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## CHAPTER 287

## The Private Detectives Act

- 1.** No person shall engage in the business of a private detective, industrial service agency or an investigator, for hire or reward, or advertise or indicate in any letter, document or paper that he is engaged in any such business without having first obtained from the Attorney-General a licence so to do as hereinafter provided. R.S.O. 1937, c. 245, s. 1.
- 2.** No person shall engage in the business of furnishing or supplying for hire or reward, information as to the personal character of any person or as to the character or kind of business or occupation of any person or own or conduct or maintain a bureau or agency for any of the above-mentioned purposes without first having obtained from the Attorney-General as hereinafter provided a licence so to do for each bureau or agency and for each sub-agency, office and branch office owned, conducted or maintained by such person for the conduct of such business. R.S.O. 1937, c. 245, s. 2.
- 3.** Nothing in section 1 or 2 shall apply to or affect any person carrying on a business or agency for the purpose of supplying information to subscribers as to the financial rating of persons or firms. R.S.O. 1937, c. 245, s. 3.
- 4.** Any person desiring the licence mentioned in sections 1 and 2 shall apply in writing (Form 1) to the Attorney-General and shall enter into a bond, approved by the Attorney-General, with two sufficient sureties or executed by a guarantee company, in the sum of \$3,000 for the faithful, honest and lawful conduct of such business by such applicant. R.S.O. 1937, c. 245, s. 4.
- 5.** The Attorney-General, upon such application and upon such further inquiry and investigation as he may deem proper of the character and competency of the applicant and upon approving the bond mentioned in section 4 and upon receiving from the applicant the fee of \$300, may issue and deliver to the applicant a licence (Form 2) to conduct such business for the term of one year from the date thereof, and such licence may be renewed annually on a further payment of \$300 per annum, but shall be revocable at any time by the Attorney-General for cause. R.S.O. 1937, c. 245, s. 5.

Licence to be posted up in office.

**6.** Immediately upon the receipt of the licence the licensee named therein shall cause the licence to be posted up and at all times displayed in a conspicuous place in the bureau, agency, sub-agency, office or branch for which it is issued. R.S.O. 1937, c. 245, s. 6.

Notice of removal of office, etc.

**7.** In case of removal of the bureau, agency, sub-agency, office or branch of a licensee to a place other than that described in the licence, he shall, within 24 hours immediately following such removal, give written notice of such removal to the Attorney-General, which notice shall describe the premises to which removal is made. R.S.O. 1937, c. 245, s. 7.

Saving as to employees of detectives.

**8.** A licence shall not be required by an employee of a duly licensed private detective but every licensed private detective shall be responsible for the conduct of his employees. R.S.O. 1937, c. 245, s. 9.

Records as to employees of licensee.

**9.** Every licensee shall keep a record of all operatives employed by him which record shall be open for inspection at all times by the Commissioner of Police for Ontario. R.S.O. 1937, c. 245, s. 10.

Provincial or county constables not to act as detectives.

**10.** A person while holding the position of a provincial or county constable shall not do any of the things for which a licence is required by sections 1 and 2. R.S.O. 1937, c. 245, s. 11.

Saving as to legal profession.

**11.** This Act shall not apply to barristers, solicitors or their employees in the regular practice of their profession. R.S.O. 1937, c. 245, s. 12.

Information acquired to be confidential.

**12.** A person who is or has been a licensee under this Act or the employee of a licensee shall not divulge to anyone other than his employer or as his employer may direct, except as he may be required by law, any information acquired by him during such employment in respect of any of the work to which he has been assigned by his employer. R.S.O. 1937, c. 245, s. 13.

Licenses not to be collectors.

**13.** A licensee under this Act shall not act as a collector of accounts, or undertake, or hold himself, or advertise as undertaking to collect accounts for any person either with or without remuneration. R.S.O. 1937, c. 245, s. 14.

Penalty.

**14.** Any person who contravenes any provision of this Act shall be guilty of an offence and on summary conviction shall be liable to a penalty of not less than \$200 and not more than \$500. R.S.O. 1937, c. 245, s. 15.

FORM 1  
(Section 4)

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR LICENCE  
THE PRIVATE DETECTIVES ACT

I, ..... of the .....  
of ..... in the County of .....  
apply for a licence under the said Act to engage in the business of a private  
detective and furnishing information as provided in the said Act. I propose  
to carry on business at the City of ..... in premises  
known as No. .... Street.

I am of the full age of ..... years. My present occupation  
is ..... My former  
occupations were ..... The following  
persons and no others are associated with me in the proposed detective  
business:

For reference I submit the names of three parties as follows:

Dated the ..... day of ....., 19....

To the Honourable  
The Attorney-General for Ontario

R.S.O. 1937, c. 245, Form 1.

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FORM 2  
(Section 5)

THE PRIVATE DETECTIVES ACT

Pursuant to the provisions of this Act, I hereby grant permission to  
..... of the ..... of ..... in the County of  
..... to carry on the business of a private detective and fur-  
nishing information under the provisions of the said Act.

This licence is to be in force for one year from this date.

Dated this ..... day of ....., 19.....

Attorney-General for Ontario

R.S.O. 1937, c. 245, Form 2.

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