 of the act is repealed:

2 [Section 11. Nonresident licensees.

3 (a) General rule.--A nonresident of this Commonwealth may be 4 licensed as an auctioneer or apprentice auctioneer or to operate 5 an auction house or auction company upon complying with all the 6 provisions and conditions of this act required of residents of 7 this Commonwealth.

8 (b) Waiver of certain requirements.--The board may waive the 9 requirement for serving an apprenticeship or completing a course 10 of study in auctioneering if the nonresident was:

(1) licensed by another state for at least two years; or (2) established in the business of auctioneering for at least two years and, in the case of states that do not require a license, the board reviews the application to

15 determine the qualifications of the applicant.

16 (c) Limitation on type of property sold.--The nonresident 17 auctioneer or apprentice auctioneer is only permitted to sell at 18 auction in this Commonwealth whatever property the laws of his 19 state permit nonresident auctioneers and apprentice auctioneers 20 to sell at auction.

(d) Ineligibility to sponsor apprentices.--A nonresident
auctioneer is not a qualified auctioneer for the purpose of
sponsoring or employing an apprentice auctioneer.]
Section 10. Section 12 of the act is amended to read:
Section 12. Reciprocity with other states.

(a) [General rule.--A nonresident of this Commonwealth who
applies for a license as an auctioneer or apprentice auctioneer
may be granted a license for which he applies if he is licensed
as an auctioneer or apprentice auctioneer by the proper
authority of the state of his domicile,] Licensure by

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reciprocity .-- In accordance with regulations promulgated by the\_ 1 board, a person who is licensed in good standing as an 2 auctioneer, apprentice auctioneer or auction company in another\_ 3 state may on application to the board be granted licensure as an 4 auctioneer, apprentice auctioneer or auction company in this 5 <u>Commonwealth</u> upon the payment by the applicant of the proper 6 7 [license] application fee and the filing with the board of a 8 properly certified copy of the license issued to the applicant by the [state of his domicile, subject to the following 9 10 limitations:

The auctioneer licensing laws of the nonresident 11 (1)state must extend to licensed auctioneers and apprentice 12 13 auctioneers of this Commonwealth the same rights and 14 privileges and the same authority to conduct auction sales in 15 that state as this act extends to nonresidents of this Commonwealth without the necessity of the licensed 16 17 auctioneers and apprentice auctioneers of this Commonwealth 18 to obtain additional or further licenses or authority from 19 any political subdivision of that state to conduct an auction 20 sale.

(2) The nonresident auctioneer or apprentice auctioneer
 is only permitted to sell at auction in this Commonwealth
 whatever property the laws of his state permit nonresident
 auctioneers and apprentice auctioneers to sell at auction.

25 (b) Bond.--The bond required by this act shall accompany the 26 application.

(c) Change of nonresident status.--The movement from another state or jurisdiction to domicile in this Commonwealth eliminates the possibility of reciprocal licensing set forth in this section and the individual must qualify for a license under

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terms of this act which are applicable to residents of this 1 Commonwealth.] <u>applicant's current licensing state</u>, provided 2 3 that: (1) the requirements for licensure in the applicant's 4 current licensing state are, in the determination of the 5 board, commensurate with the requirements for licensure in 6 7 this Commonwealth; 8 (2) the licensing laws of the applicant's current 9 licensing state extend to licensees of this Commonwealth the same reciprocal rights and privileges in that state without 10 11 the necessity of the licensees in this Commonwealth to obtain 12 additional or further licenses or authority from any 13 political subdivision of that state; and 14 (3) the applicant satisfies all other requirements of licensees and applicants for licensure in this Commonwealth, 15 16 including the requirement to furnish a bond. 17 (b) Regulations governing reciprocity.--The board shall 18 adopt regulations setting forth the requirements for licensure 19 by reciprocity under this act. 20 Section 11. Section 13 of the act, amended October 8, 2008 21 (P.L.1080, No.89), is repealed: 22 [Section 13. Licensee and registrant to furnish bond. 23 (a) General rule. -- An auctioneer, apprentice auctioneer, 24 auction company or auction house license or trading assistant 25 registration shall not be granted or issued to any person until 26 the applicant has filed with the board an approved bond payable to the Commonwealth in the amount of \$5,000. The bond shall be 27 28 executed by a surety company authorized by the laws of this 29 Commonwealth to transact business in this Commonwealth. The bond 30 shall be for the use of the Commonwealth and for any person or

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persons who may have a cause of action against a licensee or
 registrant under this act.

