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## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Five.

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### AN ACT

To provide for licensing Referees of Boxing Matches.

*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 twelve of chapter two hundred and seven of  
2 the Revised Laws is hereby amended by adding at the  
3 end thereof the following:—

4 Incorporated athletic clubs that hold boxing exhibi-  
5 tions in conformity with these provisions shall also  
6 comply with the following conditions:—

7 All such exhibitions shall be under the supervision of  
8 a referee who has procured a license from the secretary  
9 of the Commonwealth to act in that capacity.

10 Such license shall be good for one year from date of  
11 issue unless revoked as hereinafter provided.

12 The fee for said license shall be five dollars.

13 It shall be the duty of such referee to see that all  
14 exhibitions under his supervision shall be conducted as  
15 clean as possible and avoid all brutality.

16 He shall also see that all who partake in such exhi-  
17 bitions shall undergo an examination by a registered  
18 physician in advance.

19 He shall also see that no such exhibition exceeds six  
20 rounds of three minutes' duration each.

21 He shall also see that the gloves worn by those box-  
22 ing shall weigh less than five ounces each.

23 If any referee appears to neglect the obligations of  
24 his license, in the opinion of the police, a written state-  
25 ment to that effect shall be sent to the secretary of the  
26 Commonwealth setting forth as near as possible the facts  
27 in the case.

28 The secretary of the Commonwealth may, after in-  
29 vestigating such written statement, revoke the license  
30 of the referee complained of.

31 Any one officiating in a boxing exhibition without a  
32 license shall pay a fine of two hundred dollars or serve  
33 three months in the house of correction.

34 In issuing licenses the secretary of the Commonwealth  
35 shall select men who have the reputation of being  
36 capable of performing the duties prescribed.