

Senate Bill 355

By: Senator Beach of the 21st

AS PASSED SENATE

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT**

1 To amend Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and
2 businesses, so as to change certain provisions relating to certain boxing, wrestling, and
3 martial art associations and federations; to revise a definition; to change the applicability of
4 certain provisions as to matches, contests, or exhibitions; to provide for related matters; to
5 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses,
9 is amended in Code Section 43-4B-1, relating to definitions, by revising paragraph (1) as
10 follows:

11 "(1) 'Amateur,' when applied to a person engaged in boxing, wrestling, or a martial art,
12 means a person who receives no compensation and engages in a match, contest, or
13 exhibition of boxing, wrestling, or a martial art that is governed or authorized by:

- 14 (A) U.S.A. Boxing;
- 15 (B) The Georgia High School Athletic Association;
- 16 (C) The National Collegiate Athletic Association;
- 17 (D) Amateur Athletic Union;
- 18 (E) Golden Gloves;
- 19 (F) Team Georgia Amateur Wrestling;
- 20 (G) USA Wrestling;
- 21 (H) National High School Coaches Association;
- 22 (I) North American Sport Karate Association;
- 23 ~~(J) International Sport Kick Boxing/Karate Association;~~
- 24 ~~(K) World Kick Boxing Association;~~
- 25 ~~(L) United States Kick Boxing Association;~~
- 26 ~~(M) International Sport Combat Federation;~~

27 ~~(N)~~(J) Professional Karate Commission; or
 28 ~~(O)~~ International Kick Boxing Federation; or
 29 ~~(P)~~(K) The local affiliate of any organization listed in this paragraph."

30 **SECTION 2.**

31 Said title is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 43-4B-2, relating to
 32 application of provisions of such chapter, as follows:

33 "(a) The provisions of this chapter shall not be construed to apply to any match, contest,
 34 or exhibition:

35 (1) In which the contestants are all amateurs; and

36 (2) Which is governed or authorized by:

37 (A) U.S.A. Boxing;

38 (B) The Georgia High School Athletic Association;

39 (C) The National Collegiate Athletic Association;

40 (D) Amateur Athletic Union;

41 (E) Golden Gloves;

42 (F) Team Georgia Amateur Wrestling;

43 (G) USA Wrestling;

44 (H) National High School Coaches Association;

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50 ~~(N)~~(J) Professional Karate Commission; or

51 ~~(O)~~ International Kick Boxing Federation; or

52 ~~(P)~~(K) The local affiliate of any organization listed in this paragraph."

53 **SECTION 3.**

54 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.