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Senate of Pennsylvania

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TO: All Senators
FROM: Senator Robert D. Robbins *RDR*
SUBJECT: Invitation for Co-Sponsorship
Title 5 - Oversight of Professional and Amateur Boxing

In the near future, I will be introducing legislation that would amend Title 5 (Athletics and Sports) by making several changes to the State Athletic Commission's role in the oversight of professional and amateur boxing competitions. Specifically this legislation would:

- Authorize the State Athletic Commission to enter into interstate compacts/agreements, as authorized by federal law, to supervise professional boxing in states with no commission or on tribal reservations.
- Remove the ages for amateur boxers specified by statute in favor of conformity with ages permitted by local amateur boxing association rules, as approved by the Commission.
- Give the Commission authority to set glove weights by regulation.
- Clarify that a professional wrestling promoter produces, arranges or stages professional contests *and* exhibitions.
- Permit the option of a certified registered nurse practitioner to be at ringside, in lieu of physician attendance at wrestling events.
- Eliminate the bonding requirements for athlete agents who recruit professional athletes only and who are registered with a professional players association as an agent.
- Give the Commission authority to impose civil penalties on wrestling promoters who violate the Act.
- Clarify the Commission's authority as it relates to binding arbitration of contractual disputes.

If you wish to join me in co-sponsoring this legislation, please contact Justin Leventry in my office at 7-1322 by Friday, February 18, 2011.