

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 849 Session of 2017

INTRODUCED BY MURT, V. BROWN, D. COSTA AND QUIGLEY,
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, MARCH 13, 2017

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 5 (Athletics and Sports) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in regulation of professional
3 wrestling contests and exhibitions, further providing for
4 physician to be in attendance.

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

7 Section 1. Section 2104 of Title 5 of the Pennsylvania
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

9 § 2104. Physician, physician assistant or certified registered
10 nurse practitioner to be in attendance.

11 (a) General rule.--Before any professional wrestling contest
12 or exhibition shall take place, the promoter and the operator of
13 the arena or facility shall employ a physician, physician
14 assistant or certified registered nurse practitioner to be
15 present at every wrestling contest or exhibition. The physician,
16 physician assistant or certified registered nurse practitioner
17 shall observe the physical condition of the participants
18 throughout the contest or exhibition and shall be authorized to
19 terminate the contest or exhibition when, in his judgment,

1 severe injury would result if the contest or exhibition were to
2 continue.

3 (b) Payment of fee.--The [physician's] fee for the
4 physician, physician assistant or certified registered nurse
5 practitioner shall be paid by the promoter.

6 (c) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
7 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
8 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

9 "Certified registered nurse practitioner." An individual who
10 is eligible to practice in accordance with sections 8.2, 8.3 and
11 8.7 of the act of May 22, 1951 (P.L.317, No.69), known as The
12 Professional Nursing Law.

13 "Physician assistant." An individual who is eligible to
14 practice in accordance with section 13 of the act of December
15 20, 1985 (P.L.457, No.112), known as the Medical Practice Act of
16 1985.

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