



HOUSE BILL No. 5855

May 7, 1996, Introduced by Reps. Pitoniak, Gire, Berman, DeLange, Agee, Law, Martinez, Parks, Bankes, Dalman, Scott, Fitzgerald and Brater and referred to the Committee on Regulatory Affairs.

A bill to amend sections 442 and 447 of Act No. 328 of the Public Acts of 1931, entitled as amended

"The Michigan penal code,"

being sections 750.442 and 750.447 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Sections 442 and 447 of Act No. 328 of the
2 Public Acts of 1931, being sections 750.442 and 750.447 of the
3 Michigan Compiled Laws, are amended to read as follows:

4 Sec. 442. (1) ~~Participating in prize fight--Any~~ A person
5 who ~~shall be a party to, or engage~~ PARTICIPATES in a prize
6 fight in this state, or who ~~shall aid or abet therein, shall be~~
7 AIDS OR ABETS A PERSON IN HIS OR HER PARTICIPATION IN A PRIZE
8 FIGHT IN THIS STATE, IS guilty of a felony.

1 (2) AS USED IN THIS CHAPTER, "PRIZE FIGHT" MEANS A CONTEST
2 BETWEEN OPPONENTS THAT MEETS BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING:

3 (A) CONTESTANTS ARE AWARDED ANY FORM OF COMPENSATION OR
4 REMUNERATION FOR THEIR EFFORTS, WHETHER MONETARY OR OTHERWISE.

5 (B) CONTESTANTS ATTACK AND DEFEND THEMSELVES WITH FISTS,
6 HANDS, FEET, HEAD, ARMS, LEGS, OR ANY OTHER PART OF THE BODY,
7 WHETHER OR NOT GLOVES OR PADDING OR ANY EQUIPMENT, TOOL, OR
8 WEAPON IS USED.

9 Sec. 447. ~~Inapplicability of chapter~~ ~~The provisions of~~
10 ~~this~~ THIS chapter ~~shall~~ DOES not apply to any ~~boxing~~ OF THE
11 FOLLOWING:

12 (A) BOXING, sparring, or wrestling matches, contests, or
13 exhibitions, conducted, held, or given pursuant to ~~the provi-~~
14 ~~sions of Act No. 328 of the Public Acts of 1919, as amended,~~
15 ~~being sections 8839 to 8859, inclusive, of the Compiled Laws of~~
16 ~~1929, and acts amendatory thereof~~ ARTICLE 8 OF THE OCCUPATIONAL
17 CODE, ACT NO. 299 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1980, BEING SECTIONS
18 339.801 TO 339.814 OF THE MICHIGAN COMPILED LAWS, OR A CONTEST
19 SPECIFICALLY EXEMPTED FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THAT ARTICLE.

20 (B) WRESTLING MATCHES OR MARTIAL ARTS COMPETITIONS SANC-
21 TIONED BY THE NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, THE AMA-
22 TEUR ATHLETIC UNION, OR THE ATHLETIC BOARD OF CONTROL CREATED IN
23 SECTION 802 OF ACT NO. 299 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1980, BEING SEC-
24 TION 339.802 OF THE MICHIGAN COMPILED LAWS.