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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Low of South Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-THREE

AN ACT Clarifying the Boxing Law.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 78, § 2, amended. Section 2 of chapter 78 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by repealing the last sentence thereof.

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 78, § 7, amended. Section 7 of chapter 78 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

‘**Sec. 7. Jurisdiction.** The commission shall have the sole direction, control and jurisdiction over all boxing contests **or exhibitions** and is empowered to institute and promulgate all rules and regulations necessary therefor. No boxing contests **or exhibitions**, except as herein provided, shall be held or conducted within this state except under a license and permit issued by the state boxing commission in accordance with the provisions of this chapter and the rules and regulations adopted in pursuance thereof.’

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 78, § 8, amended. The 1st and 2nd paragraphs of section 8 of chapter 78 of the revised statutes, as amended, are hereby further amended to read as follows:

‘The commission may issue, in its discretion, under the name and seal of the commission, a license in writing to extend for 1 year, unless revoked by the commission for cause, to any person, club, association or corpora-

tion who or which is properly qualified, which will entitle him or it to conduct boxing contests **and exhibitions** for a period of 1 year from date of issuance, in accordance with the provisions of this chapter and the rules and regulations adopted in pursuance thereof. Such license may be revoked or suspended by the commission upon hearing and proof that the holder of such license has violated any of the provisions of this chapter or of any rule, regulation or order of the commission. The commission may in its discretion fix the fee of such license at a figure between \$10 and \$100, depending upon the probable income of the licensee to be derived from the conducting of such boxing contests **and exhibitions.**'

'All persons engaging in such boxing contests **and exhibitions** as boxers, seconds, managers, timekeepers, knock-down timekeepers, referees, judges and physicians must have been licensed by the commission in a like manner, such licenses to be subject to revocation or suspension for cause. The yearly fees shall be as follows: boxers, \$6; managers, \$5; seconds, \$5; referees, \$5; judges, timekeepers, knock-down timekeepers and physicians, no fee.'

Sec. 4. R. S., c. 78, § 8, amended. The last paragraph of section 8 of chapter 78 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'Whoever violates any of the provisions of this chapter or any rules and regulations promulgated thereunder shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$10, nor more than \$1,000, or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.'

Sec. 5. R. S., c. 78, § 8, amended. The 3rd paragraph of section 8 of chapter 78 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Upon the application for any such license as enumerated above, the chairman of the commission shall in his discretion temporarily issue or refuse to issue the license, or he may upon information of violation of the provisions of this chapter or the rules of the commission temporarily suspend or revoke a license for cause. Upon written request of the applicant, licensee, chairman of the commission, or of any 3 citizens of the state, or of the athletic commissions or boxing commissions of any other state, or of the national boxing association, the commission shall, after written notice to the interested parties sent to them by registered letter mailed postpaid at least 7 days before the hearing, consider the matter at its **regular meeting**, and rule upon the issuance, suspension, rejection, or revocation of said license, but when application, by a well reputed fraternal, charitable, or patriotic organization for holding amateur boxing contests **or exhibitions**

is made to the commission, it may grant such license and without the requirement of the payment of the fees hereinbefore enumerated.'

Sec. 6. R. S., c. 78, § 10, amended. Section 10 of chapter 78 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows :

'**Sec. 10. Rules and regulations.** The commission shall issue to each promoter a printer form, which shall be returned to the commission by registered letter mailed within 48 hours of the completion of a boxing contest **or exhibition** held under the provisions of this chapter, on which there shall be a list of the names of the contestants with the signed statement of a licensed physician stating that he examined them within 10 hours of the contest **or exhibition** and found them to be in good physical condition and that he weighed them and what he found their various weights to be. It shall also contain the signed statement of the promoter stating the results of each contest **or exhibition**, the names of the referee and judges, and the gross receipts.'

Sec. 7. R. S., c. 78, § 11, amended. The 1st 2 sentences of section 11 of chapter 78 of the revised statutes, as amended, are hereby further amended to read as follows :

'The promoter or promoters of all boxing contests **or exhibitions** held under the provisions of this chapter shall pay to the treasurer of state, for credit to the general fund, a tax of 3% of the gross receipts from such contest **or exhibition**. This tax shall have been paid to the treasurer of state by the last day of the month following the month in which such contest **or exhibition** is held.'

Sec. 8. R. S., c. 78, § 12, amended. Section 12 of chapter 78 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows :

'**Sec. 12. Decisions.** In all boxing contests **or exhibitions** conducted under the provisions of this chapter, there may be a decision as to the winner by 2 judges and the referee, licensed under the provisions of this chapter.'