

HOUSE . . . No. 1552

By Mr. Jordan of Lawrence, petition of Michael H. Jordan for amendment of the law relative to regulation of boxing and sparring exhibitions by the State Boxing Commission. Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to the Regulation of Boxing and Sparring 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 SECTION 1. Chapter one hundred and forty-seven
2 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking
3 out section thirty-two, as appearing in the Tercen-
4 tenary edition, and inserting in place thereof the
5 following:—

6 *Section 32.* No boxing or sparring match or ex-
7 hibition, shall take place or be conducted in this
8 commonwealth except in pursuance of a license
9 granted as hereinafter provided by the state boxing
10 commission, in sections thirty-two to forty-seven,
11 inclusive, called the commission. In no case shall
12 any boxing or sparring match or exhibition occur
13 on Sunday. Applications for the license shall be
14 accompanied by such fee, of not more than eight
15 hundred dollars, as the commission may establish

16 on the basis of the population of the city or town in
17 which the match or exhibition is to be held or upon
18 the seating capacity of the building or place within
19 which such license is to be exercised. Any persons
20 holding, conducting, participating in or attending a
21 match or exhibition held without a license, as pro-
22 vided in the following section, shall be punished by
23 a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars or by im-
24 prisonment for a term not exceeding three months,
25 or both. In the case of exhibitions or bouts held in
26 accordance with the rules and regulations of such
27 amateur organizations as may be approved by the
28 commission, the commission may issue special licenses
29 without the requirement of a bond as provided in
30 section thirty-four or of payment of the annual fee.

1 SECTION 2. Section thirty-three of the said chap-
2 ter one hundred and forty-seven, so appearing, is
3 hereby amended by striking out all after the word
4 "expire" in the third line and by adding in place
5 thereof the words: — one year from the date of issue,
6 — so as to read as follows: — *Section 33.* The com-
7 mission may, subject to the provisions of sections
8 thirty-two to forty-seven, inclusive, issue licenses to
9 conduct boxing or sparring matches and exhibitions,
10 which shall expire one year from the date of issue.