

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

S. P. No. 410

S. D. No. 149

In Senate, Mar. 5, 1925.

Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Anthoine of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE

AN ACT to Amend Section 5 of Chapter 125 of the Revised Statutes of 1916, Relating to Boxing Contests.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Section five, revised statutes of nineteen hundred and sixteen, chapter one hundred and twenty-five, section five, relating to exception of boxing contests amended.

Chapter one hundred and twenty-five, section five of the revised statutes of nineteen hundred and sixteen entitled "exception of boxing contests" is hereby amended by striking out that part of the fifth line in said section, commencing with "and where," down through the sixth line through the word "contestants," and inserting in its place the following:

'There shall not be a difference in weight of more than
2 five pounds in the following classes, viz: one hundred and
3 ten pound class, commonly known as fly-weight; one hun-
4 dred and eighteen pound class, commonly known as ban-
5 tam-weight; one hundred and twenty-six pound class, com-
6 monly known as featherweight; one hundred and thirty-
7 five pound class, commonly known as light-weight.

There shall not be a difference of more than seven pounds
2 in the one hundred and forty-seven pound class, commonly
3 known as welterweight.

There shall not be a difference of more than ten pounds
2 in the one hundred and sixty pound class, commonly known
3 as middle-weight.

There shall not be a difference of more than twelve pounds
2 in the one hundred and seventy-five pound class, commonly
3 known as light heavy-weight.

In the unlimited class, commonly known as heavy-weight,
2 there shall be no limit to the difference in weight between
3 contestants.'

Chapter one hundred and twenty-five, section five, of the
2 revised statutes of nineteen hundred and sixteen, is hereby
3 further amended as follows:

By striking out the ninth line commencing with "and in"
2 down through to the "period" at the end of said line, and
3 which reads "and in which contest no decision is given," and
4 by adding to said section the following paragraphs:

'Decisions may be given in amateur contests defined as

2 between boxers who never have taken cash prizes in boxing
3 contests, or any other athletic events, and that medals,
4 watches, or merchandise may be awarded in such amateur
5 boxing contests. Further that only organizations having
6 the sanction of the Amateur Athletic Union of the United
7 States shall conduct amateur boxing contests in this state.

That no promoters or individuals shall conduct these con-
2 tests for pecuniary gain to themselves. Admission may be
3 charged when the receipts from the contests go to the treas-
4 ury of the organization or to some public charity.

The above paragraph in so far as it relates to decisions in
2 amateur contests shall in no way change the previous stat-
3 utes in regards to decisions in professional contests in which
4 no decisions shall be rendered as heretofore.'

So that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 5. The preceding section shall not apply to purely
2 boxing contests consisting of not more than six rounds, of
3 three minutes each, in which new six ounce gloves are used,
4 and have not been broken, or tampered with by pushing
5 back the padding from the knuckles of said gloves. There
6 shall not be a difference in weight of more than five pounds
7 in the following classes, viz: one hundred and ten pound
8 class, formerly known as fly-weight; one hundred and
9 eighteen pound class, formerly known as bantam-weight;
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And where contestants have had a rigid physical exam
2 ination by a reputable physician, just prior to said contest,
3 and said physician certifies that each of said contestants
4 is in good physical condition.

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