
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 631

Session of
1983

INTRODUCED BY MELLOW, APRIL 13, 1983

REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, APRIL 13, 1983

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 duties of the
12 State Athletic Commission.

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

15 Section 1. Section 102 of the act of August 31, 1955
16 (P.L.531, No.131), known as the Pennsylvania Athletic Code, is
17 amended by adding definitions to read:

18 Section 102. Definitions; Construction.--The following terms
19 shall be construed when used in this act to have the following
20 meanings, except in those instances where the context clearly
21 indicates otherwise:

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1 "Boxing" shall mean the act of attack and defense with the
2 fists, practiced as a sport, subject to rules adopted by the
3 Commission. The term "boxing" shall include all variations of
4 the sport permitting or using other parts of the human body,
5 including but not limited to, the foot, knee, leg, elbow or
6 head.

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8 "Wrestling" shall mean a sport or contest in which two
9 unarmed individuals struggle hand to hand with each individual
10 attempting to subdue or unbalance the opponent. The term
11 "wrestling" shall include all variations of the sport permitting
12 or using other parts of the human body or other natural or
13 manmade substances or objects.

14 Section 2. Section 201 of the act, amended May 24, 1956
15 (1955 P.L.1693, No.574), is amended to read:

16 Section 201. Power of Commission to Control Wrestling and
17 Boxing.--[The] Except as provided in section 103, the Commission
18 is hereby granted sole direction, control and jurisdiction over
19 all amateur and professional boxing and wrestling contests and
20 exhibitions or any variations thereof held within the
21 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, except such contests and
22 exhibitions as are specifically exempted from the provisions of
23 this act.

24 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.