

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, JUNE 30, 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 penalties.

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

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

10 § 7107. Tough guy competition.

11 (a) Offense defined.--A person commits a misdemeanor of the
12 first degree if he promotes, sponsors or participates in any
13 manner in the staging of, or the conduct of, any tough guy
14 contest or battle of the brawlers or in any similar competition.

15 (B) EXCEPTIONS.--THIS SECTION SHALL NOT APPLY TO NEWS MEDIA <—
16 AND PUBLICATIONS.

17 ~~(b)~~ (C) Definition.--As used in this section the phrase <—
18 "tough guy contest" or "battle of the brawlers" means any

1 competition which involves any physical contact bout between two
2 or more individuals, none of whom has had professional boxing or
3 wrestling experience nor has trained in the martial arts, who
4 attempt to knock out their opponent by employing boxing,
5 wrestling, martial arts tactics or any combination thereof and
6 by using techniques including, but not limited to, punches,
7 kicks and choking. These phrases shall not apply to amateur or
8 professional contests sanctioned by the Pennsylvania Athletic
9 Commission nor to amateur or professional contests of the
10 martial arts nor to any collegiate or scholastic boxing,
11 wrestling or martial arts contest.

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