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## AN ACT

1 ~~Permitting~~ REESTABLISHING THE STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION; <—  
2 PROVIDING FOR AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND A MEDICAL ADVISORY  
3 BOARD; PERMITTING and regulating boxing contests and  
4 exhibitions; requiring licenses and permits; providing for  
5 the granting, suspension and revocation of licenses and  
6 permits issued by the ~~Department of State~~ STATE ATHLETIC <—  
7 COMMISSION; preserving the rights of existing licensees and  
8 permittees; prescribing penalties, fines, forfeitures and  
9 misdemeanors; requiring bonds and insurance; providing for  
10 rules and regulations; ~~providing for the regulation of~~ <—  
11 ~~professional wrestling;~~ imposing a tax on certain receipts  
12 ~~thereof; and;~~ establishing a restricted account for such <—  
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1 SECTION 3110. EFFECTIVE DATE.

2 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
3 hereby enacts as follows:

4 CHAPTER 1

5 PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS

6 Section 101. Short title.

7 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Athletic  
8 Code.

9 Section 102. Definitions.

10 The following words and phrases when used in Chapters 1  
11 through 17 of this act shall have the meanings given to them in  
12 this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

13 "Amateur." A person who has never received nor competed for  
14 any purse or other article of value, either for participating in  
15 any boxing contest or exhibition, or for the expenses of  
16 training therefor other than a prize which does not exceed \$50  
17 in value.

18 "Boxing." The act of attack and defense with the fists,  
19 practiced as a sport, subject to rules adopted by the ~~department~~ <—  
20 COMMISSION. The term includes all variations of the sport <—  
21 permitting or using other parts of the human body, including,  
22 but not limited to, the foot, knee, leg, elbow or head.

23 "COMMISSION." THE STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION. <—

24 "Contest." An engagement in which the boxers strive  
25 earnestly in good faith to win.

26 "Department." The Department of State of the Commonwealth.

27 "EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR." THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE STATE <—  
28 ATHLETIC COMMISSION.

29 "Exhibition." An engagement in which the boxers show or  
30 display their skill without necessarily striving to win.

1 "Foreign copromoter." A promoter who has no place of  
2 business within this Commonwealth.

3 "Judge." A person, other than a referee, who has a vote in  
4 determining the winner of any boxing contest.

5 "Manager." A person who, directly or indirectly, controls or  
6 administers the affairs of any boxer.

7 "Matchmaker." A person who brings together professional  
8 boxers or arranges professional boxing contests or exhibitions.

9 "Participant." A boxer who takes part in a boxing contest or  
10 exhibition.

11 "Physician." An individual licensed to practice medicine and  
12 surgery or osteopathy or osteopathic surgery in this  
13 Commonwealth.

14 "Professional." A person who has received or competed for,  
15 or is receiving or competing for, any purse or other article of  
16 value, other than a prize which does not exceed \$50 in value,  
17 either for participating in any boxing contest or exhibition or  
18 for the expenses of training therefor.

19 "Promoter." Any person, and in the case of a corporate  
20 promoter, any officer, director, employee or stockholder  
21 thereof, who produces, arranges or stages any professional  
22 boxing contest or exhibition.

23 "Purse." The financial guarantee or any other remuneration,  
24 or part thereof, for which professional boxers are participating  
25 in a contest or exhibition. The term includes the participant's  
26 share of any payment received for radio broadcasting, television  
27 and motion picture rights.

28 "SECRETARY." THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

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29 Section 103. Act not to apply to schools.

30 No provision of this act nor any rule or regulation

1 promulgated hereunder shall apply to any boxing contest or  
2 exhibition conducted or sponsored by any university, college,  
3 secondary school or group of universities, colleges or secondary  
4 schools or the Department of Corrections when all the  
5 participants are students regularly enrolled in such  
6 institutions or inmates confined within a State or county  
7 correctional facility.

8 CHAPTER 3

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9 COMMISSION; STAFF; MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARD

10 SECTION 301. STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION.

11 (A) COMPOSITION.--THE COMMISSION SHALL BE COMPRISED OF THREE  
12 MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF  
13 A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS ELECTED TO THE SENATE, ONE OF WHOM  
14 SHALL BE A MEDICAL DOCTOR OR DOCTOR OF OSTEOPATHY LICENSED TO  
15 PRACTICE IN THIS COMMONWEALTH, WITH EXPERIENCE IN SPORTS  
16 MEDICINE. THE GOVERNOR SHALL DESIGNATE ONE OF THE MEMBERS AS A  
17 CHAIRMAN FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS. THE SECRETARY SHALL BE AN EX  
18 OFFICIO MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION.

19 (B) APPOINTMENTS.--EACH APPOINTMENT SHALL BE FOR A TERM OF  
20 TWO YEARS. THE TERMS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION APPOINTED  
21 PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT SHALL TERMINATE ON THE  
22 EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT. ANY COMMISSIONER SO TERMINATED SHALL  
23 CONTINUE TO HOLD OFFICE UNTIL HIS SUCCESSOR SHALL BE APPOINTED  
24 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (A).

25 (C) COMPENSATION.--EACH COMMISSIONER, EXCEPT THE SECRETARY  
26 AND CHAIRMAN, SHALL RECEIVE A SALARY OF \$10,000 ANNUALLY. THE  
27 CHAIRMAN SHALL RECEIVE A SALARY OF \$10,500 ANNUALLY. THE  
28 COMMISSIONERS SHALL ALSO RECEIVE REASONABLE AND NECESSARY TRAVEL  
29 EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES AS MEMBERS  
30 OF THE COMMISSION.

(D) REMOVAL.--EXCEPT AS AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, NO COMMISSIONER MAY BE REMOVED FROM OFFICE DURING HIS TERM. THE GOVERNOR MAY, UPON CLEAR AND CONVINCING EVIDENCE OF MISFEASANCE OR MALFEASANCE IN OFFICE OR NEGLECT OF DUTY, REMOVE A COMMISSIONER PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION OF HIS OR HER TERM. THE GOVERNOR SHALL THEN PROVIDE THE COMMISSIONER SO REMOVED WITH A DETAILED WRITTEN STATEMENT OF THE REASONS FOR HIS REMOVAL.

(E) QUORUM REQUIREMENT.--TWO MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION SHALL CONSTITUTE A QUORUM.

SECTION 302. DUTIES OF COMMISSION.

(A) MEETINGS.--THE COMMISSION SHALL HOLD REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS TO CARRY OUT THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS ACT, WHICH SHALL INCLUDE THE CONSIDERATION OF ANY RULES, REGULATIONS OR AMENDMENTS THERETO WHICH ARE RECOMMENDED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. THE MEETINGS SHALL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. THE MEETING TIMES SHALL BE SCHEDULED ONE YEAR IN ADVANCE, AND BE PUBLISHED IN THE PENNSYLVANIA BULLETIN.

(B) GENERAL DUTIES.--EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 103, THE COMMISSION IS HEREBY GRANTED AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH POLICY AND SHALL BE DIRECTED TO PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS REGARDING ALL THE TRUE SPORTS OF PROFESSIONAL BOXING AND WRESTLING CONTESTS, AS DISTINGUISHED FROM PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING EXHIBITIONS, HELD WITHIN THIS COMMONWEALTH, EXCEPT SUCH CONTESTS AND EXHIBITIONS AS ARE SPECIFICALLY EXEMPTED FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT.

SECTION 303. APPOINTMENT AND QUALIFICATIONS OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

THE SECRETARY SHALL APPOINT AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COMMISSION. THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL HAVE ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE AND OTHER QUALIFICATIONS INDICATING HE IS FAMILIAR

1 WITH THE ACTIVITIES TO BE REGULATED BY THIS ACT AND SHALL SERVE  
2 AT THE PLEASURE OF THE SECRETARY. THE DIRECTOR'S SALARY SHALL BE  
3 FIXED BY THE SECRETARY WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNOR, AND  
4 THE DIRECTOR SHALL HOLD NO OTHER PAID PUBLIC POSITION.

5 SECTION 304. POWERS AND DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

6 THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL SUPERVISE THE ADMINISTRATIVE  
7 WORK OF THE COMMISSION. THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL HAVE THE  
8 POWER AND HIS DUTY SHALL BE:

9 (1) TO ATTEND MONTHLY MEETINGS OF THE COMMISSION.

10 (2) TO RECOMMEND TO THE COMMISSION SUSPENSION OR  
11 REVOCATION OF ANY LICENSE OR PERMIT ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS  
12 ACT FOR VIOLATIONS OF ANY PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT OR THE RULES  
13 AND REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSION, OR WHEN SUCH ACTION IS  
14 NECESSARY TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC WELFARE.

15 (3) TO SUPERVISE AND DIRECT STAFF APPOINTED BY THE  
16 SECRETARY ENGAGED IN WORK DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE  
17 IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ACT.

18 (4) TO PREPARE AND RECOMMEND TO THE COMMISSION RULES AND  
19 REGULATIONS AND AMENDMENTS THERETO.

20 (5) TO IMPLEMENT AND SUPERVISE A DRUG TESTING PROGRAM OF  
21 ALL ATHLETES LICENSED UNDER THIS ACT, IN CONSULTATION WITH  
22 THE MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARD AND THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH OR HIS  
23 DESIGNEE.

