

and the quarter sessions of the peace, who has, directly or indirectly, any pecuniary interest in or derives any profit from the bonding business or activity of a professional bondsman shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100) and not more than five hundred dollars (\$500), or to undergo imprisonment not exceeding six (6) months, or both.

(f) Any professional bondsman who solicits business in any of the courts or on the premises of any of the courts of this Commonwealth, including the courts of magistrates, aldermen and justices of the peace, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100) and not more than five hundred dollars (\$500), or to undergo imprisonment not exceeding six (6) months, or both.

APPROVED—The 21st day of August, A. D. 1953.

JOHN S. FINE

No. 344

AN ACT

Exempting owners, operators and licensees of radio or television stations and their agents, servants and employes from liability for publication of defamatory matter in certain cases.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Liability shall be denied and no recovery shall be allowed against the owners, licensees and operators of any visual or sound radio and television station or network of stations or against the agents, servants or employes of such owner, licensee or operator, for the publication, utterance or broadcasting of any defamatory matter, where the publication, utterance or broadcasting thereof is not subject to their censorship or control by reason of any Federal statute or any regulation, ruling or order of the Federal Communications Commission.

Section 2. All actions for damages which have accrued in cases in which liability is denied, as set forth in section one of this act, shall be commenced within sixty days after the effective date of this act; and if not so commenced, shall thereafter be completely barred.

Section 3. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 4. The provisions of this act shall become effective immediately upon its final enactment.

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