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Introduced by M. of A. TOWNS -- read once and referred to the Committee  
on Tourism, Arts and Sports Development

AN ACT to amend chapter 912 of the laws of 1920 allowing and regulating  
boxing, sparring and wrestling matches, and establishing a state  
boxing commission, in relation to exempting white collar boxers from  
the provisions of such act

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEM-  
BLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1. Section 31 of chapter 912 of the laws of 1920 allowing and  
2     regulating boxing, sparring and wrestling matches, and establishing a  
3     state boxing commission, as amended by chapter 437 of the laws of 2002,  
4     is amended to read as follows:  
5     S 31. Exceptions. The provisions of this act except as provided in  
6     section 29 of this act shall not be construed to apply to any sparring  
7     or boxing contest or exhibition conducted under the supervision or the  
8     control of the New York state national guard or naval militia where all  
9     of the contestants are members of the active militia; nor to any such  
10    contest or exhibition where the contestants are all amateurs, sponsored  
11    by or under the supervision of any university, college, school or other  
12    institution of learning, recognized by the regents of the state of New  
13    York; nor to any such contest or exhibitions where the contestants are  
14    all amateurs sponsored by or under the supervision of the U. S. Amateur  
15    Boxing Federation or its local affiliates or the American Olympic Asso-  
16    ciation; NOR TO ANY SUCH CONTEST OR EXHIBITION WHERE THE CONTESTANTS ARE  
17    ALL WHITE COLLAR BOXERS SPONSORED BY OR UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF UNITED  
18    STATES WHITE COLLAR BOXING, INC.; nor except as to the extent provided  
19    in sections 5, 9, 19, 20, 28-a, 28-b and 33 of this act, to any profes-  
20    sional wrestling contest or exhibition as defined in this act. For the  
21    purpose of this act, an amateur is deemed to mean a person who engages  
22    in boxing, sparring or wrestling contests and exhibitions where no cash  
23    prizes are awarded to participants, and where the prize competed for

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[ ] is old law to be omitted.

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1 shall not in value exceed thirty-five dollars or, in boxing, a maximum  
2 amount established by the U.S. Amateur Boxing Federation. FOR THE  
3 PURPOSES OF THIS ACT, "WHITE COLLAR BOXER" SHALL MEAN A PERSON WHO IS  
4 NOT A PROFESSIONAL BOXER NOR AN AMATEUR REGISTERED WITH THE U.S.  
5 AMATEUR BOXING FEDERATION, AND WHO ENGAGES IN BOXING OR SPARRING  
6 CONTESTS AND EXHIBITIONS WHERE NO CASH PRIZES ARE AWARDED TO PARTIC-  
7 IPANTS, AND WHERE THE PRIZE COMPETED FOR SHALL NOT EXCEED, IN VALUE,  
8 THIRTY-FIVE DOLLARS OR A MAXIMUM AMOUNT ESTABLISHED BY UNITED STATES  
9 WHITE COLLAR BOXING, INC. Any individual, association, corporation or  
10 club, except elementary or high schools or equivalent institutions of  
11 learning recognized by the regents of the state of New York, who or  
12 which conducts an amateur contest OR A WHITE COLLAR BOXING CONTEST  
13 pursuant to this section must register with THE APPROPRIATE SANCTIONING  
14 BODY, NAMELY the U. S. Amateur Boxing Federation or its local affiliates  
15 OR UNITED STATES WHITE COLLAR BOXING, INC. and abide by [its] THE rules  
16 and regulations OF THE APPROPRIATE SANCTIONING BODY.  
17 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.