

HOUSE BILL REPORT

HB 2270

*As Reported By House Committee on:
Commerce & Labor*

Title: An act relating to the registration of athlete agents.

Brief Description: Making technical changes to the statute governing athlete agents.

Sponsor(s): Representative Heavey.

Brief History:

Reported by House Committee on:
Commerce & Labor, January 17, 1992, DP.

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
COMMERCE & LABOR**

Majority Report: *Do pass.* Signed by 10 members: Representatives Heavey, Chair; G. Cole, Vice Chair; Fuhrman, Ranking Minority Member; Lisk, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Franklin; Jones; R. King; O'Brien; Prentice; and Vance.

Staff: Jim Kelley (786-7166).

Background: In 1991, the Legislature enacted a law requiring the registration of athlete agents with the Department of Licensing. This act made it a criminal offense for an athlete agent to: induce a student athlete to enter into an agent contract or professional sport services contract; enter into an agreement whereby the athlete agent offers anything of value to an employee of a school in return for the referral of a student athlete; or offer money or any valuable consideration to a student athlete to induce the student athlete to enter into a professional sports services contract. "Athlete agent" is defined as an individual registered under this chapter.

"Professional athlete" is defined in the act as a person who is under contract to a professional sports team and is no longer enrolled in an institution of higher education as an undergraduate student. References in the act to employment "with a professional sport team or as a professional athlete," therefore, are redundant.

Summary of Bill: Technical changes are made to the athlete agent registration statute.

"Athlete agent" is defined as an individual required to be registered under this chapter.

Redundant references to employment "with a professional sport team or as a professional athlete," are stricken.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Testimony For: The Department of Licensing has no objection to the bill. The bill makes technical clarifications.

Testimony Against: None.

Witnesses: Marsha Tadano-Long, Department of Licensing (Neutral).