

**SENATE BILL NO. 128**

January 27, 1999, Introduced by Senator HART and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled "The Michigan penal code," by amending sections 442 and 447 (MCL 750.442 and 750.447).

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

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

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

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

10       (B) CONTESTANTS ATTACK AND DEFEND THEMSELVES WITH FISTS,  
11 HANDS, FEET, HEAD, ARMS, LEGS, OR ANY OTHER PART OF THE BODY,

1 WHETHER OR NOT GLOVES OR PADDING OR ANY EQUIPMENT, TOOL, OR  
2 WEAPON IS USED.

3       Sec. 447. ~~Inapplicability of chapter--The provisions of~~  
4 ~~this~~ THIS chapter ~~shall~~ DOES not apply to any ~~boxing~~ OF THE  
5 FOLLOWING:

6       (A) BOXING, sparring, or wrestling matches, contests, or  
7 exhibitions, conducted, held, or given pursuant to ~~the provi-~~  
8 ~~sions of Act No. 328 of the Public Acts of 1919, as amended,~~  
9 ~~being sections 8839 to 8859, inclusive, of the Compiled Laws of~~  
10 ~~1929, and acts amendatory thereof~~ ARTICLE 8 OF THE OCCUPATIONAL  
11 CODE, 1980 PA 299, MCL 339.801 TO 339.814, OR A CONTEST SPECIFI-  
12 CALLY EXEMPTED FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THAT ARTICLE.

13       (B) WRESTLING MATCHES OR MARTIAL ARTS COMPETITIONS SANC-  
14 TIONED BY THE NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, THE AMA-  
15 TEUR ATHLETIC UNION, OR THE ATHLETIC BOARD OF CONTROL CREATED IN  
16 SECTION 802 OF THE OCCUPATIONAL CODE, 1980 PA 299, MCL 339.802.