3 (b) Conditions of bond.--The condition of the bond shall be 4 that the licensee or registrant will comply with and abide by 5 the provisions of this act and will pay to the Commonwealth, the 6 board or any person or persons any and all money that may come 7 due the Commonwealth, the board or the person or persons from a 8 licensee or registrant under and by virtue of this act.

9 (c) Action on bond.--If any person is aggrieved by the 10 misconduct of any licensee or registrant and recovers judgment 11 against the licensee or registrant therefor, the person may, on 12 any execution issued under the judgment, maintain an action upon 13 the bond of the licensee or registrant in any court having 14 jurisdiction of the amount claimed.]

15 Section 12. Sections 14, 15, 16 and 17 of the act, amended 16 October 8, 2008 (P.L.1080, No.89), are amended to read: Section 14. No other license or registration required. 17 18 No political subdivision of this Commonwealth shall have the power or authority to levy or collect any license tax or fee 19 20 which is either a regulatory or a revenue measure upon or from any [auctioneer or apprentice auctioneer or trading assistant 21 licensed or registered] licensee or registrant under this act 22 23 nor to require any [auctioneer or apprentice auctioneer] 24 licensee or registrant to be licensed by the political 25 subdivision in order to carry on the business of auctioneer 26 [or], apprentice auctioneer, auction company, trading assistant or trading assistant company, or for an auctioneer or auction 27 28 company to conduct a sale at auction. 29 Section 15. List of licensees and registrants. The board shall maintain a current list of [any person 30

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licensed by or registered with the board] <u>licensees and</u>
 <u>registrants under this act</u>. The list shall be posted on the
 department's Internet website and shall be subject to the act of
 February 14, 2008 (P.L.6, No.3), known as the Right-to-Know Law.
 Section 16. Records of sales.

(a) General rule.--Every [auctioneer or trading assistant, 6 7 whether acting in his own behalf or as the officer, agent or 8 representative of another, after the receipt or acceptance by him of] licensee and registrant under this act who receives or 9 accepts any property for sale at auction or sale through an 10 [online] Internet [bidding] competitive consignment sale 11 12 platform[,] shall maintain a written record which shall contain 13 the following information, provided that if the transaction is 14 being conducted by an auction company or a trading assistant company, the records shall be maintained by the auction company 15 or trading assistant company: 16

17 (1) The name and address of the [person who employed him 18 to conduct the transaction and of the] owner[, the owner's 19 authorized agent or consignor] of the property to be sold <u>or</u> 20 the owner's authorized agent or representative.

(2) A copy of the written contract authorizing the
 transaction containing the terms and conditions of the
 transaction or a copy of the receiving invoice.

24 (3) A written record of the transaction.

(b) Inspection of records.--The records referred to in
subsection (a) shall be open at all reasonable times for
inspection by the board or any person who is authorized in
writing for that purpose by the board and who exhibits the
written authorization to the [auctioneer or trading assistant]
<u>licensee or registrant</u> before making an inspection.

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1 (C) Retention of records. -- The written records shall be kept 2 on file in the office of the [auctioneer or trading assistant] 3 licensee or registrant for a period of [at least] not less than two years and, if the [auctioneer or trading assistant] licensee 4 or registrant is notified of a complaint against [him] the\_ 5 licensee or registrant, the records shall be maintained [by the 6 7 auctioneer or trading assistant] until the complaint is finally 8 resolved.

9 (d) Receipts.--Every [auctioneer or trading assistant] 10 <u>licensee or registrant</u> must provide a written receipt for all 11 transactions[. A] <u>conducted by the licensee or registrant</u>, which 12 receipt may be provided electronically. [Receipts] <u>Copies of</u> 13 <u>receipts</u> must be retained for [at least] <u>not less than</u> two 14 years.

