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## CHAPTER 213.

AN ACT to regulate employment and intelligence offices and bureaus.

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

Intelligence offices defined. License to conduct same required. Penalty for failure to procure license.

SECTION 1. No person shall engage in the business of keeping an employment or intelligence bureau or office or agency for the purpose of hiring men to work for others, and receive a compensation for such hiring without first having obtained a license so to do as hereinafter provided; any person or persons who shall establish or keep any office or place within said state, for the purpose of obtaining place or employment for laborers of any kind whatever, or for procuring or giving information concerning such places or employment to such laborers, or for procuring or giving information concerning such laborers to employers, shall be deemed a keeper of an employment or intelligence bureau, office or agency; and any person who shall engage in such business without such license, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall upon conviction thereof be punished by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars or imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding ninety days or both.

SECTION 2. Any person who desires to engage in any such business may apply to the common council if such business be carried on in a city, or to the village council if in a village, or to the county board of the county in which such business is to be carried on if in the country, for such license, and pay into the treasury of such city, village or county, the sum of ten dollars and upon executing and delivering to such common council, village council or county board a bond in the penal sum of one thousand dollars with sufficient sureties, or in lieu thereof a surety bond of one thousand dollars, to be approved by such common council, village council or county board, he shall be entitled to such license. Each license shall designate the house in which the person licensed shall keep his office, giving street and number of the same, and the number of such license, and shall continue to be in force until the first day of May next ensuing the date thereof and no longer; provided always, that the foregoing license fee shall be the same for any length of time whether issued for a year on the first day of May, or any fractional part thereof; and no license issued hereunder shall be transferred to any other person or persons whatever or inure to the benefit of any other person other than the licensee.

License, how procured and by whom granted; bond required.

SECTION 3. The bonds shall run to the state of Wisconsin, and shall be conditioned for the payment of any damage that any person secured or engaged to labor for others by the obligor, may sustain by reason of any unauthorized act, fraud or misrepresentation on the part of such agent for such hiring. The bond shall be filed with the city clerk if approved by the common council, with the village recorder if approved by the village council, and with the county clerk if approved by the county board of any county. Any person licensed and having given bond as herein provided may, while continuing to reside or maintain his office at the place mentioned in

Bond to run to state, where filed.

such license, prosecute his said business in any part of the state.

Person hired to be furnished with copy of terms of hire.

SECTION 4. Every person hired or engaged to work for others by one so licensed as aforesaid, shall be furnished a written copy in duplicate of the terms of such hire or engagement, rate of wages or compensation, kind of service to be performed, length of time of such service, with full name and address of the person or persons, firm or corporation authorizing the hire of such person, one of the aforesaid copies to be delivered to the person or persons, firm or corporation for whom the contracted labor is to be performed, and the other to be retained by the person hired as aforesaid. And any person hired or engaged to work for others by one so licensed as aforesaid, who shall fail to get employment according to the terms of such contract of hire or employment, by reason of any unauthorized act, fraud or misrepresentation on the part of such agent, may bring an action upon said bond, and may recover in such action against the principal and sureties the full amount of his damages sustained by reason of such unauthorized act, fraud or misrepresentation, together with his costs, disbursements, in such action: provided however that nothing contained herein shall apply to agencies conducted by women, for the purpose of securing employment for females only.

Fraud or misrepresentation may be recovered from sureties on bond.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force, from and after its passage and publication.

Approved April 19, 1899,