

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## HB 2270

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*As Passed House  
February 11, 1992*

**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;  
Passed House, February 11, 1992, 95-0.

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**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).