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S. P. 403

In Senate, March 2, 1955

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary, sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Reid of Kennebec.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Private Detectives.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 144, §§ 13-A - 13-C, additional. Chapter 144 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto 3 new sections to be numbered 13-A to 13-C, inclusive, to read as follows:

Private Detectives.

Sec. 13-A. Private detectives and detective agencies; license required. No person shall represent himself to be, hold himself out as, list himself or advertise as a private detective or investigator or as furnishing detective or investigating services without first obtaining a license as a private detective from the Chief of the State Police upon payment of a licensing fee of \$25 per annum, and no corporation, partnership or association shall represent itself to be, hold itself out as, list itself or advertise as a private detective or investigation agency or bureau or as furnishing detective or investigating services without first obtaining a license as a private detective agency from the Chief of the State Police upon payment of a licensing fee of \$200 per annum.

Sec. 13-B. Qualifications for license; list of employees. The Chief of the State Police may grant a private detective license to any suitable citizen of the United States and a private detective license to any corporation, partnership or association making written application therefor. The applicant, if an individual, shall be not less than 25 years of age and of good moral character, and shall have had at least one year's experience as an investigator. Any licensee may employ as many agents, operatives and assistants as he deems necessary for the conduct

of his business, provided such licensee shall furnish to the Chief, at such times as he requires, a certified list of the names, ages and addresses of the persons employed.

Sec. 13-C. Form of application for license. Application for such license shall be made under oath on a form to be furnished by the Chief of the State Police, which form may require a statement of the applicant's full name, age, date and place of birth, residence and business address, the business or occupation the applicant engaged in for 3 years immediately preceding the date of the filing of the application with names and addresses of employers, the date and place of any conviction of a felony or of any offense involving moral turpitude, and such information, including fingerprints of the applicant and his employees, as the Chief may require to investigate the character, competency and integrity of the applicant and employees.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 144, §§ 14-15, repealed. Sections 14 and 15 of chapter 144 of the revised statutes are hereby repealed.