



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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Sub. H.B. 152*

129th General Assembly

(As Reported by H. State Government and Elections)

Reps. Mallory, Murray, Yuko, Combs, Letson, Ashford, O'Brien, Winburn, Stautberg

BILL SUMMARY

- Exempts from regulation, an amateur boxing, kickboxing, karate, or wrestling match or exhibition that is conducted under the supervision of the Fraternal Order of Police of Ohio, the Ohio Association of Professional Firefighters, or the Northern Ohio Fire Fighters, so long as the proceeds of the match or exhibition benefit a charitable organization.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Exemption from regulation of certain boxing, kickboxing, karate, and wrestling matches and exhibitions

The bill specifies that any amateur boxing, kickboxing, karate, or wrestling event or exhibition is exempt from regulation under the Boxing Act¹ if the event or exhibition is conducted under the supervision of the Fraternal Order of Police of Ohio, the Ohio Association of Professional Firefighters, or the Northern Ohio Fire Fighters and the proceeds of the match or exhibition benefit a 501(c)(3) charitable organization or a charitable organization that the Fraternal Order of Police of Ohio, the Ohio Association of Professional Firefighters, or the Northern Ohio Fire Fighters supported before the bill's effective date.²

* This analysis was prepared before the report of the House State Government and Elections Committee appeared in the House Journal. Note that the list of co-sponsors and the legislative history may be incomplete.

¹ R.C. 3773.31 to 3773.57.

² R.C. 3773.32.

The Boxing Act regulates the promotion, sponsoring, and conduct of boxing, karate, and wrestling matches and exhibitions. Individuals who engage in these activities generally must be licensed, and are otherwise subject to regulation, by the Ohio Athletic Commission.

Under continuing law, the promotion, sponsoring, and conduct of boxing, karate, and wrestling matches and exhibitions are also exempt from regulation under the Boxing Act in any of the following cases:

(1) A boxing, karate, or wrestling match or exhibition is conducted as part of an interscholastic or intercollegiate athletic program;

(2) A boxing, karate, or wrestling match or exhibition is conducted as part of an amateur athletic program sponsored by or under the supervision of the National Amateur Athletic Union or the American Olympic Association in which all the contestants are amateur boxers, amateur karatists, or amateur wrestlers; or

(3) A boxing, karate, or wrestling match or exhibition is conducted under the supervision or control of the Ohio National Guard, the State Militia, or a reserve officers' association in which all the contestants are members of the Ohio National Guard, the State Militia, or a reserve officers' association.³

HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
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³ R.C. 3773.32.