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By Representative Heavey

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Commerce & Labor.

1 AN ACT Relating to the registration of athlete agents; and amending  
2 RCW 18.175.020 and 18.175.030.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.175.020 and 1991 c 236 s 2 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 (1) It is a violation of this chapter for a person to practice or  
7 represent himself or herself as an athlete agent or athlete agent firm  
8 without a certificate of registration as an athlete agent or athlete  
9 agent firm.

10 (2) It is a violation of this chapter for a person other than a  
11 registered athlete agent or an employee or representative of a  
12 professional sport team to directly or indirectly solicit an individual  
13 to enter into an agent contract or professional sport services contract  
14 or procure, offer, promise, or attempt to obtain employment for an

1 individual (~~((with a professional sport team or))~~) as a professional  
2 athlete.

3 **Sec. 2.** RCW 18.175.030 and 1991 c 236 s 3 are each amended to read  
4 as follows:

5 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in  
6 this section apply throughout this chapter.

7 (1) "Department" means the department of licensing.

8 (2) "Director" means the director of licensing.

9 (3) "Athlete agent" means an individual required to be registered  
10 under this chapter.

11 (4) "Athlete agent firm" means a sole proprietorship, partnership,  
12 association, corporation, or other entity that employs one or more  
13 individuals to act as an athlete agent on behalf of the entity.

14 (5) "Agent contract" means a contract or agreement pursuant to  
15 which a person authorizes or empowers an athlete agent to negotiate or  
16 solicit on behalf of the person with one or more professional sport  
17 teams for the employment of the person (~~((by a professional sport team  
18 or to negotiate or solicit on behalf of the person for the employment  
19 of the person))~~) as a professional athlete.

20 (6) "Institution of higher education" means a public or private  
21 college or university in this state.

22 (7) "Professional athlete" means a person who is under contract to  
23 a professional sports team and is no longer enrolled in an institution  
24 of higher education as an undergraduate student.

25 (8) "Professional sport services contract" means a contract or  
26 agreement pursuant to which a person is employed or agrees to render  
27 services as a player on a professional sport team or as a professional  
28 athlete.

1           (9) "Student athlete" means a person who engages in, is eligible to  
2 engage in, or may be eligible to engage in any intercollegiate sporting  
3 event, contest, exhibition, or program in this state. The term also  
4 includes an individual who has applied for enrollment to an institution  
5 of higher education. A person ceases to be a "student athlete" as soon  
6 as his or her collegiate eligibility in the sport in which he or she is  
7 under scholarship has expired.