24 (6) TO PRESENT THE STANDING COMMITTEES OF BOTH HOUSES OF  
25 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WITH AN ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE  
26 COMMISSION'S RULES AND REGULATIONS.

27 (7) TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A RECORD OF ALL ATHLETES  
28 LICENSED UNDER THIS ACT, SHOWING FOR EACH LICENSEE THE  
29 FOLLOWING: THE DATE LICENSED, THE RESULTS OF PREFIGHT AND  
30 POSTFIGHT PHYSICALS, ANY FICTITIOUS OR ASSUMED NAMES BY WHICH

1 THE LICENSEE COMPETES, THE NUMBER AND DATES OF ANY  
2 SUSPENSIONS OF THE ATHLETE, THE DATES WHEN THE ATHLETE IS  
3 KNOCKED OUT AND THE ATHLETE'S RECORD FROM OTHER STATES.

4 (8) TO ADMINISTER AND MAKE EFFECTIVE THE PROVISIONS OF  
5 THIS ACT AND THE RULES MADE THEREUNDER.

6 (9) TO CONDUCT A SUBSTANTIAL PORTION OF THE ACTIVITIES  
7 REQUIRED BY THIS ACT AT A SINGLE CENTRAL LOCATION, WHEREIN  
8 ALL RECORDS OF THE COMMISSION SHALL BE MAINTAINED.

9 (10) TO PREPARE AN ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE CONSIDERATION  
10 OF THE COMMISSION, SHOWING THE COSTS OF OPERATION AND  
11 REVENUES RECEIVED IN THE PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR AND THE  
12 ESTIMATED COSTS OF OPERATIONS AND REVENUES TO BE RECEIVED IN  
13 THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR. THE BUDGET SHALL BE APPROVED BY THE  
14 COMMISSION AND FORWARDED TO THE SECRETARY IN A TIMELY FASHION  
15 FOR HIS REVIEW AND INCLUSION IN THE BUDGET REQUEST OF THE  
16 DEPARTMENT.

17 (11) TO AID THE COMMISSION IN THE PROMOTION OF BOXING  
18 CONTESTS IN THE COMMONWEALTH.

19 SECTION 305. MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARD.

20 WITHIN 60 DAYS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT, THE  
21 COMMISSION SHALL APPOINT FIVE PHYSICIANS TO SERVE ON A MEDICAL  
22 ADVISORY BOARD FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS. EACH MEMBER SHALL BE  
23 PAID A PER DIEM RATE TO BE ESTABLISHED BY THE SECRETARY, BUT NOT  
24 IN EXCESS OF \$150 PER DAY. THE MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARD SHALL  
25 ISSUE AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMISSION WHICH SHALL INCLUDE A  
26 REVIEW OF THE HEALTH STATUS OF EACH BOXER WHO ACTUALLY COMPETED  
27 DURING THE PRIOR FISCAL YEAR TO IDENTIFY THOSE WHO MAY BE AT  
28 RISK OF SERIOUS PHYSICAL IMPAIRMENT AND A REVIEW OF THE HEALTH  
29 AND SAFETY REGULATIONS PROMULGATED BY THE COMMISSION TO  
30 RECOMMEND CHANGES OR ADDITIONS THERETO.

CHAPTER 3 5

REGULATIONS OF BOXING CONTESTS AND EXHIBITIONS

~~Section 301. Power of department to control boxing.~~

~~Except as provided in section 103, except such contests and exhibitions as are specifically exempted from the provisions of this act, the department is hereby granted sole direction, control and jurisdiction over all amateur and professional boxing contests and exhibitions or any variations thereof held within this Commonwealth.~~

Section ~~302~~ 501. Boxing regulated.

~~Amateur or professional~~ PROFESSIONAL boxing contests or exhibitions, including kick boxing, shall be held within this Commonwealth only in accordance with the provisions of this act and the rules and regulations promulgated hereunder. The contests or exhibitions may be held on Sundays.

Section ~~303~~ 502. Age of participants.

(a) General rule.--No person under the age of 18 shall be a participant in any boxing contest or exhibition.

(b) Exception.--

(1) Any person between 12 and 17 years of age may participate in amateur boxing contests or exhibitions under such rules and regulations as the ~~department~~ COMMISSION shall prescribe.

(2) ~~Persons under 18~~ ANY PERSON BETWEEN 12 AND 17 years of age may participate after obtaining written permission from a parent or legal guardian, as well as consent by the ~~department~~ EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

(3) Persons 12 to 16 years of age may only participate in such contests with persons not more than one year older.

(c) Junior olympics.--The limitations set forth in

1 subsections (a) and (b) shall not apply to sanctioned boxing  
2 events for the junior olympics under the direction of a national  
3 governing organization certified by the ~~department~~ COMMISSION. <—

4 For purposes of the junior olympic events, participants, with  
5 the written permission of a parent or legal guardian, may box  
6 only in the following age divisions:

7 (1) Ten and eleven years of age.

8 (2) Twelve and thirteen years of age.

9 (3) Fourteen and fifteen years of age.

10 Under no circumstances shall any participant take part in any  
11 event outside of the approved division for such age group.

12 Section ~~304~~ 503. Fictitious names. <—

13 No person shall participate in any amateur boxing contest or  
14 exhibition under a fictitious or assumed name, unless such  
15 fictitious or assumed name has first been registered with the  
16 ~~department~~ COMMISSION. <—

17 Section ~~305~~ 504. Physician to be in attendance. <—

18 A physician shall be assigned to every boxing contest or  
19 exhibition by the ~~department~~ EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. The physician <—  
20 shall observe and continue to observe the physical condition of  
21 the participants and is authorized to stop any contest or  
22 exhibition at any time to examine a contestant and to terminate  
23 a bout when, in the judgment of the physician, severe injury  
24 could result to a contestant if the contest or exhibition were  
25 to continue. The ~~department~~ COMMISSION shall establish by rule <—  
26 or regulation a schedule of fees to be paid to physicians for  
27 their services. The physician's fee shall be paid by the  
28 promoter of the contest or exhibition attended by the physician.

29 Section ~~306~~ 505. Medical training seminars. <—

30 The ~~department~~ COMMISSION shall conduct frequent mandatory <—



1 medical training seminars at least three times a year for all  
2 ring personnel, ~~department~~ COMMISSION personnel and other <—  
3 designated persons employed by the ~~department~~ SECRETARY. <—  
4 Section ~~307~~ 506. Register. <—  
5 The ~~department~~ EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR shall establish and <—  
6 maintain a register for all professional boxers licensed in this  
7 Commonwealth. The register shall include a photograph of the  
8 boxer. In the register, the ~~department~~ EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR shall <—  
9 record the results of each boxing contest or exhibition the  
10 boxer is involved in, including technical knockouts, knockouts  
11 and other boxing-related injuries, as well as the dates of each  
12 contest or exhibition and the record of wins and losses.  
13 Section ~~308~~ 507. Medical equipment. <—  
14 No professional ~~or amateur~~ boxing event shall be started <—  
15 unless there is on the premises:  
16 (1) An ambulance, together with emergency equipment.  
17 (2) A portable resuscitator with oxygen and appropriate  
18 endotracheal tubes and a qualified operator.  
19 Section ~~309~~ 508. Suspension. <—  
20 For sound medical reasons and to protect the individual  
21 boxers, the ~~department~~ COMMISSION shall establish mandatory <—  
22 license suspensions of those persons who sustain certain  
23 injuries. The ~~department~~ COMMISSION may suspend a boxer's <—  
24 license for up to:  
25 (1) Sixty days for a laceration of the face.  
26 (2) Thirty days for a technical knockout with minor  
27 injuries.  
28 (3) Forty-five days for head injuries.  
29 (4) Ninety days for a boxer receiving a knockout. Such  
30 boxer shall receive an EEG within 24 hours of the knockout.

1 Section ~~310~~ 509. Examinations. <—

2 (a) Prefight physical.--

3 (1) In addition to any other examination required by  
4 this act or the rules and regulations promulgated hereunder,  
5 each boxer must be examined by the attending physician within  
6 two hours before he enters the ring. If, in the opinion of  
7 the physician, any boxer is physically or mentally unfit to  
8 proceed, the physician shall notify the person in charge, who  
9 shall immediately cancel the contest or exhibition.

10 (2) This required examination shall conform to the rules  
11 and regulations promulgated by the ~~department~~ COMMISSION. <—

12 (b) Postfight physical.--In addition to the examination  
13 required in this act, every boxer shall be examined by a  
14 physician designated by the ~~department~~ EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR during <—  
15 the five days following every contest or exhibition in which he  
16 was a participant. Such examination shall be performed at the  
17 expense of the promoter.

18 (c) Filing of results of physicals.--The results of the  
19 examinations required by this section shall be reduced to  
20 writing by the physician, signed by him and filed with the  
21 ~~department~~ COMMISSION within 48 hours after they have been <—  
22 performed.

23 Section ~~311~~ 510. Weights and classes. <—

24 The ~~department~~ COMMISSION shall establish classes of boxers <—  
25 by rules and regulations promulgated under this act. Such  
26 classes shall be based upon weights.

