

1 **H. B. 2999**

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3 (By Delegates Eldridge, R. Phillips, Tomblin, Young,
4 Lynch, Sponaugle, Hartman, Reynolds, Longstreth,
5 Barrett and Barill)
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7 [Introduced March 20, 2013; referred to the
8 Committee on Government Organization.]
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10 A BILL to amend and reenact §29-5A-17 of the Code of West Virginia,
11 1931, as amended, relating to prohibiting members of the state
12 Athletic Commission from judging or refereeing any
13 professional boxing, full contact boxing or mixed martial arts
14 match conducted in this state.

15 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

16 That §29-5A-17 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended,
17 be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

18 **ARTICLE 5A. STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION.**

19 **§29-5A-17. Referee and judges; appointment by commission; powers,
20 payment.**

21 The chief official of the boxing match or exhibition shall be
22 the referee. The referee and judges shall be appointed by the
23 commission, and shall receive from the commission a card
24 authorizing them to act as such, and no club shall employ or permit
25 anyone to act as referee except one holding such card of

1 authorization from the commission. The referee shall have general
2 supervision and control over the match or exhibition and shall be
3 paid by the promoter \$25 for each day or night's services. The
4 referee shall be limited to refereeing a maximum of thirty rounds
5 per day or night unless special consent is given by the commission.
6 No member of the commission may judge or referee any professional
7 boxing, full contact boxing or mixed martial arts match conducted
8 in this state.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to prohibit members of the state Athletic Commission from judging or refereeing any professional boxing, full contact boxing or mixed martial arts match conducted in this state.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from the present law, and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.