

HOUSE No. 1191

By Mr. McCarthy of East Bridgewater, petition of Michael J. McCarthy for the abolition of the State Boxing Commission and the appointment of a state athletic commission. Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Three.

AN ACT TO ABOLISH THE STATE BOXING COMMISSION AND TO AUTHORIZE THE APPOINTMENT OF A STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION.

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 1. The state boxing commission, as au-
2 thorized under chapter six hundred and nineteen of
3 the acts of nineteen hundred and twenty, is hereby
4 abolished.

1 SECTION 2. There shall be established a state
2 athletic commission in the executive department to
3 consist of three members appointed by the governor
4 of the commonwealth with the approval of the execu-
5 tive council. The original appointments shall be one
6 member for one year, one member for two years, and
7 one member for three years, and thereafter each mem-
8 ber is to be appointed for a three-year term. The
9 governor shall designate one member to serve as
10 chairman of the commission. The chairman shall re-

11 ceive a salary of eight thousand dollars a year, and
12 the other two members shall receive salaries of six
13 thousand dollars a year in addition to which they shall
14 receive necessary traveling expenses. The commis-
15 sion is authorized to appoint an executive secretary
16 who shall keep a full and true record of the meetings,
17 licenses issued, rules and regulations of the commission
18 and receipts received by the commission. The com-
19 mission may appoint or deputize one or more persons
20 to represent the commission at matches held under
21 the provisions of section thirty-two to fifty-one, in-
22 clusive, of chapter one hundred and forty-seven of
23 the General Laws, as amended. Such persons shall
24 receive such compensation as shall be fixed by rule
25 or regulation of the commission, together with their
26 traveling expenses incurred necessarily in the dis-
27 charge of their duties.

1 SECTION 3. Wherever the words "state boxing
2 commission" appear in section thirty-two to forty-
3 seven, inclusive, of chapter one hundred and thirty-
4 seven of the General Laws, as amended, they are
5 hereby repealed, and the words — state athletic com-
6 mission, — are hereby substituted therefor. Wherever
7 the word "commission" appears in said sections thirty-
8 two to forty-seven, inclusive, it shall refer to the state
9 athletic commission.

1 SECTION 4. The state athletic commission is hereby
2 authorized to license the conduct of boxing or sparring
3 matches or exhibitions and grant necessary licenses
4 and supervise the conduct of such boxing or sparring
5 matches or exhibitions under the provisions of section
6 thirty-two to forty-seven, inclusive.

1 SECTION 5. The term of the commissioner of pub-
2 lic safety as chairman of the state boxing commission,
3 and the terms of the appointive members, shall ter-
4minate on May thirty-first, nineteen hundred and
5 fifty-three, and said board is hereby abolished.

1 SECTION 6. The terms of members of the state
2 athletic commission appointed by the governor with
3 the approval of the executive council shall commence
4 on June first, nineteen hundred and fifty-three.

1 SECTION 7. Section twelve of chapter twenty-two
2 of the General Laws is hereby repealed.