15 Section 17. Contracts for conduct of transaction.

16 General rule.--]Prior to conducting a transaction, [an [(a) auctioneer or trading assistant] a licensee or registrant shall 17 18 enter into a written contract, in duplicate, with the owner or 19 consignor of the property to be sold, containing the terms and 20 conditions upon which the licensee or registrant agrees to 21 conduct the sale. Each contract shall include the license or 22 registration number of the licensee or registrant conducting the 23 transaction. The contract may be entered into electronically. 24 The contracts shall be kept on file in the office of the 25 [auctioneer or trading assistant and shall be open to inspection 26 as provided in this act. It is unlawful for a person to advertise an auction or sale at auction or a sale through an 27 28 online Internet bidding platform without including in the 29 advertisement or notice of sale the name and license number of 30 the auctioneer, auction house or auction company or the

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registration number of the trading assistant conducting the 1 2 transaction] licensee or registrant and shall be open to inspection as provided in this act. 3 Penalty. -- A person who violates subsection (a) commits 4 [(b)] a summary offense and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to 5 pay a fine not less than \$50.] 6 Section 13. Sections 18 and 20 of the act are amended to 7 8 read: Section 18. Display of licenses and registration certificates. 9 10 (a) General rule.--Every [individual, partnership, association or corporation licensed as an auctioneer] licensee 11 12 and registrant under this act shall prominently display the 13 [license] certificate [in their] of licensure or registration at\_ 14 the licensee's or registrant's office, and the current [renewal] 15 wallet card or any facsimile thereof issued to the licensee or 16 registrant shall be shown on demand of any person at all auctions or sales at auction conducted by any licensee or in 17 18 connection with any transaction conducted by any registrant. 19 (b) Apprentice auctioneers.--All auctioneers shall 20 prominently display in their office the license certificate of 21 any apprentice auctioneer employed by them and the current renewal card or any facsimile thereof of any apprentice 22 23 auctioneer employed by them shall be available on demand at any 24 sale in which an apprentice is employed. A license issued to an 25 apprentice auctioneer shall designate his sponsor by name. 26 Prompt notice in writing within ten days shall be given to the board by the apprentice auctioneer of any change of sponsor and 27 28 of the name of the new sponsor into whose service the apprentice 29 auctioneer is about to enter or has entered. A new license shall 30 be issued without charge by the board to the apprentice

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auctioneer for the unexpired term of the original license. The 1 2 new sponsor shall be a qualified [auctioneer] sponsor. The 3 change of sponsor or employment by any licensed apprentice auctioneer without notice to the board shall automatically 4 cancel the license issued to him. It is the duty of the sponsor 5 named in the license to notify the board within ten days of any 6 7 change in status of an apprentice licensed under him. It is 8 unlawful for an apprentice auctioneer to pay compensation to an auctioneer for the sole purpose of listing the apprentice as an 9 10 employee.

11 [(c) Suspension or revocation of license for violation.--The 12 violation of this section by any licensee is sufficient cause 13 for the suspension or revocation of his license at the 14 discretion of the board after a hearing in accordance with this 15 act.]

16 Section 20. Investigations and enforcement actions.

17 (a) General rule. -- The board may, upon its own motion, and 18 shall, promptly upon the verified complaint in writing of any 19 person setting forth specifically the wrongful act or acts 20 complained of, investigate any action or business transaction of 21 any person licensed or registered by the board and may temporarily suspend or permanently revoke licenses or 22 23 registrations issued by the board or impose a civil penalty not 24 exceeding \$1,000 at any time when, after due proceedings 25 provided in this act, it finds the licensee or registrant to 26 have been guilty in the performance or attempt to perform any of the acts prohibited to others than licensees or registrants 27 28 under this act, as follows:

(1) Knowingly making any substantial misrepresentation.
(2) Knowingly making any false promise of a character

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1 likely to influence, persuade or induce.

2 (3) A continued or flagrant course of misrepresentation
3 or making false promises through agents or apprentice
4 auctioneers.

5 (4) Within five years prior to the issuance of the 6 license then in force, conviction in a court of competent 7 jurisdiction in this or any other state or in Federal court 8 of forgery, embezzlement, obtaining money under false 9 pretenses, extortion, conspiracy to defraud or other like 10 offense or offenses.

11 (5) Any failure to account for or to pay over moneys 12 belonging to others which have come into his or its 13 possession arising out of a sales transaction within a 14 reasonable time.

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(6) Any misleading or untruthful advertising.

16 (7) Any act or conduct in connection with a sales 17 transaction which demonstrates incompetency, bad faith or 18 dishonesty.

