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INTRODUCED BY TELEK, GEIST, WOZNIAK, GRUPPO, DAWIDA, JOHNSON,
COSLETT AND OLASZ, JUNE 16, 1981

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JUNE 16, 1981

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing that certain
3 competition between individuals and the promotion of such
4 competition be unlawful and providing specific penalties for
5 certain activities related to such competition.

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

8 Section 1. Title 18, act of November 25, 1970 (P.L.707,
9 No.230), known as the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, is
10 amended by adding a section to read:

11 § 7107. Tough guy competition.

12 (a) General rule.--It shall be unlawful for any person or
13 corporation to promote, sponsor or to participate in any manner
14 in the staging of, or the conduct of, any competition referred
15 to as a tough guy contest or a battle of the brawlers or in any
16 similar competition.

17 (b) Specific penalties.--

18 (1) The promotion of any competition which is prohibited
19 in subsection (a) is a misdemeanor of the first degree. Any

1 person who is or any corporation which is found guilty of
2 promoting such competition shall be sentenced to pay a fine
3 of \$25,000.

4 (2) The sponsorship of any competition which is
5 prohibited in subsection (a) is a misdemeanor of the first
6 degree. Any person who is or any corporation which is found
7 guilty of sponsoring such competition shall be sentenced to
8 pay a fine of \$10,000.

9 (3) Any person who participates as a contestant in any
10 competition prohibited in subsection (a) commits a
11 misdemeanor of the first degree.

12 (4) For each second and subsequent violation of
13 subsection (a), the penalties provided in this section shall
14 be doubled.

15 (5) Whenever a corporation is found guilty in paragraph
16 (1) or (2), the chief executive officer of the corporation
17 shall be liable for the penalties imposed by the court.

18 (c) Definition.--For purposes of this section the phrase
19 "tough guy contest" or "battle of the brawlers" means any
20 competition which involves any physical contact bout between two
21 or more individuals, none of whom has had professional boxing or
22 wrestling experience nor has trained in the martial arts, who
23 attempt to knock out their opponent by employing boxing,
24 wrestling, martial arts tactics, or any combination thereof and
25 by using techniques including, but not limited to, punches,
26 kicks and choking. This term shall not apply to amateur or
27 professional contests of the martial arts and any collegiate or
28 scholastic boxing, wrestling or martial arts contest.

29 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 30 days.