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## An Act respecting private detectives

[Assented to 5th March, 1915]

**H**IS MAJESTY, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of Quebec, enacts as follows:

Section IVa, and R. S. 3666a-3666i, enacted. **1.** The Revised Statutes, 1909, are amended by inserting therein, after the fourth section of the first chapter of the seventh title thereof, a new section and articles, as follows:

“SECTION IVA.

“ *Private detectives*

Private detective must obtain permit from Provincial Treasurer. **“3666a.** No person or corporation may act as a private detective, nor advertise himself as such, nor assume such title or a title to the same effect in a document, or on a letter or card, nor employ, in the name of any company or firm, the word “detective”, whether combined with other words or not, without first obtaining a permit to that effect from the Provincial Treasurer.

Security. **“3666b.** Any person or corporation applying for the permit mentioned in article 3666a must apply in writing, in the form A, or any other form to that effect, to the Provincial Treasurer, and give security in the sum of two thousand dollars to guarantee in all circumstances, not only as to himself but also as to his agents and employees, the perfect, honest and legal accomplishment of the duties incumbent upon him in his capacity of private detective.

Provisions applicable. Articles 615 to 620, and 622 to 633 shall apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to the security required by this section.

Issuing of permit. **“ 3666c.** The Provincial Treasurer, after such investigation as he deems proper as to the character, ability and suitability of the person or corporation applying for the permit, and upon approval of the security, and upon receipt of a duty of \$200.00, may issue, upon a favourable report by the Attorney-General, a permit drafted according to form B or any other form to like effect, authorizing the applicant to keep or carry on a private detective office for a term of one year.

Employees to have special permit. **“ 3666d.** Persons who act as employees or agents of a person or corporation holding a permit issued under article 3666c, shall not be bound to secure a similar permit,

but they must, however, on the recommendation of their employer, secure a special annual permit on payment of a duty of two dollars.

Article 3666b shall apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to the granting of such permit. Provisions applicable.

An employer who has recommended a person or an agent who obtains a special permit under this acticle, shall be responsible for the conduct of such person or agent in the performance of his duty as private detective. Employer responsible for conduct.

“**3666c.** The permits authorized by this section are renewable from year to year, on the first of July, upon payment of the duties fixed by articles 3666c or 3666d, as the case may be, and may be revoked at any time during the year. Permits to be annual and revocable.

Temporary permits, the duty for which shall be based upon their duration, may also be granted by the Provincial Treasurer, but such temporary permits shall expire on the 30th of June following. Temporary permits.

“**3666f.** 1. Every person who commits any act forbidden by this section, or who does not obey the provisions by it enacted, shall be liable to a fine of not less than two hundred dollars and not more than five hundred dollars for each contravention, and, in default of payment of such fine and costs, to imprisonment for not more than three months. Penalties for contravention.

In the case of a corporation, the president, manager, secretary or treasurer, according to the degree of culpability of such officers, shall be liable to the imprisonment above mentioned, in default of payment by the corporation of the fine and costs. Officers of corporation liable.

2. No person, corporation, employee or agent holding a permit issued under this section may lend or lease such permit to another person or corporation or to another employee or agent, on pain of the fine or the punishment enacted by paragraph 1 of this article. Permits not transferable.

Every permit so lent or leased shall, *ipso facto*, be cancelled. Permits lent or leased to be cancelled.

“**3666g.** The words: “private detectives” in this section mean persons or corporations who, for a profit, make a regular business of searching for offenders against the laws, or of supplying information as to the moral character or the conduct of certain persons, or as to the manner in which certain business is transacted, by corporations or persons; but do not include corporations or persons who make a business, whether for profit or otherwise, of supplying information as to the commercial or financial standing of other corporations or persons. Definition.

Provisions  
not applic-  
able in cer-  
tain cases.

“**3666h.** This section shall not apply to constables or detectives appointed by the Government or by municipalities for their own service, nor to special constables who may be appointed by certain judges or magistrates to carry out their orders within the limits of their respective jurisdiction.

May not col-  
lect accounts.

“**3666i.** It is prohibited, under the penalties enacted in article 3666f, for any person or corporation holding a permit granted under this section, to advertise or act as a collector of accounts, or to collect accounts for any person, with or without remuneration.”

Coming into  
force.

**2.** This act shall come into force on the first of July, 1915.

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FORM A

(Articles 3666b, 3666d)

The Honorable Provincial Treasurer,  
Quebec,

Sir,

I have the honor (*or the corporation which I represent has the honor, as the case may be*) to apply for a permit under section IVa of the first chapter of the seventh title of the Revised Statutes, 1909, (articles 3666a to 3666i) to act as a private detective on my own account (*or on its own account, as the case may be, or as agent*).

I am ready (*or the corporation which I represent is ready, as the case may be*) to furnish any information which you may require.

I have the honor, etc.

(Signature)

(Address)

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## FORM B

(Articles 3666c, 3666d)

In conformity with section IVa of the first chapter of the seventh title of the Revised Statutes, 1909, (articles 3666a to 3666i), I hereby grant to

the permit mentioned in article  
to act as a private detective  
on his (*or its*) own account, (*or as agent in the employ of*  
*, as the case may be.*)

This permit, unless otherwise ordered, shall be in force until the 30th of June next, inclusively.

(Signature)

Provincial Treasurer.

## CHAP. 58

An Act to amend the Revised Statutes, 1909, relating to exhibitions of moving pictures.

[Assented to 5th March, 1915]

**H**IS MAJESTY, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of Quebec, enacts as follows:

**1.** Article 3713<sup>n</sup> of the Revised Statutes, 1909, as en-<sup>R. S. 3713<sup>n</sup>,</sup> acted by the act 3 George V, chapter 36, section 1, and <sup>am.</sup> amended by the act 4 George V, chapter 40, section 6, is again amended by adding thereto, at the end thereof, a new paragraph as follows:

“Before the full commission may consider the appeal thus <sup>Fee to be</sup> taken in regard to a film or device, the person taking such <sup>paid for ap-</sup> appeal must produce a receipt showing that he has paid to <sup>peal.</sup> the collector of provincial revenue for the district of Montreal, on each film or device as defined by the regulations, an additional fee of one dollar, over and above the fee already paid for the first examination.”

**2.** Article 3713<sup>p</sup> of the Revised Statutes, 1909, as <sup>R. S. 3713<sup>p</sup>,</sup> replaced by the act 4 George V, chapter 40, section 3, is <sup>am.</sup> amended by replacing the words: “one dollar”, in the sixth line thereof, by the words: “two dollars”.