

HOUSE No. 1206

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Feb. 29, 1932.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading, to whom was referred the Bill to permit draw decisions in boxing or sparring matches or exhibitions (House, No. 540), report recommending that the same be amended by the substitution of the accompanying bill (House, No. 1206).

For the committee,

PHILIP BARNET.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-Two.

An Act relative to Draw Decisions in Boxing or Sparring
Matches or Exhibitions.

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

1 Chapter one hundred and forty-seven of the General
2 Laws, as amended in section thirty-six by section one
3 of chapter four hundred and thirty-seven of the acts
4 of nineteen hundred and thirty-one, is hereby further
5 amended by striking out said section thirty-six and
6 inserting in place thereof the following:—

7 *Section 36.* At every boxing or sparring match or
8 exhibition there shall be in attendance a referee, duly
9 licensed under the provisions of sections thirty-two to
10 forty-seven, inclusive, who shall direct and control the
11 same. There shall also be in attendance two duly
12 licensed judges, and each of said judges and the
13 referee shall, at the termination of every such match
14 or exhibition, vote for the contestant in whose favor
15 the decision should, in his opinion, be rendered, or for
16 a draw if, in his opinion, neither contestant is entitled
17 to a decision in his favor, and the decision shall be
18 rendered in favor of the contestant receiving a ma-
19 jority of said votes or if neither receives a majority as
20 aforesaid a decision of a draw shall be rendered. Upon
21 the rendering of said decision, the vote of each judge
22 and the referee shall be announced from the ring. The

23 referee shall have full power to stop the match or
24 exhibition whenever he deems it advisable because of
25 the physical condition of the contestants or one of
26 them, or when one of the contestants is clearly out-
27 classed by his opponent, or for other sufficient reason.
28 The referee shall declare forfeited any prize, remunera-
29 tion or purse or any part thereof belonging to the
30 contestants or one of them if, in the judgment of a
31 majority of the judges and the referee, such contestant
32 or contestants are not or were not competing in good
33 faith. The fees of the referee and other licensed
34 officials shall be fixed by said commission, and shall
35 be paid by the licensed organization prior to the match
36 or exhibition.

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Passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

FRANK E. BRIDGMAN; *Clerk.*

