

By Mr. MacLean of Fairhaven, petition of William Q. MacLean, Jr., for legislation to further regulate the age limit of certain contestants in licensed boxing matches. Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE AGE LIMIT OF CERTAIN CONTESTANTS IN LICENSED BOXING MATCHES.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to
2 defeat its purpose, which is to grant to the Massachusetts Boxing
3 Commission the discretion where the facts warrant it to permit
4 an amateur boxer under the age of 18 but over the age of 16 to
5 box in Massachusetts as a professional boxer, thereby it is hereby
6 declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate
7 preservation of the public convenience.

*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. Section 39 of Chapter 147 of the General
2 Laws, as most recently amended by Chapter 377 of the Acts of
3 1972, is hereby further amended by inserting after the second
4 sentence the following sentence: At the discretion of the
5 commission an amateur boxer who has reached his sixteenth
6 birthday but has not yet reached his eighteenth birthday may be
7 licensed as a professional boxer where the facts warrant it.

1 SECTION 2. Section 35 of Chapter 147 of the General Laws
2 is hereby amended by inserting after the word "age", in the fifth
3 sentence, the words: except as provided for by section 39.

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The Committee on Education

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