

cerning such person, for the purpose of determining whether such person shall be paroled, as hereinafter provided, and it shall be the duty of the Board thereupon to make a ruling with respect to each such person, who shall be notified in writing of such ruling. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a person sentenced under the provisions of this act from making application for parole in the manner now provided by law.

Board of Parole granted exclusive control over parole and re-parole of such persons.

Powers of Board of Parole.

Section 8. The Pennsylvania Board of Parole is hereby granted exclusive control over the parole and reparole of persons sentenced under the provisions of this act, whether imprisoned in a county jail, penitentiary, or other State institution. The Board is hereby authorized and empowered to parole and reparole, and commit and recommit for violation of parole, any person sentenced under the provisions of this act, at such time and under such conditions as the interest of justice may dictate. In considering the parole or reparole or an application for parole of any person sentenced under the provisions of this act, the Board shall give serious consideration to the original report and subsequent reports of the psychiatric and psychological examination of the person so sentenced, the recommendations contained in such reports, and the view of the committing court.

General powers of Board of Parole.

Section 9. Except as otherwise provided in this act, the Pennsylvania Board of Parole shall have all the powers conferred and duties imposed upon it with respect to the parole of prisoners generally in the parole and supervision of persons sentenced under the provisions of this act.

Inconsistent acts repealed.

Section 10. All acts and parts of acts are hereby repealed in so far as they are inconsistent with the provisions of this act.

APPROVED—The 8th day of January, A. D. 1952.

JOHN S. FINE

No. 496

AN ACT

Providing for the registration of professional bondsmen in cities of the first class; providing for criminal offenses and penalties.

Cities of the first class; registration of professional bondsmen in such cities.

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

Section 1. Definition.—(a) The words “professional bondsman,” when used in this act, apply to any person who, for a consideration, has, in more than six criminal

cases in the next preceding calendar year, become a surety, or has indemnified or agreed to indemnify a surety, or who has solicited or arranged for the furnishing of bail for any person charged with crime, but shall not include a fidelity, *guaranty or surety company duly authorized to transact business in Pennsylvania nor any duly authorized agent thereof.

(b) The words "person" and "whoever" mean and include an individual, copartnership, association, or corporation.

Section 2. Registration.—(a) The Clerk of the Court of Quarter Sessions of any county of the first class, upon payment by any person of an annual fee of ten dollars (\$10), shall issue to such person a certificate showing that such person is registered as a professional bondsman until the following December thirty-first.

(b) In any criminal case, no professional bondsman shall become a surety, or indemnify or agree to indemnify a surety, or solicit or arrange for the furnishing of bail, unless he is at such time registered as a professional bondsman in the office of the Clerk of the Court of Quarter Sessions, as herein provided.

Section 3. Suspension or Revocation of License.—Upon application by the District Attorney of any county of the first class, the Court of Quarter Sessions may issue a rule upon any registered professional bondsman to show cause why his registration should not be suspended or revoked, returnable not less than ten (10) days after the issuance thereof. A hearing shall be held on the rule, and for good cause the court may revoke or suspend the registration. Any registration which is revoked may not be reissued by the Clerk of the Court of Quarter Sessions within a period of five (5) years from the date of revocation without leave of court first specially had and obtained.

Section 4. Premiums.—In any criminal case, the total amount paid, in connection with the entry of bail for any person, which is received by, on behalf of, or through any professional bondsman or bondsmen, shall not exceed eight per centum (8%) of the amount of bail so entered for such person.

Section 5. Penalties.—Whoever wilfully violates any of the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall, in addition to any other penalty provided by law or by this act, be sentenced to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one (1) year, or be fined not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1000), or both.

APPROVED—The 8th day of January, A. D. 1952.

JOHN S. FINE

* "guarantee" in original.