

or any officer or employee solely, exclusively and regularly employed by any of the foregoing; nor to any attorney or counsellor at law in connection with the regular practice of his profession, nor to any person employed *regularly as a full-time or part-time employee* by any such attorney or counsellor at law when engaged upon his employer's business; nor to any employee, investigator or investigators solely, exclusively and regularly employed by any person, firm, association or corporation which is not engaged in any of the businesses hereinbefore described in items numbered one to nine, both inclusive, of this subsection insofar as their acts may relate solely to the business of their respective employers; nor to any person, firm, association or corporation licensed to do a business of insurance of any nature under the insurance laws of this State, nor to any employee or licensed agent thereof; nor to any person, firm, association or corporation conducting any investigation solely for its own account; nor to any special police officers appointed under the provisions of Sections 342 to 348, inclusive, of Article 23 of this Code, or Section 558 of Article 4 of the Code of Public Laws (1949 Edition).

(b) The terms "the business of detective agency," "the business of investigator," "the business of watch, guard or patrol agency" shall mean any person, firm, association or corporation engaged in the private detective business as defined in subsection (a) of this section, who employs one or more persons in conducting such business, but shall not include any person, firm or association or corporation engaged exclusively in the business of making shopping surveys and shall not include any person, firm, association or corporation engaged exclusively in the business of owning, or operating or maintaining a pier or shipwatching service.

76. License to Conduct Business; Licensees of Other States; Licenses Not To Be Issued Under Certain Circumstances.

(a) No person, firm, association or corporation shall engage in the private detective business or as a private detective or investigator or advertise his or its business to be a private detective business or that of a detective agency or investigator without having first obtained from the Superintendent a license to conduct such business, as hereinafter provided. Application for such license shall be made to the Superintendent of State Police.

(b) *No person, firm, association or corporation domiciled, resident, incorporated, or licensed as a private detective, business or investigator, under the laws of any other state of the United States or of any foreign country, may conduct or solicit business for, a private detective business, or the business of a private detective or private investigator, within this State until and unless they shall first have applied for and obtained from the Superintendent a license as provided for in this subtitle and shall first become subject to all the provisions of this subtitle.*

(c) *Every nonresident applicant shall file a consent with the Secretary of State that suits and actions may be commenced against such applicant in the proper court of any county of this State in which a cause of action may arise on which the plaintiff may reside, by the service of any process or pleading authorized by the laws of this State on the Secretary of State, each such nonresident applicant shall stipulate and agree in such consent that such service of*