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HOUSE BILL No... *42*

(By Mr. *Pauley* & Mr. *Siebert*)

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PASSED *February 11,* 1960

In Effect *Jan* Passage



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House Bill No. 42

(By MR. SPEAKER, MR. PAULEY, and MR. SEIBERT)

[Passed February 11, 1960; in effect from passage.]

AN ACT to amend and reenact section one, article eighteen, chapter thirty of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as enacted by chapter one hundred thirty, acts of the Legislature, regular session, one thousand nine hundred fifty-nine, relating to licensing of private detectives and investigators.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section one, article eighteen, chapter thirty of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as enacted by chapter one hundred thirty, acts of the Legislature, regular session, one thousand nine hundred fifty-nine, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

Section 1. *Licenses.*—No person, firm, company, partnership or corporation shall engage in the business of private detective or investigator or the business of watch,

4 guard or patrol agency for the purpose of furnishing
5 guards, patrolmen, or other persons to protect persons
6 or property or to prevent the theft or the unlawful taking
7 of goods, wares, merchandise, money, bonds, stocks, docu-
8 ments and other articles of value, or in the business of
9 furnishing or supplying information as to the personal
10 character or activities of any person, firm, company, or
11 corporation, society or association, or any person or group
12 of persons, or as to the character or kind of the business
13 and occupation of any person, firm, company or corpora-
14 tion, or own or conduct or maintain a bureau or agency
15 for the above-mentioned purpose, except as hereinafter
16 provided in section six, for fee, hire, or reward, or adver-
17 tise his or their business to be that of detective or of a
18 detective agency or investigator, or watch, guard or patrol
19 agency, notwithstanding the name or title used in de-
20 scribing such agency or notwithstanding the fact that
21 other functions and services may also be performed for
22 fee, hire or reward, without having first obtained from
23 the office of the secretary of state a license so to do, as
24 hereinafter provided: *Provided, however,* That this sec-

25 tion shall not apply to any person who is a duly qualified
26 and acting police officer under the laws of the state of
27 West Virginia, either while acting in his official capacity
28 or while working for a private employer in his off-duty
29 hours; nor to any person, corporation or agency whose
30 business is the furnishing of information to an employer
31 concerning the business activities of his employees while
32 on the premises of such employer.

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Harold Davis, Jr.
Chairman Senate Committee

Eudora Andrews
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House of Delegates

Takes effect *from* passage.

Thomas Meyer
Clerk of the Senate

W. Blankenship
Clerk of the House of Delegates

Ralph Bean
President of the Senate

H. B. Bailey
Speaker, House of Delegates

The within *approved* this the *16th*
day of *February*, 1960.
Earl B. Underwood
Governor



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