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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 ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 31 of chapter 912 of the laws of 1920 allowing and regulating boxing, sparring and wrestling matches, and establishing a state boxing commission, as amended by chapter 437 of the laws of 2002, is amended to read as follows:

S 31. Exceptions. The provisions of this act except as provided in section 29 of this act shall not be construed to apply to any sparring or boxing contest or exhibition conducted under the supervision or the control of the New York state national guard or naval militia where all of the contestants are members of the active militia; nor to any such contest or exhibition where the contestants are all amateurs, sponsored by or under the supervision of any university, college, school or other institution of learning, recognized by the regents of the state of New York; nor to any such contest or exhibitions where the contestants are all amateurs sponsored by or under the supervision of the U. S. Amateur Boxing Federation or its local affiliates or the American Olympic Association; NOR TO ANY SUCH CONTEST OR EXHIBITION WHERE THE CONTESTANTS ARE ALL WHITE COLLAR BOXERS SPONSORED BY OR UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF UNITED STATES WHITE COLLAR BOXING, INC.; nor except as to the extent provided in sections 5, 9, 19, 20, 28-a, 28-b and 33 of this act, to any professional wrestling contest or exhibition as defined in this act. For the purpose of this act, an amateur is deemed to mean a person who engages in boxing, sparring or wrestling contests and exhibitions where no cash

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

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prizes are awarded to participants, and where the prize competed for shall not in value exceed thirty-five dollars or, in boxing, a maximum amount established by the U.S. Amateur Boxing Federation. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS ACT, "WHITE COLLAR BOXER" SHALL MEAN A PERSON WHO IS NOT A PROFESSIONAL BOXER NOR AN AMATEUR REGISTERED WITH THE U.S. AMATEUR BOXING FEDERATION, AND WHO ENGAGES IN BOXING OR SPARRING CONTESTS AND EXHIBITIONS WHERE NO CASH PRIZES ARE AWARDED TO PARTICIPANTS, AND WHERE THE PRIZE COMPETED FOR SHALL NOT EXCEED, IN VALUE, THIRTY-FIVE DOLLARS OR A MAXIMUM AMOUNT ESTABLISHED BY UNITED STATES WHITE COLLAR BOXING, INC. Any individual, association, corporation or club, except elementary or high schools or equivalent institutions of learning recognized by the regents of the state of New York, who or which conducts an amateur contest OR A WHITE COLLAR BOXING CONTEST pursuant to this section must register with THE APPROPRIATE SANCTIONING BODY, NAMELY the U. S. Amateur Boxing Federation or its local affiliates OR UNITED STATES WHITE COLLAR BOXING, INC. and abide by [its] THE rules and regulations OF THE APPROPRIATE SANCTIONING BODY.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.