27 Section ~~312~~ 511. Limitation on difference in weights. <—

28 No contest or exhibition shall be lawful in which the  
29 difference in weight of the participants exceeds ten pounds.  
30 This limitation shall not apply to contests or exhibitions

1 between participants in the light-heavyweight and heavyweight  
2 classes, as defined by the ~~department~~ COMMISSION, nor to  
3 exhibitions held solely for training purposes.

4 Section ~~313~~ 512. Gloves.

5 (A) GENERAL RULE.--ALL BOXERS LICENSED UNDER THIS ACT SHALL  
6 BE REQUIRED TO USE THUMBLESS OR THUMB-ATTACHED GLOVES. The  
7 appropriate weight boxing gloves shall be worn by boxers as  
8 follows:

9 (1) One hundred thirty-five pounds or under, boxing  
10 gloves weighing not less than five ounces each.

11 (2) Over 135 pounds but not exceeding 160 pounds, boxing  
12 gloves weighing not less than six ounces each.

13 (3) Over 160 pounds, boxing gloves weighing not less  
14 than ten ounces each.

15 (B) VIOLATION.--A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION MAY SUBJECT THE  
16 PARTICIPANT, PROMOTER AND/OR MANAGER TO SUSPENSION OF NOT LESS  
17 THAN 30 DAYS OR REVOCATION OF THEIR LICENSES, AT THE DISCRETION  
18 OF THE COMMISSION, PURSUANT TO SECTION 1504.

19 Section ~~314~~ 513. Duration of boxing bouts; length of rounds.

20 (a) Length of contest.--No boxing contest or exhibition  
21 shall be more than ~~15~~ 12 rounds in length, EXCEPT FOR  
22 CHAMPIONSHIP CONTESTS SANCTIONED BY RECOGNIZED INTERNATIONAL OR  
23 NATIONAL AUTHORITIES, WHICH MAY BE UP TO 15 ROUNDS IN LENGTH.

24 (b) Duration of round.--No round shall be more than three  
25 minutes in duration.

26 (c) Mandatory rest period.--There shall be at least a one  
27 minute rest between consecutive rounds.

28 (d) Limitation on participation.--No boxer shall participate  
29 in, nor be scheduled to participate in, more than 15 rounds  
30 within 72 consecutive hours.

1 (e) Limitation on rounds.--The ~~department~~ COMMISSION may, in <—  
2 respect to any contest or exhibition or in respect to any class  
3 of participants, limit the number of rounds in a contest or  
4 exhibition to less than the maximum of 15 rounds.

5 Section ~~315~~ 514. Attendance of referee and judges; scoring. <—

6 (a) Referee.--At each professional boxing contest or  
7 exhibition, except an exhibition held solely for training  
8 purposes, there shall be in attendance, at the expense of the  
9 promoter, a duly licensed referee designated by the ~~department~~ <—  
10 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, who shall direct and control the contest or <—  
11 exhibition.

12 (b) Judges.--There shall also be in attendance at every  
13 boxing contest, at the expense of the promoter, two licensed  
14 judges, each of whom shall, together with the referee, render  
15 his individual decision, in writing, on a scorecard supplied by  
16 the ~~department~~ EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR at the end of every boxing <—  
17 contest which continues for the scheduled number of rounds. Each  
18 judge and the referee shall have one vote, and a majority of the  
19 votes cast shall determine the winner.

20 (c) Scoring.--The ~~department~~ COMMISSION shall by rule or <—  
21 regulation prescribe the methods of scoring.

22 Section ~~316~~ 515. Seconds. <—

23 Before the start of any boxing contest or exhibition, the  
24 referee shall ascertain from each participant the name of the  
25 chief second. The chief second shall be held responsible for the  
26 conduct of his assistants during the contest or exhibition.

27 Section ~~317~~ 516. Duty of disclosure. <—

28 Every licensee shall, immediately after learning thereof,  
29 disclose to the ~~department~~ EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR HIS DESIGNEE, <—  
30 or to the official in charge or the attending physician or

1 referee if one of these persons is in attendance at any contest  
2 or exhibition, all knowledge or information in his possession  
3 concerning any mental or physical disability, injury, illness or  
4 incapacity of any boxer.

5 Section ~~318~~ 517. Sham or collusive contest prohibited. <—

6 (a) General rule.--No licensee or other person shall  
7 knowingly conduct, give, participate in or be in any way  
8 connected with any sham or collusive boxing contest.

9 (b) Reports.--Any licensee who knows or has reason to  
10 suspect that a boxing contest is, was or is going to be a sham  
11 or collusive contest shall have a duty to promptly report this  
12 to the ~~department or a representative thereof~~ EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR <—  
13 OR HIS DESIGNEE. Such a report shall be in writing or, if oral,  
14 shall be reduced to writing and shall contain all of the  
15 reporter's reasons for the conclusions set forth in his report.

16 (c) Definition.--A sham or collusive contest is one in which  
17 one or both of the participants does not use his best efforts  
18 and skill or does not strive earnestly in good faith to win. It  
19 includes, but is not limited to, any pseudo contest, the result  
20 of which has been prearranged or any pseudo contest in which  
21 either participant does not, is not going to, or is unable to  
22 use or is prevented from using his best efforts and skill as a  
23 result of coercion, bribery, duress, threats, reward or promise  
24 thereof, physical incapacity or disability, suggestion or  
25 agreement, or any other improper or unlawful means.

26 (d) Penalty.--A violation of this section shall constitute a  
27 misdemeanor of the third degree.

28 Section ~~319~~ 518. Minimum purses for boxers. <—

29 No purse less than ~~\$25~~ \$50 shall be paid by the promoter to <—  
30 any professional boxer for any contest or exhibition, other than

1 a training exhibition.

2 Section ~~320~~ 519. Distribution of purses to boxers; statements. <—

3 (a) Promoter distribution.--Unless otherwise directed by the  
4 ~~department~~ EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, all boxing purses shall be <—  
5 distributed by the promoter not later than 24 hours after the  
6 conclusion of the contest or exhibition for which the purse is  
7 being paid. A written statement showing the distribution of the  
8 purse, including each item of receipt and each expenditure or  
9 deduction, shall be furnished to the boxer and his manager,  
10 together with his share of the purse, and a copy thereof  
11 certified by the promoter to be true and correct shall be filed  
12 in the office of the ~~department~~ EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. Receipted <—  
13 vouchers for every expenditure or deduction shall be attached to  
14 the copy filed with the department.

15 (b) Manager distribution.--Unless otherwise directed by the  
16 ~~department~~ EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, every manager shall furnish a <—  
17 statement of distribution to the boxer he manages, together with  
18 the boxer's share of the purse, not later than 24 hours after he  
19 receives the purse and statement from the promoter. A copy  
20 thereof, certified by the manager to be true and correct, shall  
21 be filed in the office of the department, and it shall have  
22 attached to it receipted vouchers for every expenditure or  
23 deduction made by the manager.

24 Section ~~321~~ 520. Withholding of moneys. <—

25 (a) General rule.--The ~~department~~ COMMISSION shall have the <—  
26 power to order the promoter to withhold any purse, or any part  
27 thereof, or any receipts or other funds belonging to or payable  
28 to any contestant or for which any contestant is competing or of  
29 any manager's share of, if it should appear that such contestant  
30 is not competing honestly or is intentionally not competing to

1 the best of his ability and skill, or if it should appear that  
2 the contestant, his manager or any of his seconds has violated  
3 any provision of this act or the rules and regulations  
4 promulgated under this act.

5 (b) Escrow.--The ~~department~~ COMMISSION shall have the power <—  
6 to order that the gross receipts shall be withheld and placed in  
7 escrow if it should appear that the act has been violated.

8 Section ~~322~~ 521. Hearing regarding withheld purse. <—

9 (a) Delivery to ~~department~~ COMMISSION.--Any purse, or <—  
10 portion thereof, so withheld shall be delivered by the promoter  
11 to the ~~department~~ COMMISSION within 48 hours after the end of <—  
12 the contest.

13 (b) Request for hearing.--Within ten days after the end of  
14 the contest, the licensee from whom the sum was withheld shall  
15 have the right to apply in writing to the ~~department~~ COMMISSION <—  
16 for a hearing. Upon receipt of such application, the ~~department~~ <—  
17 COMMISSION shall fix a date for a hearing. <—

18 Section ~~323~~ 522. Hearing, disposition of withheld purse. <—

19 (a) General rule.--Within a reasonable time after the  
20 hearing or after the expiration of ten days following the  
21 contest, if no application for a hearing is filed, the  
22 ~~department~~ COMMISSION shall determine the disposition to be made <—  
23 of the withheld purse.

24 (b) Withholding.--If the ~~department~~ COMMISSION finds the <—  
25 charge or charges upon which the withholding order was based to  
26 be true and to be sufficient lawful reason upon which to base  
27 such an order, it may, in its discretion, declare the funds  
28 withheld, or any part thereof, forfeited.

29 (c) Distribution.--If the ~~department~~ COMMISSION finds the <—  
30 charge or charges to be untrue or not to be sufficient lawful

1 reason upon which to base a withholding order, it shall  
2 distribute the withheld funds to the persons entitled thereto.

