



The New York City
Department of
Consumer Affairs
42 Broadway
New York, NY
10004-1716

Jonathan Mintz
Commissioner

Staff Counsel

February 20, 2008

Re: Talent/Employment Agency Licensing

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

I am writing in response to your inquiry regarding whether or not your proposed business requires a license. Your letter states that you plan on opening a talent agency in New York City. Specifically, you state that you will be receiving requests from various casting directors/production companies and will be attempting to fill these requests with talent (actors) from your portfolio.

Under New York General Business Law ("GBL") §172, no person shall open, keep, maintain, own, operate or carry on an employment agency unless such person shall have first procured a license as provided. If the employment agency is going to be conducted within the city of New York, such license shall be issued by the commissioner of the Department of Consumer Affairs.

Under GBL §171(8), those who procure or attempt to procure employment for others in the acting business are considered theatrical employment agencies. Therefore, your business requires an employment agency license to do the type of work you described in your letter.

In order to obtain a license, you can either come in personally to the Licensing Division located on the 5th Floor of 42 Broadway, New York NY, 10004 or visit our website at www.nyc.gov/consumers.

For your convenience I have enclosed an Employment Agency license application and a copy of New York General Business Law Article 11 (Employment Agencies) which includes a thorough discussion of employment agency licensing requirements and procedures. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,


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