

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY LASHINGER, REBER, CORNELL, RYBAK, PISTELLA,
HERSHEY, PETRONE, MILLER, COLAFELLA, GAMBLE, SEMMEL, TRELLO,
DeLUCA, FISCHER AND MICHLOVIC, OCTOBER 19, 1983

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, OCTOBER 24, 1983

A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Speaker to appoint a special commission to review
2 the Commonwealth's current requirements governing amateur and
3 professional boxing.

4 WHEREAS, Several unfortunate deaths during the past years
5 caused by brain injuries suffered while boxing have called into
6 question the health and safety standards now governing
7 professional and amateur boxing; and

8 WHEREAS, Recent medical studies have demonstrated a serious
9 incidence of brain injury among boxers, injuries which have
10 resulted in 353 boxing-related fatalities since 1945; and

11 WHEREAS, Other states have taken direct action to improve the
12 medical supervision of boxing, a sport which is increasing in
13 popularity within our Commonwealth; therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the Speaker of the House of Representatives
15 appoint a special commission whose purpose shall be to make
16 legislative recommendations to the House of Representatives,
17 based on its studies undertaken with respect to all aspects of
18 amateur and professional boxing in Pennsylvania. This commission

1 shall consider new methods to protect the health and safety of
2 boxers, but shall not consider a possible ban on this sport in
3 the Commonwealth; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That this special commission shall consist of five
5 members of the House of Representatives, three from the majority
6 and two from the minority, as well as one member of the
7 Pennsylvania Athletic Commission, one boxing trainer, one
8 physical therapist, one physician, one licensed boxing referee,
9 one psychologist and one person who has experience as a
10 professional boxer; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That this special commission shall report its
12 findings to the House of Representatives within 120 days.