3 Section ~~324~~ 523. Payments regulated. <—

4 (a) General rule.--No promoter or foreign copromoter shall  
5 pay, lend or give any money to a contestant before any boxing  
6 contest as an advance against his purse or for a similar  
7 purpose. A promoter may, with the prior written permission of  
8 the ~~department~~ COMMISSION, pay or advance to a contestant <—  
9 necessary expenses for transportation and maintenance in  
10 preparation for a contest.

11 (b) Forfeiture of purse.--If a contestant's purse is  
12 forfeited, the ~~department~~ COMMISSION may include such payments <—  
13 or advances as part of the forfeiture, and, if he does not  
14 forward such amount to the department, it may be recovered in  
15 the same manner as a debt due the Commonwealth.

16 Section ~~325~~ 524. Insurance. <—

17 The ~~department~~ COMMISSION may, by rules and regulations, <—  
18 require licensed boxers to be covered by insurance for:

19 (1) Medical, surgical and hospital care resulting from  
20 injuries sustained while preparing for or engaged in boxing  
21 contests or exhibitions with the insured being the  
22 beneficiary of such policies.

23 (2) Life, providing for payments to the estates or  
24 beneficiaries of deceased boxers where death was caused by  
25 injuries received while preparing for or engaged in boxing  
26 contests or exhibitions.

27 The premiums for such insurance shall be paid by the insured's  
28 manager.

29 CHAPTER 5 7 <—

30 SAFETY REGULATIONS



1 Section ~~501~~ 701. Mandatory eight count. <—

2 Whenever a boxer is knocked down, the boxer shall be required  
3 to take a count of eight. The referee shall not permit the  
4 contest or exhibition to be resumed until the count of eight has  
5 actually been reached, except in professional championship  
6 boxing contests and exhibitions.

7 Section ~~502~~ 702. Knockout. <—

8 When a boxer is actually knocked out, the referee shall count  
9 to ten, and shall not stop the count earlier and record a  
10 technical knockout.

11 Section ~~503~~ 703. Physician at knockout. <—

12 When a boxer has been knocked out, no one shall touch him,  
13 except to remove his mouth protector, until after the attending  
14 physician has entered the ring and issued such instructions as  
15 he deems necessary.

16 Section ~~504~~ 704. Ring padding. <—

17 All ring padding shall be subject to approval of the  
18 ~~department~~ COMMISSION. All padding shall be of soft felt, foam <—  
19 rubber or similar material and shall be at least two inches  
20 thick.

21 Section ~~505~~ 705. Boxer knocked unconscious. <—

22 A boxer who has been knocked unconscious or who has received  
23 a concussion shall not be allowed to box again for 90 days, and  
24 then only after having been pronounced fit after a thorough  
25 physical examination by a physician.

26 Section ~~506~~ 706. Boxer repeatedly knocked out. <—

27 A boxer who has been knocked out or severely beaten shall be  
28 retired and not permitted to box again if, after subjecting him  
29 to a thorough examination by a physician, the ~~department~~ <—  
30 COMMISSION decides such action is necessary in order to protect <—

1 the health and welfare of the boxer.

2 Section ~~507~~ 707. Six consecutive defeats. <—

3 A boxer who has suffered six consecutive defeats shall be  
4 investigated by the ~~department~~ COMMISSION and examined by a <—  
5 physician.

6 CHAPTER 7 9 <—

7 LICENSES AND PERMITS

8 Section ~~701~~ 901. Power of ~~department~~ COMMISSION to issue, <—  
9 withhold, suspend or revoke licenses and permits.

10 The ~~department~~ COMMISSION is hereby granted sole control, <—  
11 authority and jurisdiction to issue, withhold, suspend or revoke  
12 any license or permit provided for in this act.

13 Section ~~702~~ 902. Promoters' licenses. <—

14 No promoter shall, either directly or indirectly, conduct,  
15 hold or promote any professional boxing contest or exhibition  
16 unless he has first procured a promoter's license from the  
17 ~~department. A violation of this section shall constitute a~~ <—  
18 ~~misdemeanor of the third degree.~~ COMMISSION. A VIOLATION OF THIS <—  
19 SECTION MAY SUBJECT THE PROMOTER TO SUSPENSION OF NOT LESS THAN  
20 30 DAYS OR REVOCATION OF HIS LICENSE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE  
21 COMMISSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 1504.

22 Section ~~703~~ 903. Representative managers' licenses. <—

23 (a) General rule.--Before acting as such, every  
24 representative manager shall procure a manager's license. He  
25 shall file with the department the name of each boxer whom he  
26 represents, together with a written consent from each such boxer  
27 and his manager authorizing him to transact business for such  
28 manager or boxer or to act as or for the manager of such boxer.

29 (b) Presumption.--Every person other than the manager of a  
30 professional boxer who performs any of the acts usually

1 performed by the manager or who aids, assists or substitutes for  
2 the manager or who uses a licensed manager to conceal his own  
3 actions as a manager shall be considered a representative  
4 manager.

5 (c) Penalty.--A violation of this section ~~shall constitute a~~ <—  
6 ~~misdemeanor of the third degree.~~ MAY SUBJECT THE MANAGER TO <—  
7 SUSPENSION OF NOT LESS THAN 30 DAYS OR REVOCATION OF HIS LICENSE  
8 AT THE DISCRETION OF THE COMMISSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 1504.

9 Section ~~704~~ 904. Foreign copromoters to procure permits. <—

10 (a) General rule.--No foreign copromoter shall directly or  
11 indirectly participate in the promotion of or receive any  
12 remuneration from or render any services in connection with any  
13 professional boxing contest or exhibition held within this  
14 Commonwealth unless he has first been granted a permit therefor  
15 by the ~~department~~ COMMISSION. No promoter shall be associated <—  
16 with any foreign copromoter in promoting any contest or  
17 exhibition unless the foreign copromoter has first secured a  
18 permit. A foreign copromoter by accepting a permit agrees to be  
19 subject to all the provisions of this act and the rules and  
20 regulations promulgated under this act.

21 (b) Penalty.--A violation of this section ~~shall constitute a~~ <—  
22 ~~misdemeanor of the third degree.~~ MAY SUBJECT THE PROMOTER AND/OR <—  
23 FOREIGN COPROMOTER TO SUSPENSION OF NOT LESS THAN 30 DAYS OR  
24 REVOCATION OF HIS LICENSE OR PERMIT AT THE DISCRETION OF THE  
25 COMMISSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 1504.

26 Section ~~705~~ 905. Other licenses required. <—

27 (a) Other licenses.--No professional boxer, manager, second,  
28 trainer, matchmaker, timekeeper, referee, judge, announcer,  
29 physician, booking agent or agency or representative of a  
30 booking agent or agency shall directly or indirectly act in such

1 capacity in connection with any professional boxing contest or  
2 exhibition unless he has first procured a license to act in such  
3 a capacity from the ~~department~~ COMMISSION. <—

4 (b) Penalty.--A violation of this section ~~shall constitute a~~ <—  
5 ~~misdemeanor of the third degree.~~ MAY SUBJECT THE BOXER, MANAGER, <—  
6 SECONDS, TRAINER, MATCHMAKER, TIMEKEEPER, REFEREE, JUDGE,  
7 ANNOUNCER, PHYSICIAN, BOOKING AGENT OR AGENCY OR REPRESENTATIVE  
8 OF A BOOKING AGENT OR AGENCY TO SUSPENSION OF NOT LESS THAN 30  
9 DAYS OR REVOCATION OF THEIR LICENSES AT THE DISCRETION OF THE  
10 COMMISSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 1504.

11 Section ~~706~~ 906. Permits required. <—

12 In addition to the promoter's license, each promoter shall be  
13 required to procure a permit for each program of contests or  
14 exhibitions before presenting that program. Each application for  
15 a permit shall specify the premises where and time when the  
16 program is to be held.

17 Section ~~707~~ 907. Permits for amateurs. <—

18 (a) Permit required.--Except as otherwise provided in this  
19 act, no amateur boxing contest or exhibition shall be held  
20 without a permit having been first secured from the department.

21 (b) Eligibility.--Permits for amateur boxing contests or  
22 exhibitions shall be issued only to bona fide recognized amateur  
23 athletic associations, nonprofit organizations or other groups  
24 or individuals approved by the ~~department~~ COMMISSION. <—

25 (c) Miscellaneous.--Permits under this section may be issued  
26 for a single contest or exhibition, a series of contests or  
27 exhibitions, or for a period not exceeding one year. The  
28 ~~department~~ COMMISSION may issue amateur permits without charging <—  
29 any fee or for a fee of \$5 per permit.

30 Section ~~708~~ 908. Restrictions. <—

1 No officer, director, stockholder or employee of a licensed  
2 promoter shall have any other interest in any professional boxer  
3 or professional contests or exhibitions except as a matchmaker.

4 Section 709 909. Permits not to be issued. <—

5 No permit shall be issued for the holding of any boxing  
6 contest or exhibition within any political subdivision of this  
7 Commonwealth which has adopted, or which adopts, any local  
8 ordinance or resolution prohibiting such contests or exhibitions  
9 within its limits.

