

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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DISTLER, DECEMBER 11, 1985

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, DECEMBER 11, 1985

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of August 31, 1955 (P.L.531, No.131), entitled
2 "An act permitting and regulating wrestling and boxing
3 contests and exhibitions; requiring licenses and permits;
4 conferring powers and imposing duties upon the State Athletic
5 Commission; providing for the granting, suspension, and
6 revocation of licenses and permits issued by the Commission;
7 preserving the rights of existing licensees and permittees;
8 prescribing penalties, fines, forfeitures and misdemeanors;
9 requiring bonds and insurance; creating a Medical Advisory
10 Board; providing for rules and regulations; and making
11 appropriations," excluding amateur wrestling.

12 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
13 hereby enacts as follows:

14 Section 1. Section 103 of the act of August 31, 1955
15 (P.L.531, No.131), known as the Pennsylvania Athletic Code, is
16 amended to read:

17 Section 103. Act Not to Apply to Schools or Amateur
18 Wrestling Contests.--No provision of this act nor any rule or
19 regulation promulgated hereunder shall apply to any boxing or
20 wrestling contest or exhibition conducted or sponsored by any

1 university, college, secondary school or group of universities,
2 colleges or secondary schools provided all the participants are
3 students regularly enrolled in such institutions nor shall the
4 provisions of this act apply to any amateur wrestling contest
5 conducted within this Commonwealth.

6 Section 2. Sections 201 and 202 of the act, amended November
7 3, 1983 (P.L.213, No.62), are amended to read:

8 Section 201. Power of Commission to Control Wrestling and
9 Boxing.--Except as provided in section 103, the Commission is
10 hereby granted sole direction, control and jurisdiction over all
11 amateur and professional boxing and professional wrestling
12 contests and exhibitions or any variations thereof held within
13 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, except such contests and
14 exhibitions as are specifically exempted from the provisions of
15 this act.

16 Section 202. Boxing and Wrestling Regulated.--Amateur or
17 professional boxing or professional wrestling contests or
18 exhibitions, including kick boxing, shall be held within the
19 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania only in accordance with the
20 provisions of this act and the rules and regulations promulgated
21 hereunder. Such contests or exhibitions may be held on Sundays.

22 Section 3. Section 203 of the act, amended May 5, 1982
23 (P.L.378, No.109), is amended to read:

24 Section 203. Age of Participants.--(a) No person under
25 eighteen (18) years of age shall be a participant in any boxing
26 or professional wrestling contest or exhibition: Provided, That
27 (i) any person sixteen (16) years of age with the permission of
28 one Commissioner or seventeen (17) years of age may participate
29 in amateur boxing [or wrestling] contests or exhibitions, under
30 such rules and regulations as the Commission shall prescribe,

1 and (ii) any person under sixteen (16) years of age but not less
2 than twelve (12) years of age who has written permission from a
3 parent or legal guardian may participate in amateur boxing [or
4 wrestling] contests or exhibitions with other persons who are
5 not more than twelve (12) months older under such rules and
6 regulations as the Commission shall prescribe.

7 (b) The limitations set forth in subsection (a) shall not
8 apply to sanctioned boxing events for the Junior Olympics under
9 the direction of the Amateur Athletic Union. For purposes of the
10 Junior Olympic events, participants with the written permission
11 of a parent or legal guardian, may only box in the following age
12 divisions: (i) ten (10) and eleven (11) years of age; (ii)
13 twelve (12) and thirteen (13) years of age; and (iii) fourteen
14 (14) and fifteen (15) years of age. Under no circumstances shall
15 any participant take part in any event outside of the approved
16 division for such age group.

17 Section 4. Section 307 of the act is amended to read:

18 Section 307. Permits for Amateurs.--Except as otherwise
19 provided in this act, no amateur boxing [or wrestling] contest
20 or exhibition shall be held without a permit having been first
21 secured from the Commission.

22 Permits for amateur boxing [or wrestling] contests or
23 exhibitions shall be issued only to bona fide recognized amateur
24 athletic associations, non-profit organizations or other groups
25 or individuals approved by the Commission.

26 Such permits may be issued for a single contest or
27 exhibition, a series of contests or exhibitions, or for a period
28 not exceeding one (1) year and the Commission may issue such
29 permits without charging any fee or for a fee of five dollars
30 (\$5.00) per permit.

1 Section 5. This act shall take effect immediately.