

HOUSE . . . No. 501

By Mr. Driscoll of Boston, petition of Albert D. Riopel, Charles D. Driscoll and another for the licensing of certain matchmakers and relative to the minimum age of licensed boxing officials. Military Affairs and Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Eight.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE LICENSING OF A MATCHMAKER AND THE MINIMUM AGE OF CERTAIN LICENSED BOXING OFFICIALS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Section 35 of chapter 147 of the General Laws, as
2 amended by section 69 of the acts of 1934, is hereby
3 further amended by inserting after the word "time-
4 keeper" in line three the word:— matchmaker, —
5 and by adding at the end thereof the following sen-
6 tence:— No one shall be licensed under this section
7 who is under eighteen years of age, — so that the
8 same shall read as follows:— *Section 35.* No person
9 shall act, except at a purely amateur match or ex-
10 hibition, directly or indirectly, as physician, referee,
11 judge, timekeeper, matchmaker, professional boxer
12 or as manager, trainer or second of such a boxer, at a
13 boxing or sparring match or exhibition unless licensed

14 by the commission upon receipt of such classified fee,
15 not exceeding twenty-five dollars, as the commission
16 may fix. Whoever, without being so licensed, acts as
17 such manager or engages in the business commonly
18 transacted by managers of boxers shall be punished by
19 a fine of not more than two hundred dollars. For the
20 purposes of sections thirty-two to forty-seven, in-
21 clusive, a professional boxer is one who competes for
22 a money prize or teaches or pursues or assists in the
23 practice of boxing as a means of obtaining a livelihood
24 or pecuniary gain. Physicians who desire to officiate
25 without charge at amateur boxing or sparring matches
26 or exhibitions shall be licensed without charge. No
27 one shall be licensed under this section who is under
28 eighteen years of age.