10 Section 710 910. Standards for the issuance of licenses and <—  
11 permits.

12 (a) Consideration.--In determining whether to issue or renew  
13 any license or permit, the ~~department~~ COMMISSION shall consider <—  
14 the best interest and welfare of the public, the preservation of  
15 the safety and health of participants and the best interests of  
16 boxing generally.

17 (b) Prerequisites.--Before being granted any permit or  
18 license, the applicant must establish that the applicant is:

19 (1) Of a good moral character.

20 (2) Of good reputation.

21 (3) Physically fit and mentally sound.

22 (4) Skilled in his profession.

23 (5) Of requisite age and experience.

24 (6) Not addicted to the intemperate use of alcohol or to  
25 the use of narcotic drugs.

26 In the case of a corporate applicant, these factors shall be  
27 considered with reference to its officers, directors, employees  
28 and principal stockholders.

29 Section 711 911. Duration of license. <—

30 Each license issued under this act shall expire on December

1 31 next following the date on which it was issued.

2 Section ~~712~~ 912. Applications for licenses and permits. <—

3 Every application for a license or a permit shall:

4 (1) Be in writing on a form supplied by the ~~department~~ <—  
5 COMMISSION. <—

6 (2) Be verified by the applicant.

7 (3) Set forth such information and have attached thereto  
8 such photographs and other exhibits as are required by this  
9 act, the rules and regulations promulgated under this act,  
10 and the form of application.

11 Section ~~713~~ 913. Oral examinations. <—

12 The ~~department~~ COMMISSION shall have the right to require any <—  
13 applicant for a license or permit, or in the case of a corporate  
14 applicant, any officer, director, employee or stockholder  
15 thereof, to appear before the ~~department~~ COMMISSION for an oral <—  
16 examination, under oath, as to qualifications of the applicant  
17 before taking actions on that application.

18 ~~Section 714. Fingerprints.~~ <—

19 ~~The department shall have taken, in duplicate, the~~  
20 ~~fingerprints of each applicant for a license or permit or, in~~  
21 ~~the case of a corporate applicant, of such of its officers,~~  
22 ~~directors, employees or stockholders as the department may~~  
23 ~~require. One set of fingerprints shall be filed in the~~  
24 ~~Harrisburg office of the Pennsylvania State Police and the other~~  
25 ~~set shall be filed in the department.~~

26 Section ~~715~~ 914. License fees. <—

27 The annual license fees which shall accompany each  
28 application for a license or the renewal of a license shall be  
29 fixed by ~~departmental regulation. The department may issue~~ <—  
30 ~~licenses without fees to referees and physicians authorizing~~

1 ~~them to officiate only at boxing contests or exhibitions between~~  
2 ~~amateurs.~~ COMMISSION REGULATION. <—

3 Section ~~716~~ 915. Permit fees. <—

4 (a) General rule.--The required fees, based upon the seating  
5 capacity of the premises where the program is to be presented,  
6 shall accompany each application for a permit to present a  
7 program of contests or exhibitions. The amount of the fee shall  
8 be fixed by ~~departmental~~ COMMISSION regulation. <—

9 (b) Foreign copromoter permit.--The fee for the issuance of  
10 a foreign copromoter's permit for each program of contests or  
11 exhibitions shall be fixed by ~~departmental~~ COMMISSION <—  
12 regulation.

13 Section ~~717~~ 916. Additional license fees; penalties. <—

14 (a) Gross receipts fees.--In addition to the payment of any  
15 other fees and moneys due under this act, every promoter shall  
16 pay an additional license fee of 5% of the total gross receipts  
17 of any boxing contest or exhibition, exclusive of any Federal  
18 tax or any tax imposed by any political subdivision of this  
19 Commonwealth which was paid thereon. For the purposes of this  
20 section, total gross receipts of every promoter upon which the  
21 5% is to be computed shall include the gross price chargeable  
22 for the sale, lease or other exploitation of broadcasting,  
23 television and motion picture rights of such contest or  
24 exhibition without any deductions whatsoever for commissions,  
25 brokerage fees, distribution fees, advertising or other expenses  
26 or charges in respect thereto. Gross receipts, for the purposes  
27 of this section, shall also include the face value of all  
28 tickets sold and complimentary tickets issued.

29 (b) Time period for payment.--The payment of the additional  
30 license fee provided for in this section shall be made within 48

1 hours after the contest or exhibition and shall be accompanied  
2 by a form prescribed by the Department of Revenue setting forth  
3 the gross receipts received from the contest or exhibition,  
4 together with such other information as the Department of  
5 Revenue may require.

6 (c) Collection of fee.--The additional license fee provided  
7 for in this section shall be collected by the department and  
8 transmitted to the Department of Revenue, together with the  
9 reports filed therewith.

10 (d) Penalties.--

11 (1) Any promoter who willfully makes a false and  
12 fraudulent report under this section commits perjury, and  
13 shall, upon conviction, be subject to punishment as provided  
14 by law. Such penalty shall be in addition to any other  
15 penalties imposed by this act.

16 (2) Any promoter who willfully fails, neglects or  
17 refuses to make a report, or to pay the license fees as  
18 herein prescribed, or who refuses to permit the department to  
19 examine the books, papers and records of any promotion  
20 commits a misdemeanor of the third degree AND MAY BE SUBJECT <—  
21 TO SUSPENSION OR LOSS OF HIS LICENSE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE  
22 COMMISSION.

23 CHAPTER 9 11 <—

24 CONTRACTS, ADVERTISING, TICKETS AND SPECTATORS

25 Section ~~901.~~ Department 1101. COMMISSION control of contracts. <—

26 The ~~department~~ COMMISSION, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE <—  
27 DEPARTMENT, is required to promulgate rules and regulations  
28 governing the form and content of all contracts entered into  
29 between or among promoters and foreign copromoters and  
30 professional boxers and managers and all contracts between



1 managers and professional boxers. All contracts required under  
2 the provisions of this act shall be in writing.

3 Section ~~902~~ 1102. Contracts subject to law. <—

4 Every contract subject to the provisions of this chapter  
5 shall contain the following clause:

6 This agreement is subject to the provisions of this act  
7 and to the rules and regulations of the Department of  
8 State, and to any future amendments of either of them.

9 Section ~~903~~ 1103. Provisions in contracts between managers and <—  
10 professional boxers.

11 (a) General provisions.--Every contract between a manager  
12 and a professional boxer shall contain provisions governing its  
13 duration, division of the boxer's purses and the minimum sum to  
14 be guaranteed annually to the boxer by the manager.

15 (b) Termination of contract.--Each contract shall further  
16 provide that the contract shall be automatically terminated if  
17 the license of either party is revoked by the ~~department~~ <—  
18 COMMISSION or if the manager fails to renew his license within <—  
19 30 days after its expiration. If the license of either party is  
20 suspended, the contract shall not be binding upon the other  
21 party during the period of such suspension.

22 Section ~~904~~ 1104. Approval of contracts. <—

23 No contract between a manager and a professional boxer shall  
24 be legally valid and binding until both parties to the contract  
25 have appeared before the ~~department~~ COMMISSION and have received <—  
26 ~~departmental~~ ITS approval which shall be endorsed on the <—  
27 contract.

28 Section ~~905~~ 1105. Tickets. <—

29 (a) Scheduled date and price.--Every ticket of admission to  
30 a boxing contest or exhibition shall clearly show on its face

1 the scheduled date of the contest or exhibition and its purchase  
2 price, including any taxes thereon.

3 (b) Price limitation.--No ticket shall be sold by any  
4 promoter or foreign copromoter for more than the price printed  
5 thereon.

6 (c) Anti-scalping provision.--No other person shall sell any  
7 ticket for more than 50¢ in excess of the price printed on the  
8 ticket. No licensee under this act shall directly or indirectly  
9 receive any part of any excess price.

10 (d) Numbering of tickets.--Tickets in each price range shall  
11 be consecutively numbered, and the number of each ticket shall  
12 be clearly printed on both the stub and main portion of the  
13 ticket.

14 (e) Schedule of tickets.--A schedule of the numbers of all  
15 tickets in each price range shall be furnished to the  
16 department.

17 Section ~~906~~ 1106. Misdemeanor to destroy tickets.

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18 Except upon receipt of prior written authorization from the  
19 department, it shall be a misdemeanor of the second degree for  
20 any promoter or person associated with or employed by any  
21 promoter to destroy any ticket or ticket stub, whether sold or  
22 unsold, within six months after the date of any contest or  
23 exhibition.

24 Section ~~907~~ 1107. Ticket refunds.

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25 (a) Full refund.--Upon postponement or cancellation of the  
26 main event or the entire program of contests or exhibitions, the  
27 promoter shall refund the full purchase price of each ticket to  
28 any person who presents such ticket for a refund within 30 days  
29 after the scheduled date of the event. Within 10 days after the  
30 expiration of this 30-day period, the promoter shall pay all

1 unclaimed ticket receipts to the department. The department  
2 shall hold these funds for a period of one year for the purpose  
3 of making additional refunds. Thereafter, the department shall  
4 pay all remaining moneys from such ticket sale to the State  
5 Treasurer for deposit into the General Fund, without escheat.

