

The only changes are in style.

Defined term: "Person" § 1-101

4-426. SHORT TITLE.

THIS SUBTITLE IS THE MARYLAND SPORTS AGENTS ACT.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language added to conform to similar sections in other titles of this article and to provide a convenient reference to this subtitle.

Defined term: "Sports agent" § 4-401

GENERAL REVISOR'S NOTE TO TITLE:

Former Art. 56, § 126(e), which provided for the repeal of inconsistent acts and the severability of the provisions of former §§ 109 through 127A, is deleted as unnecessary in light of the rules of statutory construction and Art. 1, § 23 of the Code. As to the rule of statutory construction that states that if two statutes contain an irreconcilable conflict, the statute whose relevant substantive provisions were enacted most recently is considered to have repealed by implication any conflicting provisions of the earlier statute, see Farmers & Merchants Bank v. Schlossberg, 306 Md. 48, 61 (1986).

Throughout Subtitles 2 and 3 of this title, the defined term "contest" is substituted for the former words "competition", "exhibition", "match", "performance", and "show". These former words all were used to denote events at which boxing or wrestling takes place. Apparently, the former words were used indiscriminantly and were not intended to signify any substantive difference between the events. Evidence of this is the fact that the Department of Licensing and Regulation requires participants in any boxing and wrestling event to be licensed, regardless of whether the event is designated as a "match", with the outcome carrying significance with respect to league play, or an "exhibition", with no significance attached to the outcome, or is categorized by some other term. Similarly, all other requirements and prohibitions under this title apply to all boxing and wrestling events. Accordingly, the term "contest" is used consistently in this title to avoid variations that erroneously suggest differences among provisions that are intended to be identical.

Also throughout Subtitles 2 and 3 of this title, references to the Commission paying expenses out of fees that it collects are deleted as obsolete. The Commission does not now maintain a special fund for depositing fees and paying expenses and salaries. Rather, the Commission is required to deposit all the money it collects into the General Fund of the State. See former Art. 56, § 112(c), now § 4-206 of this title. Under the current budgetary process, the Commission may spend money from the Fund only in accordance with an appropriation by the General Assembly.