

SENATE BILL No. 475

May 13, 2003, Introduced by Senator BARCIA and referred to the Committee on Economic Development, Small Business and Regulatory Reform.

A bill to amend 1980 PA 299, entitled
"Occupational code,"
by amending sections 805a and 807 (MCL 339.805a and 339.807),
section 805a as amended by 1995 PA 217.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 805a. (1) This article does not apply to boxing
2 elimination contests in which all of the following apply:

3 (a) The contestants compete for prizes only in elimination
4 contests and are not also professional boxers competing in 4 or
5 more rounds of nonelimination boxing.

6 (b) Each bout is scheduled to consist of 3 or fewer 1-minute
7 rounds, with contests conducted on no more than 2 consecutive
8 calendar days.

9 (c) Competing contestants are prohibited from boxing for more
10 than 12 minutes on each contest day.

1 (d) The contestants participating in the elimination contest
2 are insured by the promoter, **for not less than \$50,000.00**, for
3 all medical and hospital expenses to be paid to the contestants
4 to cover injuries sustained in the contest.

5 (e) A licensed physician is in attendance at ringside and the
6 physician has authority to stop the contest for medical reasons.

7 (f) All contestants pass a physical examination given by a
8 licensed physician before the contest.

9 (g) A preliminary breath test is administered to each
10 contestant which indicates a blood alcohol content of .02% or
11 less.

12 (h) The promoter conducts the elimination contest in
13 compliance with the following:

14 (i) A contestant who has lost by a technical knockout is not
15 permitted to compete again for a period of 30 calendar days or
16 until the contestant has submitted to the promoter the results of
17 a physical examination equivalent to that required of
18 professional boxers.

19 (ii) The ringside physician examines a contestant who has
20 been knocked out in an elimination contest or whose fight has
21 been stopped by the referee because he or she received hard blows
22 to the head that made him or her defenseless or incapable of
23 continuing immediately after the knockout or stoppage. The
24 ringside physician may recommend post-fight neurological
25 examinations, which may include computerized axial tomography
26 (CAT) scans or magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), to be performed
27 on the contestant immediately after the contestant leaves the

1 location of the contest. The promoter shall not permit the
2 contestant to compete until a physician has certified that the
3 contestant is fit to compete. If the physician recommended
4 further neurological examinations, the promoter shall not permit
5 the contestant to compete until the promoter receives copies of
6 examination reports demonstrating that the contestant is fit to
7 compete.

8 (iii) The promoter shall require that a contestant who has
9 sustained a severe injury or knockout in an elimination contest
10 be examined by a physician. The promoter shall not permit the
11 contestant to compete until the physician has certified that the
12 contestant has fully recovered.

13 (iv) The promoter shall not permit a contestant to compete in
14 an elimination contest for a period of not less than 60 days if
15 he or she has been knocked out or has received excessive hard
16 blows to the head that required the fight to be stopped.

17 (v) A contestant who has been knocked out twice in a period
18 of 3 months or who has had excessive head blows causing a fight
19 to be stopped shall not be permitted by a promoter to participate
20 in an elimination contest for a period of not less than 120 days
21 from the second knockout or stoppage.

22 (vi) A contestant who has been knocked out or had excessive
23 hard blows to the head causing a fight to be stopped 3 times
24 consecutively in a period of 12 months shall not be permitted by
25 a promoter to participate in an elimination contest for a period
26 of 1 year from the third knockout.

27 (vii) Before resuming competition after any of the periods of

1 rest prescribed in subparagraphs (iv), (v), and (vi), a promoter
2 shall require the contestant to produce a certification by a
3 physician stating that the contestant is fit to take part in an
4 elimination contest.

5 (2) As part of the physical examination given before the
6 contest, the licensed physician or other trained person shall
7 administer a preliminary breath test in compliance with standards
8 imposed in rules promulgated by the department of state police
9 regarding equipment calibration and methods of administration.

10 (3) The promoter shall keep a log of preliminary breath test
11 results of contestants on file at its place of business for at
12 least 3 years after the date of administration of the test.
13 These results shall be made available to law enforcement
14 officials upon request.

15 (4) An elimination contest held pursuant to this section is
16 not considered to be in violation of the law.

17 Sec. 807. (1) A contestant participating in a boxing or
18 sparring match or exhibition shall be insured for not less than
19 ~~\$1,000.00~~ **\$50,000.00** for medical and hospital expenses to be
20 paid to the contestant to cover injuries sustained in the
21 contest, and for not less than \$5,000.00 to be paid in accordance
22 with the statutes of descent and distribution of personal
23 property if the contestant should die as a result of injuries
24 received in a boxing or sparring match or exhibition.

25 (2) A promoter of a boxing match or exhibition between
26 professionals shall insure each contestant participating in the
27 boxing match or exhibition **in the amounts described in**

1 subsection (1).