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(8) Knowingly using false bidders, cappers or puffers.

(9) Violating any of the provisions of this act.

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(10) Violating any regulation of the board.

(11) Having his license to engage in the auction
profession revoked or suspended or having other disciplinary
action taken or his application for licensure refused,
revoked or suspended by the proper licensing authority of
another state.

(12) [Failing] <u>The failure of a licensee or registrant</u>
 who receives moneys on account of others to establish or
 maintain an escrow account <u>as required in section 21</u>.

30 (13) For any licensed auctioneer or apprentice 20120HB2563PN3957 - 30 - auctioneer to bid and buy for himself at any auction he is
 conducting.

(14) For any [licensed auctioneer or apprentice
auctioneer] <u>licensee or registrant</u> to pay any compensation in
money or other valuable thing to any person other than a
[licensed auctioneer or apprentice auctioneer] <u>licensee or</u>
<u>registrant</u> for the rendering of any service or the doing of
any of the acts by this act forbidden to be rendered or
performed by other than licensees.

10 (15) For a licensee or registrant to advertise an
11 auction or sale at auction or a sale through an Internet
12 competitive consignment sale platform without including in
13 the advertisement or notice of sale the name and the license

14 or registration number of the licensee or registrant

## 15 <u>conducting the transaction</u>.

(b) Notice of charges.--Before refusing, suspending or revoking any license <u>or registration</u>, the board shall, in writing, notify the applicant [or], licensee <u>or registrant</u> of the charges <u>or allegations</u> against him[, accompanying the notice with a copy of the complaint filed, if any], and the board shall accord the applicant [or], licensee <u>or registrant</u> ample opportunity to be heard in person or by counsel.

23 Section 14. Section 21 of the act, amended October 8, 2008 24 (P.L.1080, No.89), is amended to read:

25 Section 21. Escrow account.

Every [auctioneer] <u>licensee</u> and registrant shall [immediately] <u>promptly</u> deposit moneys[,] received from the sale of property[,] belonging to [others] <u>the seller or consignor</u> in a separate custodial or trust fund account maintained by the [auctioneer or trading assistant] <u>licensee or registrant</u> until

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the transaction involved is terminated, at which time the 1 2 [auctioneer or trading assistant] licensee or registrant shall account for the full amount received. Such moneys received by an 3 auctioneer, apprentice auctioneer or trading assistant working 4 for an auction company or trading assistant company shall be 5 promptly turned over to such company for deposit and accounting. 6 Section 15. Sections 22 and 23 of the act are amended to 7 8 read:

9 Section 22. Hearing on charges.

10 (a) General rule.--If the applicant [or], licensee or 11 <u>registrant</u> desires, the board shall grant a hearing upon the 12 charges. The said hearings may be held by the board or any 13 member thereof or by any other person duly authorized by the 14 board for such purpose in any particular case.

(b) Report of hearing officer.--If the hearing is held by a member of the board or by a person authorized by the board, a written report of the hearing shall be made to the board.

18 (c) Action on report of hearing officer. -- The board may adopt the findings in the report or may, with or without 19 20 additional testimony, either return the report for any further 21 consideration the board deems necessary or make additional or other findings of fact on the basis of all the legally probative 22 23 evidence in the record and enter its findings of fact and 24 conclusions of law and order in accordance with the requirements 25 for the issuance of an adjudication under [Title 2 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes] 2 Pa.C.S. (relating to 26 administrative law and procedure). 27

28 Section 23. Administration and enforcement.

29 (a) Administration and enforcement.--The board shall
30 administer and enforce this act.

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1 (b) Issuance and supervision of licenses. -- It is the duty of 2 the board, on payment of the required fee and on compliance with the requirements of this act, to issue a license as an 3 auctioneer, apprentice auctioneer or auction company and to 4 issue registrations to trading assistants and to trading 5 assistant companies. The board shall supervise and control all 6 7 licenses and registrations issued under this act. 8 Section 16. Sections 26(c), 27, 28 and 29 of the act, amended October 8, 2008 (P.L.1080, No.89), are amended to read: 9 10 Section 26. Revocation or suspension of license or

11 registration.

