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CHAPTER 23

BOXING AND PRIZE FIGHTS

Sec.

551. Participation; premeditated fights.

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§ 551. Participation; premeditated fights

Whoever instigates, engages in, encourages or does any act to further a contention or fight or premeditated fight without weapons between 2 or more persons, or a fight commonly called a ring fight or prize fight, or who engages in a public or private exhibition, or who sends or publishes a challenge or acceptance of a challenge for such contention, exhibition or fight, or carries or delivers such a challenge for acceptance, or trains or assists any person in training or preparing for such contention, exhibition or fight, or acts as umpire or judge, or is in any way connected therewith shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$200, or by imprisonment for not less than 10 days nor more than 6 months.

R.S.1954, c. 136, § 12.

§ 552. Exceptions

Section 551 shall not apply to amateur boxing contests of not more than 4 rounds of 3 minutes each, in which new 6-ounce gloves are used which have not been broken or tampered with by pushing back the padding from the knuckles of said gloves and where there is not more than 5 pounds difference in the weight of the contestants and where contestants have had a rigid physical examination by a reputable physician just prior to said contest and said physician certifies that each of said contestants is in good physical condition. Decisions may be given in such amateur boxing contests conducted by any organization incorporated under Title 13, section 901, provided the receipts from such amateur boxing contests are to be paid into the treasury of such organization or to some public charity. For the purposes of this paragraph an amateur boxing contest is a contest between boxers who never have taken cash prizes in boxing contests in which no other prizes than medals or merchandise are awarded.

Section 551 shall not apply to purely boxing contests consisting of not more than 10 rounds of 3 minutes each, in which new 6-ounce gloves are used which have not been broken or tampered with by pushing back the padding from the knuckles of said gloves and where there is not more than 5 pounds difference in the weight of the contestants if the lighter contestant weighs 135 pounds or less; and where there is not more than 8 pounds difference in the weight of the contestants if the lighter contestant weighs more than 135 pounds and not more than 160 pounds; and where there is not more than 10 pounds difference in the weight of the contestants if the lighter contestant weighs more than 160 pounds and not more than 185 pounds; and where contestants have had a rigid physical examination by a reputable physician just prior to said contest and said physician certifies that each of said contestants is in good physical condition; and in which contest no decision is given.

R.S.1954, c. 136, § 13.

§ 553. Complaint; warrant; prevention

If any person competent to testify in civil actions makes complaint on oath before the proper officer of the District Court that an offense specified in section 551 is about to be committed, setting forth in such complaint the grounds of his belief, such officer may issue his warrant directed to any competent officer, therein reciting the name and residence of the complainant and the substance of his complaint, and directing such officer to prevent the violation of said section by arresting any persons whom he finds willfully violating the same and by bringing the respondents before the court for trial.

R.S.1954, c. 136, § 14; 1961, c. 317, § 466; 1963, c. 402, § 216.