

CHAPTER 270

(Senate Bill 211)

AN ACT concerning

Private Employment Agencies - Licensing

FOR the purpose of providing that character references are not needed by persons renewing an employment agency license.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 56 - Licenses

Section 163(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1972 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 163(a) of Article 56 - Licenses, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 56 - Licenses

163.

(a) All licenses to open, operate or maintain an employment agency in this State shall be annual licenses, and irrespective of the date of issue shall expire on the first day of May next thereafter. No employment agency shall engage in business in this State until (1) an annual license fee of \$200.00 for a first agency and an annual license fee of \$100.00 for each additional agency to be operated in this State is paid to the Commissioner of Labor and Industry by the person, firm or corporation engaging in such business, and (2) shall also deposit with the said Commissioner a bond in the penal sum of \$5,000 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 subtitle of such applicant or his agents or employees. Every applicant for a license shall file with the Commissioner of Labor and Industry a completed application on a form prescribed and furnished by the Commissioner. Such application shall be signed by the applicant and sworn to before anyone qualified by law to administer oaths. If the applicant is a corporation the