

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## HOUSE BILL

No. 1649 Session of  
2013INTRODUCED BY MURT, O'NEILL, TOEPEL, COHEN AND D. COSTA,  
AUGUST 26, 2013AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
AS AMENDED, OCTOBER 16, 2013

## AN ACT

1 Amending Title 5 (Athletics and Sports) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, in regulation of professional  
3 wrestling contests and exhibitions, further providing for  
4 physician to be in attendance.

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

7 Section 1. Section 2104 of Title 5 of the Pennsylvania  
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

9 § 2104. Physician, PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT or certified registered <--  
10 nurse practitioner to be in attendance.

11 (a) General rule.--Before any professional wrestling contest  
12 or exhibition shall take place, the promoter and the operator of  
13 the arena or facility shall employ a physician, PHYSICIAN <--  
14 ASSISTANT or certified registered nurse practitioner to be  
15 present at every wrestling contest or exhibition. The physician, <--  
16 PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT or certified registered nurse practitioner  
17 shall observe the physical condition of the participants  
18 throughout the contest or exhibition and shall be authorized to

1 terminate the contest or exhibition when, in his judgment,  
2 severe injury would result if the contest or exhibition were to  
3 continue.

4 (b) Payment of fee.--The [physician's] fee for the  
5 physician, PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT or certified registered nurse <--  
6 practitioner shall be paid by the promoter.

7 (c) Definition. For purposes of this section, a "certified <--  
8 DEFINITIONS.--AS USED IN THIS SECTION, THE FOLLOWING WORDS AND <--  
9 PHRASES SHALL HAVE THE MEANINGS GIVEN TO THEM IN THIS SUBSECTION  
10 UNLESS THE CONTEXT CLEARLY INDICATES OTHERWISE:

11 "CERTIFIED registered nurse practitioner" is an individual  
12 who is eligible to practice in accordance with sections 8.2, 8.3  
13 and 8.7 of the act of May 22, 1951 (P.L.317, No.69), known as  
14 The Professional Nursing Law.

15 "PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT." AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO <--  
16 PRACTICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 13 OF THE ACT OF DECEMBER  
17 20, 1985 (P.L.457, NO.112), KNOWN AS THE MEDICAL PRACTICE ACT OF  
18 1985.

19 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.