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As a RID certified sign language interpreter living in Pennsylvania, but as someone whose primary occupation does not involve interpreting, I would like to comment about Act 57. Under Exemptions (501.5 b), there is a provision under which interpreters who do not reside within the Commonwealth are exempt from registration if they are certified, interpreter at most 14 days per year, and appropriately notify the office of said activities. I do not think this exemption should be limited to only people not residing in Pennsylvania. I paid the money to register last year, in the event that I was needed as an interpreter, but because my primary job takes up a good deal of time and I have many other responsibilities and obligations, I was not employed as an interpreter last year nor this year. However, legally it seems that it is prudent for me to register. I suggest that the 14 day working limit apply to all interpreters, so that this law is not biased against those of us living within Pennsylvania.

Regarding section 501.6, Complaints, I believe that anonymous complaints should be allowed. The interpreting community is small and I have seen people unwilling to speak up for fear of retaliation. I understand concerns that could be associated with anonymous complaints, but I think they should still be premitted.

Thank you for your consideration.

-Barbara Anthony

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