

By Mr. Peck of Dartmouth, petition of Raymond S. Peck relative to regulating private martial arts schools and clubs. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT REGULATING PRIVATE MARTIAL ARTS SCHOOLS AND CLUBS.

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

1 The General Laws are hereby amended by inserting after
2 Chapter 75D the following chapter:—

3 **CHAPTER 75E.**

4 *Section 1.* Definitions:—

5 a. Unarmed Martial Arts— Those methods and actual or
6 mock combat that are known as follows (including countries of
7 origin):—

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| 8 | Karate, jiu-jitsu, judo | — Japan |
| 9 | Kung-fu | — China |
| 10 | Okinawa-te | — Okinawa |
| 11 | Taekwando, Hapkido, Yudo | — Korea |
| 12 | Savate | — France |
| 13 | Pankaration | — Greece |

14 b. Clubs— Any non-profit organization of no more than fifty
15 members where no income is derived except to meet operating
16 expenses.

17 c. Schools— Any person or group of persons who teaches any
18 of the unarmed martial arts for the purpose of achieving a
19 profit.

20 d. Instructor— A person who has achieved the level of Grade
21 O and who has completed 1,000 hours of work as a paid

22 assistant instructor. All instructors shall have completed a
23 course and basic first aide equivalent to a basic red cross course.
24 It shall be provided that for the first year of operation of this bill
25 a person may be certified by presenting a dated certificate or
26 rank equivalent to Grade O to the licensing authority along with
27 a sworn statement that he has been teaching for at least three
28 years or 3,000 hours.

29 e. Assistant Instructor — A person who has attained the level
30 of at least Grade 3. He will be designated as an assistant
31 instructor by the supervising instructor and will be eligible for
32 certification as an instructor after completing 1,000 hours as a
33 paid assistant instructor and after achieving Grade O.

34 *Section 2.* a. All clubs of twenty-six or more shall have a
35 qualified instructor meeting all requirements laid out in Section
36 2 (d).

37 b. No club shall use commercial advertising.

38 c. Each club shall keep financial records and present them to
39 the licensing authority on demand.

40 d. No club shall discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed,
41 sex or national origin.

42 e. Every club shall have separate bathroom facilities for both
43 men and women, provided that a club of twenty-five or less
44 may, if it so chooses, elect to have no bathroom facilities.

45 f. Clubs shall pay a license fee of two-hundred (200) dollars.

46 g. Clubs shall renew the required license to operate every five
47 (5) years.

48 h. Each club shall post a three-thousand (3,000) dollar bond
49 with the Commonwealth.

50 *Section 3.* a. All schools must present a progressive training
51 program to the licensing authority before receiving the license to
52 operate. Such program shall include a minimum of one hundred
53 hours and shall include the following: —

54 (1) falling techniques

55 (2) hand striking techniques (where applicable)

56 (3) blocking and defensive techniques

57 (4) foot striking techniques

58 b. All schools shall have at least one certified instructor.

59 c. All schools shall have proper outside or mechanical
60 ventilation for the student areas.

61 d. All schools of fifty or more shall have at least one
62 thousand, two hundred (1,200) square feet of training area.

63 e. Classes shall be limited to fifty students to one thousand
64 two hundred (1,200) square feet.

65 f. All assistant instructors shall be under the direct supervision
66 of a certified instructor when teaching one or more students.

67 g. Any class of twenty-five (25) or more students shall have at
68 least one instructor or assistant instructor per 25 students.

69 h. To be licensed to operate a school a person must either be a
70 licensed instructor or have one in his employ, provided that in
71 the latter case the instructor is responsible for direct supervision
72 of the classes.

73 i. All schools shall have separate bathroom facilities for men
74 and women.

75 j. No school shall discriminate on the basis of race, color,
76 creed, sex, or national origin.

77 k. All schools shall pay a license fee of three-hundred (300)
78 dollars.

79 l. The license to operate a school shall be renewal every year.

80 m. No school not licensed in the Commonwealth shall be
81 allowed to commercially advertise in the mass media of the
82 Commonwealth.

83 n. Each school shall be open a minimum of thirty-two (32)
84 hours a week.

85 o. All schools shall pay a bond of three thousand (\$3000)
86 dollars.

87 *Section 4. a.* A Uniform ranking system of six steps shall be in
88 effect for all unarmed martial arts to insure quality.

89 Grade 5

90 Grade 4

91 Grade 3

92 Grade 2

93 Grade 1

94 Grade 0

95 Grade five (5) shall be the lowest grade and grade zero (0) the
96 highest.

97 b. Promotion shall be based on progression and achievement
98 and shall be awarded by the school.

99 *Section 5. a.* Any person operating a school or club without a
100 license shall be punishable by a fine of not more than three
101 thousand (\$3000) dollars or imprisonment in the house of
102 correction for a term not to exceed two and one half (2-1/2)
103 years or both.

104 *b.* Any person violating the terms of this law may have their
105 license to operate revoked or suspended or be punished by a fine
106 not to exceed fifteen hundred (\$1500) dollars or by a
107 combination of revocation, suspension, and fine at the discretion
108 of the licensing authority.

109 *Section 6. a.* As used in this Chapter, licensing authority shall
110 mean the Commissioner of Education.