

CHAPTER 148

(House Bill 280)

AN ACT concerning

**State Athletic Commission - Jurisdiction Over Boxing, Kick Boxing, and Wrestling Events**

FOR the purpose of clarifying the authority of the State Athletic Commission over boxing, kick boxing, and wrestling events; clarifying that boxers are required to wear protective headgear in amateur boxing matches or exhibitions; authorizing the Commission to seek injunctive relief to prevent unlawful boxing, kick boxing, and wrestling events; increasing the criminal penalty for the promotion of the participation in unlawful boxing, kick boxing, and wrestling events; extending drug testing to kick boxers; clarifying the persons required to obtain a manager or matchmaker license; and generally relating to the regulation of boxing, kick boxing, and wrestling events by the State Athletic Commission.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Business Regulation

Section 4-101, 4-301, 4-302, 4-304, 4-305, 4-308, 4-310, 4-314, 4-315, and 4-322

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BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Business Regulation

Section 4-316

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BY adding to

Article - Business Regulation

Section 4-323

Annotated Code of Maryland

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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article - Business Regulation**

4-101.

- (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (b) "Boxing" includes sparring.
- (c) "Commission" means the State Athletic Commission.