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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE,
FEBRUARY 16, 1996

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 5 (Athletics and Sports) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, providing for HIV-related testing for
3 boxers.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 709(a) of Title 5 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended and the section is amended by
8 adding a subsection to read:

9 § 709. Medical examinations.

10 (a) Prefight examination.--In addition to any other
11 examination required by this subpart or the rules and
12 regulations promulgated under this subpart, each boxer shall be
13 examined by the attending physician within two hours before he
14 enters the ring. If, in the opinion of the physician, any boxer
15 is physically or mentally unfit to proceed, the physician shall
16 notify the person in charge, who shall immediately cancel the
17 contest or exhibition. Each boxer shall submit to an HIV-related

1 test prior to the boxer's participation in a contest or
2 exhibition. A boxer is not permitted to participate in a contest
3 or exhibition if the HIV-related test result is positive, if the
4 boxer refuses to submit to the test or fails to provide a
5 written consent to disclosure to the commission. The test shall
6 be administered in accordance with the provisions of the act of
7 November 29, 1990 (P.L.585, No.148), known as the
8 Confidentiality of HIV-Related Information Act.

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10 (e) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
11 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
12 subsection:

13 "HIV." The human immunodeficiency virus.

14 "HIV-related test." Any laboratory test or series of tests
15 for any virus, antibody, antigen or etiologic agent whatsoever
16 thought to cause or to indicate the presence of HIV infection.

17 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.