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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 ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Subdivision 8 of section 185 of the general business law, as amended by chapter 1083 of the laws of 1960, is amended to read as follows:

8. Fee ceiling: For a placement in class "C" employment the gross fee shall not exceed, for a single engagement, ten [per cent] PERCENT of the compensation payable to the applicant, except that for employment or engagements for orchestras and for employment or engagements in the opera and concert fields such fees shall not exceed twenty [per cent] PERCENT of the compensation. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, NO FEE MAY BE CHARGED OR COLLECTED BY A THEATRICAL EMPLOYMENT AGENCY NOT LICENSED PURSUANT TO SECTION ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-TWO OF THIS ARTICLE; IT SHALL BE AN ABSOLUTE DEFENSE IN ANY ACTION TO COLLECT A FEE THAT THE THEATRICAL EMPLOYMENT AGENCY IS NOT LICENSED.

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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