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California Labor Commissioner Announces Online Child Performer Services Permit

Oakland—The Department of Industrial Relations' (DIR) Labor Commissioner's Office announces an online application system to obtain a Child Performer Services (CPS) permit. This new system also allows verification of the permits online.

Assembly Bill 1660 is aimed at protecting current and aspiring child actors and performers from sexual predators. The law bars sex offenders from providing [services](#) to artists or performers who are under 18 years of age. AB 1660 requires persons representing, or seeking to represent, minors in the entertainment industry to obtain a CPS permit. Licensed talent agents and certified studio teachers are [exempt from this requirement](#).

"The Department is actively working to protect workers throughout the state, especially those under the age of 18. We are committed to protecting our young performers, and those who fail to comply with the law will face consequences," said DIR Director Christine Baker. The Labor Commissioner's Office, also known as the Division of Labor Standards Enforcement, is a division of DIR.

Anyone continuing to provide specified services to child performers without the permit may be subject to a fine of up to \$10,000, or imprisonment of not more than one year or both, if it is determined that the applicant filled out the form with fraudulent intent. Fingerprints are required as part of the application process.

"We encourage parents, guardians and employers to consult the online permit holders database regularly to ensure that all individuals they entrust to provide services to their child hold a valid permit," said Labor Commissioner Julie A. Su. "A valid CPS permit should be prominently posted in the place of business."

The [online permit system](#) is available on the CPS permit [website](#).

Among its wide-ranging enforcement responsibilities, the Labor Commissioner's office inspects workplaces for wage and hour violations, adjudicates wage claims, enforces prevailing wage rates and apprenticeship standards in public works projects,

investigates retaliation complaints, issues licenses and registrations for various businesses and educates the public on labor laws.

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