

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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R.S.

L.D. 1410

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BUSINESS, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Reported by:

Minority

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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
121ST LEGISLATURE
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 468, L.D. 1410, Bill, "An Act To Eliminate State Licensing of Boxers, Wrestlers and Transient Sellers"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act To Eliminate State Licensing of Boxers and Wrestlers'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §12004-A, sub-§44, as amended by PL 2001, c. 166, §1, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 17 MRSA c. 24 is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 24

PROHIBITED COMPETITIONS, EXHIBITIONS AND EVENTS

§571. Prohibited competitions, exhibitions and events

A professional or amateur "toughman," "badman" or "ultimate fighting" match, which includes a contest or exhibition where participants compete by using a combination of fighting skills, including, but not limited to, boxing, wrestling, kicking and martial arts skills, may not be held in this State. This section does not preclude kick boxing as regulated by this chapter.

A person participating in or promoting a professional or amateur "toughman," "badman" or "ultimate fighting" match is guilty of a Class E crime.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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§572. Person barred in another jurisdiction

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A person barred from competing in boxing, wrestling or kick-boxing contests or exhibitions by any state or federal body governing these contests or exhibitions is barred from competing in any such contest or exhibition in this State.

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Sec. 3. 32 MRSA c. 115, as amended, is repealed.

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Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

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**PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATION,
DEPARTMENT OF**

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Licensing and Enforcement 0352

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Initiative: Deallocates funds as a result of the elimination of state licensing of boxers and wrestlers.

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Other Special Revenue Funds	2003-04	2004-05
All Other	\$0	(\$2,778)

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SUMMARY

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This amendment is the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development. The amendment strikes from the bill Part B, which eliminated state licensing of transient sellers. The amendment moves from the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32 to Title 17 the crime of promoting or participating in a professional or amateur "toughman," "badman" or "ultimate fighting" match. Title 17 includes a number of crimes and other similar prohibited conduct. The amendment also bars a person from boxing, wrestling or kick boxing in Maine if the person has been barred from competing in such events by any state or federal body.

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**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)**

**121st Maine Legislature
Office of Fiscal and Program Review**



LD 1410

An Act to Eliminate State Licensing of Boxers, Wrestlers and Transient Sellers

LR 1925(03)

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *A*
Committee: Business, Research and Economic Development**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes
Minority**

Fiscal Note

	2003-04	2004-05	Projections 2005-06	Projections 2006-07
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	(\$2,778)	(\$2,778)	(\$2,778)
Revenue				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	(\$21,000)	(\$21,000)	(\$21,000)

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

Establishes a new Class E crime

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes an Other Special Revenue Funds deallocation of \$2,778 in fiscal year 2004-05 for the Office of Licensing and Registration within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation as a result of the elimination of state licensing of boxers and wrestlers. This measure also reduces dedicated revenue for the Athletic Commission by \$21,000 beginning in fiscal year 2004-05.