No. 106

AN ACT

To amend sections one and two of the act, approved the fifth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one (Pamphlet Laws, ninety-one), entitled "An act authorizing the Department of Forests and Waters in certain instances, and with the approval of the Governor, to construct, improve or repair, at the expense of the Commonwealth, portions of roads or highways connecting roads or highways lying within areas of State forest lands with State, county or township roads or highways near such areas," extending the provisions of said act to forest protection roads and fire lanes on private property.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That sections one and two of the act, approved the fifth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one (Pamphlet Laws, ninety-one), entitled "An act authorizing the Department of Forests and Waters in certain instances, and with the approval of the Governor, to construct, improve or repair, at the expense of the Commonwealth, portions of roads or highways connecting roads or highways lying within areas of State forest lands with State, county or township roads or highways near such areas," are hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That the Department of Forests and Waters is hereby authorized to construct. improve or repair, at the expense of the Commonwealth, any portion of a road or highway connecting a road or highway lying within the area of a State forest with any State, county or township road or highway not lying within the area of a State forest whenever such connection is deemed necessary by the Department of Forests and Waters for the development, protection or use by the public of any State forests now owned or hereafter acquired by the Commonwealth, and to construct, improve or repair forest protection roads or fire lanes on or across the lands of any person, association or corporation for forest protection purposes. The Department of Forests and Waters is hereby authorized and empowered to construct, improve or repair any such connecting or protection road or highway or fire lane by the employes of such department or under the control and direction of the department.

Section 2. Before the Department of Forests and Waters shall proceed to construct, improve or repair any such road or highway or lane, the Secretary of Forests and Waters shall cause to be prepared a plan or draft of such connecting road or highway or lane, showing concisely the construction, improvement or repair which, in his judgment, is necessary under the provisions of this act, and shall submit such plan or draft to the Governor for his approval before any expenditure of State

Sections 1 and 2, act of May 5, 1931 (P. L. 91), amended.

Department of Forests and Waters.

Connecting roads or highways to State forests.

Construction and repair.

Plan to be prepared.

Approval by Governor. moneys is authorized for the contemplated construction, improvement or repair.

Section 3. This act shall become effective immediately When effective. upon final enactment.

APPROVED-The 29th day of May, A. D. 1935.

GEORGE H. EARLE

No. 107

AN ACT

Prohibiting collection agencies, as herein defined, from representing creditors or taking an assignment for the purpose of representing creditors in any action or proceeding, or in settlement or adjustment of the affairs of a debtor; from soliciting business for attorneys at law; and from threatening the debtor with legal proceedings; and providing penalties.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That, Definitions-The Collection following words and terms as used in this act shall be construed as defined in this section:

(a) The term "collection agency" shall mean a person, other than an attorney at law duly admitted to practice in any court of record in this Commonwealth, who as a business enforces, collects, settles, adjusts, or compromises claims, or holds himself out or offers as a business to enforce, collect, settle, adjust, or compromise claims.

(b) The word "person" means and includes an individual, partnership, association, or corporation, and any employe, agent, director, or officer thereof.

(c) The word "claim" means and includes any claim, demand, account, note, or any other chose in action or liability of any kind whatsoever.

(d) The word "debtor" means and includes any person against whom a claim is asserted; and

(e) The word "creditor" means and includes a person having or asserting such a claim.

Section 2. Representing Creditor in Proceeding.—It shall be unlawful for a collection agency to appear for or represent a creditor or other person in any proceeding, or in any action or proceeding for or growing out of the appointment of a receiver or trustee, or in connection with an assignment for the benefit of creditors, or to present any claim or to vote on behalf of a creditor, whether an assignee or transferee of such claim or by virtue of a proxy or otherwise, or to represent any creditor in any action or proceeding in any court or before any alderman or justice of the peace in this Commonwealth, or to solicit from any creditor any claim for any of the purposes forbidden by this section.

Section 3. Taking an Assignment From a Creditor.— Unlawful to take It shall be unlawful for a collection agency, for the pur-

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