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S.B. 1030 & 1031: FLOOR ANALYSIS

Senate Bills 1030 and 1031 (as reported without amendment)

Sponsor: Senator Thaddeus G. McCotter Committee: Government Operations

CONTENT

The bills would repeal provisions in the law that criminalize prize fighting.

<u>Senate Bill 1030</u> would repeal Sections 442 through 447 of the Michigan Penal Code, which make it a felony to be a party to or engage in a prize fight, or aid or abet prize fighting; provide that training a person to prize fight or carrying someone to a prize fight is aiding and abetting; make it a misdemeanor to attend a prize fight, enter into an agreement for a prize fight, or train someone for an out-of-State prize fight; provide that no one may be excused from testifying or producing evidence in an investigation or trial for a prize fighting offense; and specify that these provisions do not apply to any boxing, sparring, or wrestling matches conducted under Public Act 328 of 1919 (which is now Chapter 8 (Boxing) of the Occupational Code).

<u>Senate Bill 1031</u> would delete provisions in the Code of Criminal Procedure under which a violation of Section 442 or 443 of the Penal Code is a Class G offense against the public order subject to a statutory maximum prison term of four years. The bill is tie-barred to Senate Bill 1030.

MCL 750.442-750.447 (S.B. 1030) 777.16v (S.B. 1031)

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bills would have no fiscal impact on State or local government, assuming past years are representative of the future. According to the Department of Corrections Statistical Report, in 1999, there were no offenders convicted of or serving sentences for participating in or training for a prizefight.

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