6 (b) Forfeiture of security.--Failure of any promoter or  
7 foreign copromoter to comply with the provisions of subsection  
8 (a) shall be sufficient cause to warrant a forfeiture of his  
9 bond, or other security, and an imposition of a penalty or  
10 suspension or revocation of his license by the department as  
11 provided in this act.

12 (c) Pro rata refunds.--From the fund produced by the  
13 forfeiture, pro rata refunds shall be made by the department to  
14 persons who purchased tickets, in accordance with the provisions  
15 of subsection (a).

16 Section ~~908~~ 1108. Advertising matter to state admission price. <—

17 Each showcard, bill, poster, newspaper or any other  
18 advertisement of any contest or exhibition shall contain a  
19 schedule of admission prices and a conspicuous statement of  
20 whether a contest or exhibition is being presented. Failure to  
21 comply with the provisions of this section shall constitute  
22 grounds for the suspension or revocation of the promoter's  
23 license.

24 Section ~~909~~ 1109. Admissions not to exceed seating capacity. <—

25 It shall be a misdemeanor of the third degree for any  
26 promoter to admit to any contest or exhibition more persons than  
27 there are seats in the place where the contest or exhibition is  
28 being held.

29 Section ~~910~~ 1110. Age of spectators. <—

30 No minor 16 years of age or under shall be permitted to

1 attend any boxing contest or exhibition unless accompanied by an  
2 adult.

3 CHAPTER ~~11~~ 13

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4 BONDS

5 Section ~~1101~~ 1301. Promoters and foreign copromoters required  
6 to file bonds.

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7 (a) General rule.--Before any license or renewal of a  
8 license is issued to a promoter and before any permit is issued  
9 to a foreign copromoter, he shall be required to execute and  
10 file a surety bond with the department in such reasonable  
11 amount, but not less than \$3,000, as the department shall  
12 determine.

13 (b) Form of bond.--All such bonds shall be upon forms  
14 supplied by the department, which shall have first adopted them  
15 with the approval of the Office of Attorney General.

16 (c) Approval of sureties.--The sufficiency of the sureties  
17 shall be subject to approval of the department and the Office of  
18 Attorney General.

19 (d) Conditions.--The surety bond shall be conditioned upon  
20 the faithful performance by the promoter or foreign copromoter  
21 of his obligations under this act and the rules and regulations  
22 promulgated pursuant hereto, including, but not limited to, the  
23 fulfillment of his contractual obligations to contestants,  
24 managers and other licensees, and the payment of all license and  
25 permit fees provided for in this act. The aggregate annual  
26 liability of the surety for all obligations and fees shall in no  
27 event exceed the amount of the bond.

28 Section ~~1102~~ 1302. Deposit in lieu of surety bond.

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29 In lieu of the surety bond required by section 1101, the  
30 promoter may deposit with the department cash, a certified

1 check, or direct obligations of the United States or the  
2 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania acceptable to the department, in an  
3 equivalent amount and subject to the same conditions. Such  
4 security shall not be returned to the promoter until one year  
5 after the date on which it was deposited with the department,  
6 unless a surety bond is substituted for the security. After the  
7 expiration of one year from the date on which the security was  
8 deposited, if no claim against the deposit is outstanding, it  
9 shall be returned to the depositor.

10 Section ~~1103~~ 1303. Filing fee. <—

11 A filing fee fixed by the department shall accompany each  
12 bond filed or cash or security deposited in lieu of the bond  
13 under the provisions of this act.

14 Section ~~1104~~ 1304. Recovery on bond. <—

15 Recovery may be had on such bond or against such deposit of  
16 cash or security in the same manner as penalties are recoverable  
17 at law.

18 SECTION 1305. APPLICATION AND FEES. <—

19 (A) FEE.--AN APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT OR LICENSE SHALL BE  
20 ACCOMPANIED BY A NONREFUNDABLE APPLICATION FEE IN AN AMOUNT  
21 ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMISSION BY REGULATION, WHICH FEE SHALL BE  
22 SUBJECT TO REVIEW IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ACT OF JUNE 25, 1982  
23 (P.L.633, NO.181), KNOWN AS THE REGULATORY REVIEW ACT. IF THE  
24 REVENUES GENERATED BY FEES, FINES AND CIVIL PENALTIES IMPOSED IN  
25 ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT ARE NOT SUFFICIENT TO  
26 MATCH EXPENDITURES OVER A TWO-YEAR PERIOD, THE COMMISSION SHALL  
27 INCREASE THOSE FEES BY REGULATION, SUBJECT TO REVIEW IN  
28 ACCORDANCE WITH THE REGULATORY REVIEW ACT, SUCH THAT THE  
29 PROJECTED REVENUES WILL MEET OR EXCEED PROJECTED EXPENDITURES.  
30 IF THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES THAT FEES AND/OR FINES ESTABLISHED

1 BY THE COMMISSION ARE INADEQUATE TO MEET THE MINIMUM ENFORCEMENT  
2 EFFORTS REQUIRED BY THIS ACT, THEN THE DEPARTMENT, AFTER  
3 CONSULTATION WITH THE COMMISSION, SHALL INCREASE THE FEES AND/OR  
4 FINES BY REGULATIONS, SUBJECT TO REVIEW IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE  
5 REGULATORY REVIEW ACT, SUCH THAT ADEQUATE REVENUES ARE RAISED TO  
6 MEET THE MINIMUM ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS REQUIRED UNDER THIS ACT.

7 (B) AFFIDAVIT.--EACH APPLICATION SHALL BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN  
8 AFFIDAVIT OR AFFIRMATION OF THE APPLICANT AS TO ITS VERITY.

9 (C) DISPOSITION AND USE OF FEES.--FEES SHALL BE COLLECTED BY  
10 THE COMMISSION AND SHALL BE PAID INTO THE ATHLETIC COMMISSION  
11 AUGMENTATION ACCOUNT.

12 CHAPTER ~~13~~ 15

13 HEARINGS AND TEMPORARY SUSPENSIONS

14 Section ~~1301~~.--~~Department~~ 1501. COMMISSION hearings.

15 The ~~department~~ COMMISSION shall conduct all hearings under  
16 the provisions of Title 2 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
17 Statutes (relating to administrative law and procedure), AND  
18 MUST CONDUCT A HEARING WITHIN TEN BUSINESS DAYS FROM THE TIME  
19 ANY RECOMMENDATION IS MADE BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR THAT A  
20 PERMIT OR LICENSE BE SUSPENDED OR REVOKED.

21 Section ~~1302~~ 1502. Subpoenas.

22 The ~~department~~ COMMISSION may issue subpoenas in connection  
23 with the investigations, requiring the attendance and testimony  
24 of or the production of books and papers by any licensee or  
25 other person whom the ~~department~~ COMMISSION believes to have  
26 information, books or papers of importance to it in making the  
27 investigation.

28 Section ~~1303~~ 1503. Temporary suspension of licenses or permits.

29 (a) General rule.--The ~~department~~ COMMISSION shall have the  
30 power, upon its own motion or upon the verified written

1 complaint of any person charging a licensee or permittee with  
2 violating any provision of this act or the rules and regulations  
3 promulgated under this act, to suspend temporarily any license  
4 or permit until final determination by the ~~department~~ <—  
5 COMMISSION, when such action is necessary to protect the public <—  
6 welfare and the best interests of boxing.

7 (B) MEETINGS.--UPON THE REQUEST OF THE SECRETARY AND THE <—  
8 ORAL OR WRITTEN AGREEMENT OF TWO MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION, THE  
9 COMMISSION MAY CONDUCT MEETINGS UNDER SUBSECTION (A) BY VOICE OR  
10 VIDEO ELECTRONIC MEANS, IF THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THE MEETING IS  
11 SO COMPELLING OR TIMELY THAT CONSIDERING THE MATTER AT THE  
12 COMMISSION'S NEXT REGULAR MEETING WOULD RENDER ANY DECISION  
13 MOOT, ADVERSELY AFFECT THE RIGHTS OF THE AGGRIEVED PARTIES UNDER  
14 THIS ACT OR THREATEN THE SAFETY OR PHYSICAL HEALTH OF  
15 PARTICIPANTS. A STENOGRAPHIC RECORD OF SUCH MEETINGS SHALL BE  
16 MADE AND MAINTAINED BY THE COMMISSION AND BE MADE AVAILABLE TO  
17 THE PARTIES UPON REQUEST. THE SUBJECT MATTER OF ANY SUCH MEETING  
18 SHALL THEN BECOME THE FIRST ITEM ON THE COMMISSION'S AGENDA FOR  
19 ITS NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING.

20 ~~(b)~~ (C) Hearing date.--The ~~department~~ COMMISSION shall hold <—  
21 a hearing within ten BUSINESS days after the date on which the <—  
22 license or permit was suspended temporarily, AT WHICH TIME <—  
23 REASONABLE EFFORTS SHALL BE MADE FOR THE AFFECTED PARTIES AND  
24 THE COMMISSION TO BE PHYSICALLY PRESENT.

25 Section ~~1304~~ 1504. Suspension or revocation of licenses. <—

26 ~~The department~~ (A) GENERAL RULE.--THE COMMISSION shall have <—  
27 the power to suspend or revoke a license or permit in any case  
28 where the ~~department~~ COMMISSION finds that the licensee or <—  
29 permittee:

30 (1) Is guilty of gross immorality.

