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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill repeals the law criminalizing endurance contests. This law was passed in 1975 and has not been amended since.

### Section

- 1 **Repealer.** Repeals the law criminalizing endurance contests. This law provides a misdemeanor penalty for any person, firm, or corporation that participates in, attends, or promotes an endurance contest. An endurance contest is any mental or physical endurance contest exhibition, performance, or show of a "marathon," "walkathon," "skatathon," or any other similar character or nature, whether or not an admission is charged, for a period longer than 24 hours unless there is a rest period for contestants of at least five hours at the beginning of each subsequent 24 hour period. The law excepts from its coverage bicycle-riding contests of no longer duration than six days, ordinary amateur or professional athletic events or contests, or high school, college, and intercollegiate athletic sports.

The law was originally passed in 1975 and has not been amended since.