

AN ACT

SB 577

Amending the act of August 31, 1955 (P.L.531, No.131), entitled "An act permitting and regulating wrestling and boxing contests and exhibitions; requiring licenses and permits; conferring powers and imposing duties upon the State Athletic Commission; providing for the granting, suspension, and revocation of licenses and permits issued by the Commission; preserving the rights of existing licensees and permittees; prescribing penalties, fines, forfeitures and misdemeanors; requiring bonds and insurance; creating a Medical Advisory Board; providing for rules and regulations; and making appropriations," further providing for the age of participants in certain amateur athletic contests.

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

Section 1. Section 203, act of August 31, 1955 (P.L.531, No.131), known as the "Pennsylvania Athletic Code," amended July 11, 1980 (P.L.553, No.114), is amended to read:

Section 203. Age of Participants.—(a) No person under eighteen (18) years of age shall be a participant in any boxing or wrestling contest or exhibition: Provided, That (i) any person sixteen (16) years of age with the permission of one Commissioner or seventeen (17) years of age may participate in amateur boxing or wrestling contests or exhibitions, under such rules and regulations as the Commission shall prescribe, and (ii) any person under sixteen (16) years of age but not less than twelve (12) years of age who has written permission from a parent or legal guardian may participate in amateur boxing or wrestling contests or exhibitions with other persons who are not more than twelve (12) months older under such rules and regulations as the Commission shall prescribe.

(b) *The limitations set forth in subsection (a) shall not apply to sanctioned boxing events for the Junior Olympics under the direction of the Amateur Athletic Union. For purposes of the Junior Olympic events, participants with the written permission of a parent or legal guardian, may only box in the following age divisions: (i) ten (10) and eleven (11) years of age; (ii) twelve (12) and thirteen (13) years of age; and (iii) fourteen (14) and fifteen (15) years of age. Under no circumstances shall any participant take part in any event outside of the approved division for such age group.*

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 5th day of May, A. D. 1982.

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