1           (2) Is unfit or incompetent by reason of negligence or  
2 habits.

3           (3) Is guilty of violating any provision of this act or  
4 of the rules and regulations of the department.

5           (4) Has committed fraud or deceit in securing his or  
6 another's license or permit.

7           (5) Has been convicted of, or pleaded guilty or entered  
8 a plea of nolo contendere to, or has been found guilty by a  
9 judge or jury of, a crime in any jurisdiction within ten days  
10 preceding the suspension or revocation.

11           (6) Is an habitual drunkard, or is addicted to the use  
12 of morphine, cocaine or other drugs having a similar effect.

13           (7) Is or has become mentally incompetent.

14           (8) Has been guilty of unprofessional or unethical  
15 conduct, or such conduct as to require a suspension or  
16 revocation in the public interest.

17           (9) Has made a misstatement of a material fact or  
18 fraudulently concealed a material fact, or has induced, aided  
19 or abetted any other person in misstating or concealing any  
20 material fact in any application or other proceeding under  
21 this act.

22           (10) Has failed to account for or pay over moneys  
23 belonging to others which have come into his possession in  
24 connection with a boxing contest or exhibition.

25           (11) Has failed to furnish to the proper party a copy of  
26 any contract or statement required by this act or the rules  
27 and regulations promulgated under this act, or has breached  
28 such a contract.

29           (12) Has paid or agreed to pay any money or article of  
30 value to any person not having a license or a permit for



1 soliciting or for business secured or for rendering of any  
2 service or the doing of any of the acts forbidden by this act  
3 and the rules and regulations promulgated under this act.

4 (13) Has loaned his license or permit to another person  
5 or has borrowed or used the license or permit of another.

6 (14) Is guilty of any form of pretense which might  
7 induce the public or citizens to become a prey to  
8 professional exploitation.

9 (15) Has employed a person who has not been issued a  
10 license or permit when so required by law.

11 (16) Has failed to maintain in force the bond required  
12 by this act or has failed to deposit with the department the  
13 required cash, check or securities required in lieu of the  
14 bond.

15 (17) Has by act or omission conducted himself in a  
16 manner detrimental to the best interests of boxing generally  
17 or to the public interest and general welfare.

18 (18) Is associating or consorting with criminals,  
19 bookmakers, gamblers or persons of similar ill repute, or  
20 with persons of no known or visible means of livelihood, or  
21 is himself engaged or engaging in similar pursuits or  
22 conduct.

23 (19) Has been disciplined in any manner by the  
24 department or similar agency or body of any jurisdiction.

25 (20) Has failed to pay a fine or any part thereof  
26 imposed by this act.

27 (B) HEARINGS.--ANY LICENSEE OR PERMITTEE WHOSE LICENSE OR  
28 PERMIT IS SUSPENDED OR REVOKED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF  
29 THIS SECTION SHALL HAVE A RIGHT TO A HEARING BEFORE THE  
30 COMMISSION WITHIN TEN BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE DATE ON WHICH THE

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1 LICENSE OR PERMIT WAS SUSPENDED OR REVOKED.

2 CHAPTER ~~15~~ 17 <—

3 PENALTIES

4 Section ~~1501~~ 1701. Misdemeanors. <—

5 Any person convicted of any misdemeanor under Chapters 1  
6 through ~~17~~ 19 of this act shall be sentenced to pay a fine of <—  
7 not more than \$5,000, or to imprisonment, for not more than  
8 three years, or both.

9 ~~Section 1502. Departmental fines.~~ <—

10 SECTION 1702. FINES. <—

11 The ~~department~~ COMMISSION shall have the right to impose a <—  
12 fine of not more than \$5,000 for any violation of Chapters 1  
13 through ~~17~~ 19 of this act or the rules and regulations <—  
14 promulgated under Chapters 1 through ~~17 of this act, in lieu of~~ <—  
15 19 OF THIS ACT, or in addition to any other punishment herein <—  
16 provided for such violation. ANY LICENSEE OR PERMITTEE UPON WHOM <—  
17 A FINE IS IMPOSED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL HAVE A RIGHT TO A  
18 HEARING BEFORE THE COMMISSION WITHIN TEN DAYS AFTER THE DATE ON  
19 WHICH THE FINE WAS IMPOSED.

20 CHAPTER ~~17~~ 19 <—

21 FINANCIAL INTERESTS

22 Section ~~1701~~ 1901. Financial interest in boxer prohibited. <—

23 No licensed physician, referee, judge or promoter shall have  
24 any direct or indirect financial or pecuniary interest in any  
25 boxer. A violation of this section shall constitute a  
26 misdemeanor of the third degree.

27 Section ~~1702~~ 1902. Financial interest in opponent prohibited. <—

28 No manager, trainer or second of any boxer shall have any  
29 direct or indirect financial or pecuniary interest in the  
30 opponent in any contest in which his own boxer participates. No

1 boxer shall have any direct or indirect financial or pecuniary  
2 interest in his opponent in any contest. A violation of this  
3 section shall constitute a misdemeanor.

4 Section ~~1703~~ 1903. Financial interest of matchmaker. <—

5 No matchmaker or promoter shall have any direct or indirect  
6 financial or pecuniary interest in any boxer who is engaging in  
7 a contest arranged by that matchmaker or promoter. A violation  
8 of this section shall constitute a misdemeanor.

9 Section ~~1704~~ 1904. Fees, fines and forfeitures. <—

10 All fees, fines, forfeitures and other moneys collected under  
11 the provisions of this act and the rules and regulations  
12 promulgated under this act shall be ~~paid by the department to~~ <—  
13 ~~the State Treasurer through the Department of Revenue, and are~~  
14 ~~hereby appropriated to the department to be placed in a~~  
15 ~~restricted receipts account for the administration and~~  
16 ~~enforcement of the provisions of this act. Such moneys shall be~~  
17 ~~specifically appropriated by the General Assembly. All moneys~~  
18 ~~received by the Commonwealth for payment of the gross receipts~~  
19 ~~tax enumerated in section 1903 of this act, are hereby~~  
20 ~~appropriated to the department to be placed in a restricted~~

21 ~~receipts account.~~ COLLECTED BY THE COMMISSION AND TRANSMITTED TO <—  
22 THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE.

23 Section ~~1705~~ 1905. Rules and regulations. <—

24 The ~~department~~ COMMISSION is hereby granted the power to <—  
25 promulgate rules and regulations governing the presentation of  
26 professional ~~and amateur~~ boxing and all matters pertaining <—  
27 thereto. Such rules and regulations shall include those rules  
28 and regulations specifically required by this act, together with  
29 such others as the ~~department~~ COMMISSION shall consider <—  
30 necessary in order to carry out the provisions of this act.

## PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING

~~Section 1901. Definitions.~~

~~The following words and phrases when used in this chapter shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:~~

~~"Department." The Department of Revenue of the Commonwealth.~~

~~"Exhibition." An engagement in which the participants display their skills in a struggle against each other in the ring, with or without the use of substances and objects, without necessarily striving to win, provided that contests prohibited by section 2101 shall not be exhibitions as defined herein.~~

~~"Promoter." Any person, and in the case of a corporation, an officer, director, employee or shareholder thereof, who produces, arranges or stages any professional wrestling exhibition.~~

~~Section 1902. Promoter's bonding requirements.~~

~~(a) General rule. Before the scheduled date of any professional wrestling exhibition, the promoter of the exhibition shall be required to execute a surety bond with the entity operating the arena or other facility in a reasonable amount, but not less than \$10,000, as the parties shall agree.~~

~~(b) Conditions of bond. The surety bond shall be conditioned upon the faithful performance by the promoter of his obligations under this chapter and the contract with the entity in charge of the arena or other facility.~~

~~Section 1903. Admissions gross receipts tax.~~

~~(a) Imposition of tax. In addition to any Federal tax or tax imposed by any political subdivision of the Commonwealth to be paid on gross receipts, every promoter shall pay a State tax~~

~~of 3.5% of the total gross receipts of any wrestling exhibition.~~

~~(b) Payment of tax. The tax payment shall be made to the department within 72 hours after the exhibition. The payment shall be accompanied by a form prescribed by the department setting forth the gross receipts received from the exhibition, together with such other information the department may require. All moneys received by the Commonwealth for payment of the gross receipts tax enumerated in this section are hereby appropriated to the restricted receipts account described in section 1704.~~

~~(c) Computation. The total gross receipts of every promoter upon which the tax imposed by this section is to be charged or to be computed shall include only the face value of all the tickets sold and complimentary tickets issued.~~

~~Section 1904. Physician to be in attendance.~~

~~The promoter and the owner or operator of the arena or facility shall be responsible to employ a physician from a list approved by the Department of Health to be present at every wrestling exhibition. The physician shall observe the physical condition of the participants throughout the exhibition and shall be authorized to terminate an exhibition when, in his judgment, severe injury would result if the exhibition were to continue. The physician's fee shall be paid by the promoter of the exhibition.~~

