

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A " to H.P. 1908, L.D. 1969, Bill,  
"AN ACT to Facilitate Central Licensing and Concerning Membership  
on the Maine Athletic Commission."

Amend the Bill by striking out all of the last underlined  
of that part designated "§101"  
sentence/ of section 1 and inserting in its place the following:

'As far as is practicable, they shall be persons interested in  
and familiar with boxing and wrestling. The public member  
shall be a person who has not received or does not receive any  
compensation or remuneration for promoting, competing or other-  
wise engaging in boxing or wrestling.'

No member shall be appointed or serve as commissioner who  
has a direct or indirect financial interest in the athletic  
sports of boxing and wrestling.'

Further amend the Bill by striking out all of section 2 and  
inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 2. 24 MRSA §2313, first ¶, last sentence, as amended  
by PL 1973, c. 585, §12, is repealed and the following enacted in  
its place:

The license, when granted, shall expire thereafter biennially  
on January 1st or at those times which the commissioner of  
Business Regulation shall designate and may be renewed so long as  
the superintendent shall be satisfied of the licensee's integrity,  
competence, authority and financial responsibility to provide the

service stipulated.'

Further amend the Bill in section 9 by striking out all of that part designated "§2955." and inserting in its place the following:

'§2955. Refusal and revocation

The commissioner shall have the right to refuse or revoke a license pursuant to Title 5, section 10004 when the applicant or licensee has been convicted of a crime for which the maximum term of imprisonment which may be imposed is one year or more or when the applicant or licensee has been convicted of fraudulent or deceptive practices.'

Further amend the Bill by inserting before the emergency clause the following:

'Sec. 11. Appropriation. The following funds shall be appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act:

		<u>1977-78</u>	<u>1978-79</u>
BUSINESS REGULATION, DEPARTMENT OF			
Maine Athletic Commission			
Personal Services	(2)	\$ 500	(2) \$2,000
All Other		600	2,400
		<u>\$1,100</u>	<u>\$4,400</u>

Statement of Fact

This amendment adds qualifications for those persons who shall serve as athletic commissioners. The amendment expresses the committee's intent that athletic commissioners shall be free of any financial conflict of interest in the sports they monitor. The amendment clarifies the kind of responsibility which an insurance agent must possess to be licensed. The amendment corrects an error

in section 9 in the reference to the Administrative Procedure Act. Adding the words "or licensee" in section 9 is necessary since an applicant could be refused a license but a license to be revoked must have been held by a licensee.

Fiscal Note

In the event the number of members of the Athletic Commission are increased to 5, we will need an additional \$4,400 for the year beginning July 1, 1978, and an additional pro rata amount for the balance of 1977-78 if the legislation is of an emergency nature.

The addition, in October, 1977, of wrestling through Title 8, chapter 5, is estimated to increase state revenues by \$14,400 through June 30, 1979.

Reported by the Committee on Business Legislation.

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