WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1960

ENROLLED

HOUSE BILL No....

(By Mr. Pauley and Mr. Seibert)

PASSED February 26, 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,
guard or patrol agency for the purpose of furnishing
guards, patrolmen, or other persons to protect persons
or property or to prevent the theft or the unlawful taking
of goods, wares, merchandise, money, bonds, stocks, docu-
ments and other articles of value, or in the business of
furnishing or supplying information as to the personal
character or activities of any person, firm, company, or
corporation, society or association, or any person or group
of persons, or as to the character or kind of the business
and occupation of any person, firm, company or corpora-
tion, or own or conduct or maintain a bureau or agency
for the above-mentioned purpose, except as hereinafter
provided in section six, for fee, hire, or reward, or adver-
tise his or their business to be that of detective or of a
detective agency or investigator, or watch, guard or patrol
agency, notwithstanding the name or title used in de-
scribing such agency or notwithstanding the fact that
other functions and services may also be performed for
fee, hire or reward, without having first obtained from
the office of the secretary of state a license so to do, as
hereinafter provided: Provided, however, That this sec-
tion shall not apply to any person who is a duly qualified and acting police officer under the laws of the state of West Virginia, either while acting in his official capacity or while working for a private employer in his off-duty hours; nor to any person, corporation or agency whose business is the furnishing of information to an employer concerning the business activities of his employees while on the premises of such employer.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House of Delegates

Takes effect from passage.

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker, House of Delegates

The within approved this the 16th day of February, 1960.

Governor

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JOE F. BURDETT SECRETARY OF STATE