~~Section 1905. Ambulance available.~~

~~The promoter and the owner or operator of the arena or facility shall be responsible to have an ambulance or paramedical unit present at the arena in case a serious injury were to occur. Where the ambulance or paramedical unit is located within five miles of the arena and that unit has been notified to be on call by the promoter, the unit need not be~~

1 ~~present at the arena.~~

2 ~~Section 1906. Crowd control.~~

3 ~~The promoter and the owner or operator of the arena or~~  
4 ~~facility shall be responsible for ensuring that adequate~~  
5 ~~security personnel are in attendance at the wrestling exhibition~~  
6 ~~to control fans in attendance. The size of the security force is~~  
7 ~~at the discretion of the promoter and the owner or operator of~~  
8 ~~the arena or facility, as they shall agree.~~

9 ~~Section 1907. Offenses.~~

10 ~~(a) Arena owners or operators. It shall be unlawful for an~~  
11 ~~owner or operator of an arena, hall or other facility at which a~~  
12 ~~professional wrestling exhibition takes place to destroy any~~  
13 ~~ticket or ticket stub, whether sold or unsold, within three~~  
14 ~~months after the date of any exhibition.~~

15 ~~(b) Wrestlers. It shall be unlawful for any wrestler to~~  
16 ~~deliberately cut or otherwise mutilate himself while~~  
17 ~~participating in a wrestling exhibition.~~

18 ~~(c) Promoter. It shall be unlawful for any promoter to:~~

19 ~~(1) conduct any professional wrestling exhibition~~  
20 ~~without satisfying the bond requirements specified in section~~  
21 ~~1902; and~~

22 ~~(2) employ any individual who is under 18 years of age.~~

23 ~~Section 1908. Enforcement.~~

24 ~~(a) Enforcement. The police chief of any municipal police~~  
25 ~~department, the troop commander of any Pennsylvania State Police~~  
26 ~~troop or the Attorney General or his designee may assign an on-~~  
27 ~~duty police officer, detective or investigator under his~~  
28 ~~jurisdiction to be present at any professional wrestling~~  
29 ~~exhibition within his respective jurisdiction. The police~~  
30 ~~officer, detective or investigator, upon display of a written~~

1 ~~order of assignment, shall be admitted by the promoter without~~  
2 ~~fee or hindrance and shall monitor compliance with this action.~~

3 ~~(b) Municipal fee. The promoter shall pay a fee of \$100 for~~  
4 ~~each wrestling exhibition to the municipality to cover the costs~~  
5 ~~of the enforcement of this action.~~

6 ~~Section 1909. Penalties.~~

7 ~~Except for a violation of section 1908, a violation of any~~  
8 ~~provision of this chapter shall be a summary offense. A~~  
9 ~~violation of section 1908 shall be a misdemeanor of the third~~  
10 ~~degree.~~

## 11 CHAPTER 21

### 12 PROHIBITED COMPETITIONS

13 Section 2101. Prohibited competitions.

14 (a) Offense defined.--A person commits a misdemeanor of the  
15 first degree if he promotes, sponsors or participates in any  
16 manner in the staging of, or the conduct of, any tough guy  
17 contest or battle of the brawlers or in any similar competition.

18 (b) Application of section.--

19 (1) This section shall not apply to the news media,  
20 including, but not limited to, television, radio, newspapers  
21 and periodicals for their reporting activities relating to  
22 tough guy contests or battles of the brawlers.

23 (2) This section shall not apply to amateur or  
24 professional contests or exhibitions for which a permit has  
25 been issued under Chapter 7 nor to ~~exhibitions as defined in~~ <—  
26 ~~Chapter 19 PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING EXHIBITIONS,~~ <—  
27 contests staged in connection with athletic training programs  
28 nor to amateur or professional contests of the martial arts  
29 nor to any collegiate or scholastic boxing, wrestling or  
30 martial arts contests.

1 (c) Definition.--As used in this section, the term "tough  
2 guy contest" or "battle of the brawlers" means any competition  
3 which involves any physical contact bout between two or more  
4 individuals, who attempt to knock out their opponent by  
5 employing boxing, wrestling, martial arts tactics or any  
6 combination thereof and by using techniques, including, but not  
7 limited to, punches, kicks and choking.

8 CHAPTER 31

9 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

10 Section 3101. Repeals.

11 (a) Specific repeals.--The following acts and parts of acts  
12 are repealed:

13 (1) Sections 427 and 2503 of the act of April 9, 1929  
14 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929.

15 (2) Act of August 31, 1955 (P.L.531, No.131), known as  
16 the Pennsylvania Athletic Code.

17 (b) Partial repeals.--Sections 202 and 207.1(d) of the act  
18 of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative  
19 Code of 1929, are repealed insofar as they relate to the State  
20 Athletic Commission.

21 ~~Section 3102. Transfer of functions, records, etc.~~

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22 ~~All allocations, appropriations, equipment, files, records,~~  
23 ~~contracts, agreements, obligations and other materials which are~~  
24 ~~used, employed or expended in connection with the powers, duties~~  
25 ~~or functions of the State Athletic Commission transferred by~~  
26 ~~this act to the Department of State are hereby transferred to~~  
27 ~~the Department of State with the same force and effect as if the~~  
28 ~~allocations and appropriations had been made to and said items~~  
29 ~~had been the personnel and property of the commission in the~~  
30 ~~first instance and if the contracts, agreements and obligations~~



1 ~~had been incurred or entered into by the department.~~

2 Section ~~3103~~ 3102. Status of existing licenses. <—

3 All licenses and permits issued pursuant to any act repealed  
4 by this act, except with respect to professional and amateur  
5 wrestling, shall continue with the same force and effect as if  
6 such act had not been repealed, subject, however, to the power  
7 of the department, as provided in this act, to suspend or revoke  
8 the license or permit of any such person for any of the causes  
9 or reasons set forth in this act and subject to the power of the  
10 ~~department~~ COMMISSION to require any such person to obtain a <—  
11 license or permit pursuant to this act.

12 Section ~~3104~~ 3103. Effect of prior rules and regulations. <—

13 All rules and regulations made pursuant to any act repealed  
14 by this act, except with respect to professional and amateur  
15 wrestling, shall continue in full force and effect.

16 Section ~~3105~~ 3104. Saving clause. <—

17 The provisions of this act, so far as they are the same as  
18 those of existing law, except with respect to professional and  
19 amateur wrestling, are intended to be a continuation of such  
20 existing law and not as new enactments. The provisions of this  
21 act shall not affect any act done, liability incurred, right  
22 accrued or vested or suit or prosecution pending as of the  
23 effective date of this act, or any action to enforce any right  
24 or penalty or punish any offense under authority of such  
25 repealed laws.

26 SECTION 3105. REESTABLISHMENT OF COMMISSION. <—

27 THIS ACT, WITH RESPECT TO THE STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION,  
28 CONSTITUTES THE LEGISLATION REQUIRED TO REESTABLISH AN AGENCY  
29 UNDER THE ACT OF DECEMBER 22, 1981 (P.L.508, NO.142), KNOWN AS  
30 THE SUNSET ACT.

1 SECTION 3106. ATHLETIC COMMISSION AUGMENTATION ACCOUNT.

2 BEGINNING JULY 1, 1989 AND THEREAFTER, ALL FUNDS COLLECTED BY  
3 THE COMMISSION SHALL BE PAID INTO THE ATHLETIC COMMISSION  
4 AUGMENTATION ACCOUNT WHICH IS HEREBY CREATED AND WHICH SHALL BE  
5 A SPECIAL RESTRICTED RECEIPTS ACCOUNT WITHIN THE GENERAL FUND.  
6 THIS ACCOUNT SHALL BE USED ONLY FOR THE SUPPORT AND OPERATION OF  
7 THE COMMISSION UNLESS A SURPLUS ARISES AFTER TWO CONSECUTIVE  
8 YEARS, AT WHICH TIME THE SECRETARY SHALL TRANSFER ANY AMOUNT IN  
9 EXCESS OF THE COMMISSION'S BUDGET INTO THE GENERAL FUND.

10 SECTION 3107. APPROPRIATION.

11 THE SUM OF \$350,000, OR AS MUCH THEREOF AS MAY BE NECESSARY,  
12 IS HEREBY APPROPRIATED FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE ATHLETIC  
13 COMMISSION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE FOR THE PAYMENT OF COSTS  
14 OF PROCESSING PERMITS, LICENSES AND RENEWALS, FOR THE OPERATION  
15 OF THE COMMISSION AND FOR OTHER GENERAL COSTS OF THE  
16 COMMISSION'S OPERATIONS RELATING TO THIS ACT. THE APPROPRIATION  
17 SHALL BE OFFSET BY THE FEES, FINES, FORFEITURES AND OTHER MONEYS  
18 COLLECTED UNDER THIS ACT.

19 SECTION 3108. JOINT STATE GOVERNMENT COMMISSION.

20 THE JOINT STATE GOVERNMENT COMMISSION SHALL ESTABLISH A TASK  
21 FORCE TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON BOXING IN THIS COMMONWEALTH.

22 SECTION 3109. RETROACTIVITY.

23 SECTION 3105 OF THIS ACT SHALL BE RETROACTIVE TO DECEMBER 31,  
24 1988.

25 Section ~~3106~~ 3110. Effective date.

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26 This act shall take effect immediately.