

explosives. Each blaster shall be required to renew his license each year by application to the department, which application shall be accompanied by a fee of [two dollars (\$2)] *three dollars and fifty cents (\$3.50)*. The Secretary of Labor and Industry may suspend any license for due cause but no license may be revoked until the licensee has been granted a hearing.

APPROVED—The 12th day of July, A. D. 1961.

DAVID L. LAWRENCE

No. 284

AN ACT

Amending the act of May 4, 1927 (P. L. 519), entitled "An act concerning boroughs, and revising, amending, and consolidating the law relating to boroughs," further providing for the employment of either a certified public accountant or a competent, independent public accountant.

The Borough Code.

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

Clause VII, section 1005, act of May 4, 1927, P. L. 519, reenacted and amended July 10, 1947, P. L. 1621, and amended July 19, 1951, P. L. 1026, further amended.

Section 1. Clause VII. of section 1005, act of May 4, 1927 (P. L. 519), known as "The Borough Code," reenacted and amended July 10, 1947 (P. L. 1621) and amended July 19, 1951 (P. L. 1026), is amended to read:

Section 1005. Powers of Council.—The council of the borough shall have power:

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VII. To employ *either a certified public accountant or a competent independent public accountant* by a two-thirds vote of the entire number of councilmen elected, such *certified public accountant or a competent independent public accountant* to act in addition to and not in place of the auditors or controller of the borough, *or to employ a certified public accountant or a competent independent public accountant to audit the accounts of the borough and the borough officers, if a petition has been presented to the council signed by qualified registered electors of the borough equal to at least five per centum (5%) of the highest vote cast for any office in the borough at the last preceding municipal election requesting such appointment and stating the reason the appointment is requested. The petition shall contain an affidavit signed by the person circulating it that each person signing the petition is a registered elector residing within the borough and shall give the name and address of each signer. When a certified public accountant or a competent independent public*

*accountant is appointed, as herein provided, upon petition to the borough council by qualified registered electors of the borough, the borough auditors or controller shall not audit, settle or adjust the accounts audited by such appointee but shall perform the other duties of their office.*

*When a certified public accountant or a competent independent public accountant is employed under the provisions of this clause upon petition to the borough council by qualified registered electors of the borough, the certified public accountant or the competent independent public accountant shall have the powers and duties and be subject to the same penalties as auditors in so far as such powers, duties and penalties are applicable to the functions which the certified public accountant or the competent independent public accountant is appointed to perform. The report of the certified public accountant or the competent independent public accountant is subject to appeals the same as reports of auditors. The compensation of the certified public accountant or the competent independent public accountant shall be fixed by council and paid out of borough funds.*

APPROVED—The 12th day of July, A. D. 1961.

DAVID L. LAWRENCE

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No. 285

AN ACT

Amending the act of September 29, 1951 (P. L. 1646), entitled "An act authorizing the Commonwealth to negotiate temporary emergency loans to defray current and other expenses of the State government during any fiscal biennium evidenced by tax anticipation notes, secured by and payable from current revenues of any current biennium levied, assessed, collectible and accruing during such fiscal biennium; defining the powers and duties of the Governor, the Auditor General and the State Treasurer in relation thereto; providing for the payment of interest on and the repayment of such loans; and making an appropriation," authorizing powers conferred by the act to be done on a fiscal period basis and changing the amount of money which may be borrowed and providing two additional methods of borrowing money.

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

Emergency loans.

Section 1. The title of the act of September 29, 1951 (P. L. 1646), entitled "An act authorizing the Commonwealth to negotiate temporary emergency loans to defray current and other expenses of the State government

Title, act of September 29, 1951, P. L. 1646, amended.