

Senate Bill No. 458

An act relating to amateur matches; amending s. 548.007, F.S.; exempting amateur matches that are conducted or sponsored by the Fraternal Order of Police and that are held in conjunction with a charitable event from provisions regulating pugilistic contests and exhibitions; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 548.007, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

548.007 Applicability of provisions to amateur matches and certain other matches or events.—With the exception of s. 548.008, ss. 548.001-548.079 do not apply to:

(1) A match conducted or sponsored by a bona fide nonprofit school or education program whose primary purpose is instruction in the martial arts, boxing, or kickboxing, if the match held in conjunction with the instruction is limited to amateur participants who are students of the school or instructional program; ~~or~~

(2) A match conducted or sponsored by any company or detachment of the Florida National Guard, if the match is limited to participants who are members of the company or detachment of the Florida National Guard; ~~or~~

(3) A match conducted or sponsored by the Fraternal Order of Police, if the match is limited to amateur participants and is held in conjunction with a charitable event.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.

Approved by the Governor June 23, 2008.

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