

and Industry. No person shall engage in business as an employment agent in this State until (1) he shall pay to the said Commissioner [a license fee of \$25.00 for a full year or pro rata for less than a full year, provided, however, that the fee shall not be less than \$10.00, (2) and shall also deposit with the said Commissioner a bond in the penal sum of \$1,000] *an annual license fee of \$100.00 for a first agency and an annual license fee of \$50.00 \$100.00 for each additional agency to be operated in this State, (2) and shall also deposit with the said Commissioner a bond in the penal sum of \$2,000 for each agency to be operated in this State* signed by the applicant for the license as principal and by a surety company authorized to do business in this State as surety, payable to the State of Maryland as obligee and conditioned on the compliance of such applicant with the provisions of this subtitle, and the payment by such applicant of all damages occasioned to any person by reason of any misstatement, misrepresentation, fraud or deceit forbidden by said sections of such applicant or his agents or employees. All licenses granted by the said Commissioner shall irrespective of the date of issue, expire on the first day of May next thereafter. No license shall be issued by the said Commissioner unless the applicant for such license shall have an office within the State at which such applicant carries on, or proposes to carry on, business as an employment agent [.] *and such applicant shall have resided in the State of Maryland for a period of one year. If such applicant for license to conduct an employment agency in this State has, at time of filing application, been a duly licensed agent in a state licensing such agents for a period of at least one year immediately prior to filing application, resident requirement may be waived at the discretion of the said Commissioner. Such applicant shall submit to the said Commissioner two business references.* The said Commissioner is hereby authorized to refuse to issue a license to any applicant whose license has been suspended or revoked as hereinafter provided, unless and until it shall be shown to the satisfaction of said Commissioner that the applicant will not be guilty of the offense for which such prior license was suspended or revoked.

164. The Commissioner of Labor and Industry is hereby authorized, at any time and from time to time, after a public hearing (notice of which shall be given as hereinafter in this section provided), to make and publish rules and regulations for the regulation of employment agents not inconsistent with the provisions of this subtitle and in like manner to repeal or amend such regulations from time to time. The Commissioner shall give notice of any such public hearing at least ten days in advance thereof by mailing a notice thereof to all licensed employment agencies in the State and in addition by publishing such notice in two daily newspapers of general circulation published in Baltimore City. The said Commissioner is hereby authorized to revoke or to suspend for such period as he shall think proper the license of any employment agent violating any of the provisions of Sections 162 to 170, inclusive, or of any rule or regulation made and published pursuant to the provisions of this section. *Provided that the said Commissioner notify by registered mail the employment agent of such violation or violations at least 10 days prior to the revocation or suspension of said license. The Commissioner shall specify in the notification the violation or violations committed and shall set a date for a hearing to be held by the Commissioner no later than 10 days following the date of notification.*