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13 (c) Revocation of license or registration of legally 14 recognized entity for violation by member or officer .-- In the 15 event of the revocation or suspension of the license or 16 registration issued to any member of a partnership or to any officer of an association [or], corporation, limited liability 17 18 company or other entity, the license or registration issued to 19 the [partnership, association or corporation] legally recognized\_ 20 entity shall be revoked by the board unless, within a time fixed by the board, the connection of the member of the partnership is 21 severed and his interest in the partnership and his share in its 22 23 activities brought to an end or the officer of the association 24 [or], corporation, limited liability company or other entity is 25 discharged and has no further participation in its activities. 26 Section 27. Issuance of new license or registration pending 27 investigation and decision.

28 Pending an investigation or proceeding before the board 29 affecting any licensee or registrant and pending final decision 30 upon any appeal taken by a licensee or registrant from the

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1 ruling of the board, no new registration may be issued or
2 license may be issued to a licensee or to a partnership of which
3 he is a member or employee or to an association [or],
4 corporation, limited liability company or other entity of which
5 he is an officer or employee except for the period of the
6 investigation or proceeding and subject to the action of the
7 board.

8 Section 28. Issuance of new license or registration after9 revocation.

10 (a) General rule.--After the revocation of any license or 11 registration, no new license or registration may be issued to 12 the same licensee or registrant within a period of at least [one 13 year] <u>five years</u> from the date of the revocation nor, except in 14 the sole discretion of the board and subject to the conditions 15 of this act, at any time thereafter.

16 (b) Criminal conduct.--No license or registration shall be issued by the board to any person known by it to have been, 17 18 within five years, convicted of forgery, embezzlement, obtaining 19 money under false pretenses, extortion, criminal conspiracy to 20 defraud or other like offense, or to any copartnership of which any person is a member or to any association [or], corporation, 21 limited liability company or other entity of which any person is 22 23 an officer or employee or in which as a stockholder any person 24 has or exercises a controlling interest either directly or 25 indirectly.

26 Section 29. Penalties.

(a) Criminal penalties.--Any person who engages in or
carries on the profession or acts in the capacity of an
auctioneer, apprentice auctioneer, [auction house,] auction
company, trading assistant or trading assistant company in this

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1 Commonwealth without a current license or registration or who
2 employs any [person] <u>individual</u> without a current license <u>or</u>
3 <u>registration</u> as an <u>auctioneer</u>, apprentice auctioneer <u>or trading</u>
4 <u>assistant</u>:

5 (1) For a first offense, commits a summary offense and 6 shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine not 7 exceeding \$500 or to imprisonment not exceeding three months, 8 or both.

9 (2) For a second or subsequent offense, commits a 10 misdemeanor of the third degree and shall, upon conviction, 11 be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than \$2,000 but not 12 more than \$5,000 or to imprisonment for not less than one 13 year but not more than two years, or both.

14 Civil penalty.--In addition to any other civil remedy or (b) 15 criminal penalty provided for in this act, the board, by a vote 16 of the majority of the maximum number of the authorized membership of the board as provided by law or by a vote of the 17 18 majority of the duly qualified and confirmed membership or a 19 minimum of four members, whichever is greater, may levy a civil 20 penalty of up to [\$1,000] <u>\$10,000</u> on any person who engages in 21 the business or practice of auctioneering, or acts as a trading assistant or trading assistant company, without being properly 22 23 licensed or registered to do so under this act. The board shall 24 levy this penalty only after affording the accused party the opportunity for a hearing, as provided in [Title 2 of the 25 26 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes] 2 Pa.C.S. (relating to administrative law and procedure). 27

(c) Failure to register.--Any individual who fails to register under section [10.1] <u>5.1</u> may be subject to a penalty of up to \$500 levied by the commissioner. The individual may

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request a hearing before the board, which shall be conducted in
 accordance with 2 Pa.C.S.

3 Section 17. Section 30 of the act is amended to read:
4 Section 30. Actions by unlicensed <u>or unregistered</u> persons
5 prohibited.

No action or proceeding may be instituted and no recovery may 6 7 be had in any court of this Commonwealth by any [individual, 8 partnership, association or corporation] person for compensation for any act done or services rendered the doing or rendering of 9 10 which is prohibited under this act to other than persons licensed or registered by the board, unless the [individual, 11 12 partnership, association or corporation] person was licensed or 13 registered at the time of doing the act or rendering of service. 14 Section 18. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

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