9396

## IN ASSEMBLY

## April 25, 2014

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:

- 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 follows:
- 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 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
- 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.

LBD14827-01-4