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Introduced by M. of A. O'DONNELL -- read once and referred to the  
Committee on Consumer Affairs and Protection

AN ACT to amend the general business law, in relation to fees charged by  
a theatrical employment agency

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEM-  
BLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1. Subdivision 8 of section 185 of the general business law,  
2     as amended by chapter 1083 of the laws of 1960, is amended to read as  
3     follows:  
4     8. Fee ceiling: For a placement in class "C" employment the gross fee  
5     shall not exceed, for a single engagement, ten [per cent] PERCENT of the  
6     compensation payable to the applicant, except that for employment or  
7     engagements for orchestras and for employment or engagements in the  
8     opera and concert fields such fees shall not exceed twenty [per cent]  
9     PERCENT of the compensation. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF  
10    LAW, NO FEE MAY BE CHARGED OR COLLECTED BY A THEATRICAL EMPLOYMENT AGEN-  
11    CY NOT LICENSED PURSUANT TO SECTION ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-TWO OF THIS  
12    ARTICLE; IT SHALL BE AN ABSOLUTE DEFENSE IN ANY ACTION TO COLLECT A FEE  
13    THAT THE THEATRICAL EMPLOYMENT AGENCY IS NOT LICENSED.  
14    S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[ ] is old law to be omitted.

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