

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## SENATE BILL

No. 577

Session of  
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AS AMENDED ON SECOND CONSIDERATION, JUNE 30, 1981

## 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," further providing for the age of  
12 participants in certain amateur athletic contests.

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

15 Section 1. Section 203, act of August 31, 1955 (P.L.531,  
16 No.131), known as the "Pennsylvania Athletic Code," amended July  
17 11, 1980 (No.114), is amended to read:

18 Section 203. Age of Participants.--(A) No person under  
19 eighteen (18) years of age shall be a participant in any boxing  
20 or wrestling contest or exhibition: Provided, That (i) any  
21 person sixteen (16) years of age with the permission of one  
22 Commissioner or seventeen (17) years of age may participate in

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

9 (B) THE LIMITATIONS SET FORTH IN SUBSECTION (A) SHALL NOT <—  
10 APPLY TO SANCTIONED BOXING EVENTS FOR THE JUNIOR OLYMPICS UNDER  
11 THE DIRECTION OF THE AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION. FOR PURPOSES OF THE  
12 JUNIOR OLYMPIC EVENTS, PARTICIPANTS WITH THE WRITTEN PERMISSION  
13 OF A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN, MAY ONLY BOX IN THE FOLLOWING AGE  
14 DIVISIONS: (I) TEN (10) AND ELEVEN (11) YEARS OF AGE; (II)  
15 TWELVE (12) AND THIRTEEN (13) YEARS OF AGE; AND (III) FOURTEEN  
16 (14) AND FIFTEEN (15) YEARS OF AGE. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHALL  
17 ANY PARTICIPANT TAKE PART IN ANY EVENT OUTSIDE OF THE APPROVED  
18 DIVISION FOR SUCH AGE GROUP.

19 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.