

105TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2354

To amend the Professional Boxing Safety Act of 1996 to provide an additional safety provision.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 31, 1997

Ms. NORTON (for herself, Mr. MANTON, and Mr. ENSIGN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To amend the Professional Boxing Safety Act of 1996 to provide an additional safety provision.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “State Reciprocity in
5 Professional Boxing Act of 1997”.

6 **SEC. 2. STATE RECIPROCITY IN PROFESSIONAL BOXING.**

7 Section 2 of the Professional Boxing Safety Act of
8 1996 is amended by adding at the end the following:

1 “(11) MALICIOUS FOUL OR INFRACTION.—The
2 term ‘malicious foul or infraction’ means any violent
3 act or series of violent acts in which a professional
4 boxer intentionally causes, or attempts to cause,
5 bodily injury to an opposing boxer during the course
6 of a professional boxing match in a manner incon-
7 sistent with the generally accepted methods of com-
8 petition in a boxing match, as determined by guide-
9 lines set forth by the Association of State Boxing
10 Commissions. A malicious foul or infraction includes
11 the following acts:

12 “(A) Headbutting.

13 “(B) Kicking.

14 “(C) Striking an opponent after a round
15 has ended.

16 “(D) Biting an opponent’s body or extrem-
17 ities.

18 “(E) Striking an opponent on an imper-
19 missible part of the opponent’s body.”.

20 **SEC. 3. PURPOSES.**

21 Section 2 of the Professional Boxing Safety Act of
22 1996 is amended—

23 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “and” after
24 the semicolon;

1 (2) by striking the period at the end of para-
2 graph (2) and inserting “; and”; and

3 (3) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(3) to ensure that no boxer is permitted to
5 fight in any State while under suspension by any
6 State boxing commission.”.

7 **SEC. 4. MALICIOUS FOUL OR INFRACTION.**

8 Section 7(a)(2) of the Professional Boxing Safety Act
9 of 1996 is amended—

10 (1) in subparagraph (C), by striking “or”;

11 (2) in subparagraph (D), by striking the period
12 and inserting “; or”; and

13 (3) by adding at the end the following:

14 “(E) the commission of a malicious foul or
15 infraction.”.

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