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AN ACT

1 Providing for broadcast employment contracts.

2 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
3 hereby enacts as follows:

4 Section 1. Short title.

5 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Broadcast
6 Employment Free Market Act.

7 Section 2. Definitions.

8 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
9 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
10 context clearly indicates otherwise:

11 "Broadcast employee." An employee of a broadcasting industry
12 employer, excluding sales and management employees.

13 "Broadcast industry employer." A television station,
14 television network, radio station, radio network, cable station,
15 cable network or any associated broadcast entity.

16 Section 3. Broadcast employment contracts.

17 A broadcast industry employer shall not require in any

1 employment contract that a broadcast employee or prospective
2 broadcast employee:

3 (1) Refrain from obtaining employment in a specified
4 geographic area for a specific period of time after
5 termination of employment with that broadcasting industry
6 employer.

7 (2) Disclose the terms of an offer of employment from
8 any other broadcast industry employer following the
9 expiration of the term of the employment contract.

10 Section 4. Damages.

11 A person who violates the provisions of section 3 shall be
12 civilly liable for damages, attorney fees and costs.

13 Section 5. Effective date.

14 This act shall take effect in 60 days.