

one thousand nine hundred fifty-six and one thousand nine hundred fifty-seven, or for the fiscal years ending in the calendar years one thousand nine hundred thirty-six, one thousand nine hundred thirty-seven, one thousand nine hundred thirty-eight, one thousand nine hundred thirty-nine, one thousand nine hundred forty, one thousand nine hundred forty-one, one thousand nine hundred forty-two, one thousand nine hundred forty-three, one thousand nine hundred forty-four, one thousand nine hundred forty-five, one thousand nine hundred forty-six, one thousand nine hundred forty-seven, one thousand nine hundred forty-eight, one thousand nine hundred forty-nine, one thousand nine hundred fifty, one thousand nine hundred fifty-one, one thousand nine hundred fifty-two, one thousand nine hundred fifty-three, one thousand nine hundred fifty-four, one thousand nine hundred fifty-five, one thousand nine hundred fifty-six, one thousand nine hundred fifty-seven and one thousand nine hundred fifty-eight].

Section 2. This reenacting and amending act shall take effect immediately.

Act effective immediately.

APPROVED—The 30th day of April, A. D. 1957.

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No. 40

AN ACT

Amending the act of August 21, 1953 (P. L. 1273), entitled "An act to regulate the business of private detectives, investigators and watch, guard, or patrol agencies, and the licensing thereof in each county; providing penalties," permitting former members of the Pennsylvania State Police to apply for licenses.

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

Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 4, act of August 21, 1953 (P. L. 1273), known as "The Private Detective Act of 1953," is amended to read:

Section 4. Application for Licenses.— * * *

(a) If the applicant is a person, the application shall be signed and verified by such person, and if the applicant is a partnership or association, the application shall be signed and verified by each individual composing or intending to compose such partnership or association. The application shall state the full name, age, residence, present and previous occupations, of each person or individual so signing the same, that he is a citizen of the United States, and shall also specify the name of the city, borough, township, or incorporated town, stat-

The Private Detective Act of 1953.

Subsection (a), section 4, act of August 21, 1953, P. L. 1273, amended.

ing the street and number if the premises have a street and number, and otherwise such apt description as will reasonably indicate the location thereof, where is to be located the principal place of business, and the bureau, agency, sub-agency, office or branch office for which the license is desired, and such further facts as may be required by the court of quarter sessions, to show the good character, competency and integrity of each person or individual so signing such application. Each person or individual signing such application shall, together with such application, submit to the court of quarter sessions his photograph, in duplicate, in passport size, and also fingerprints of his two hands, recorded in such manner as may be specified by the court of quarter sessions. Before approving such application, it shall be the duty of the court of quarter sessions to compare such fingerprints with fingerprints of criminals now or hereafter filed in the records of the Pennsylvania State Police. Every such applicant shall establish, to the satisfaction of the court of quarter sessions and by at least two duly acknowledged certificates, that such applicant, if he be a person, or, in the case of a partnership, association, or corporation, at least one member of such partnership, association, or corporation, has been regularly employed as a detective, or shall have been a member of the United States government investigative service, a sheriff, *a member of the Pennsylvania State Police*, or a member of a city police department of a rank or grade higher than that of patrolman, for a period of not less than three years. Such application shall be approved as to each person or individual so signing the same by not less than five reputable citizens of the community in which such applicant resides or transacts business, or in which it is proposed to own, conduct, manage or maintain the bureau, agency, sub-agency, office or branch office for which the license is desired, each of whom shall certify that he has personally known the said person or individual for a period of at least five years prior to the filing of such application, that he has read such application and believes each of the statements made therein to be true, that such person is honest, of good character, and competent, and not related or connected to the person so certifying by blood or marriage. The certificate of approval shall be signed by such reputable citizens and duly verified and acknowledged by them before an officer authorized to take oaths and acknowledgment of deeds.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 30th day of April, A. D. 1957.

Act effective
immediately.

GEORGE M. LEADER