

SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 4869

A bill to amend 2004 PA 403, entitled
"Michigan boxing regulatory act,"
by amending sections 1, 10, 11, 12, 20, 21, 22, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35,
47, 48, 51, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, and 58 (MCL 338.3601, 338.3610,
338.3611, 338.3612, 338.3620, 338.3621, 338.3622, 338.3631,
338.3632, 338.3633, 338.3634, 338.3635, 338.3647, 338.3648,
338.3651, 338.3653, 338.3654, 338.3655, 338.3656, 338.3657, and
338.3658), sections 11, 31, 33, 34, 47, 48, and 54 as amended by
2005 PA 49.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the
2 "Michigan ~~boxing~~ **UNARMED COMBAT** regulatory act".

3 Sec. 10. As used in this act:

1 (a) "Amateur" means a person who is not competing and has
2 never competed for a money prize or who is not competing and has
3 not competed with or against a professional for a prize. ~~and~~**FOR A**
4 **BOXING CONTEST, AMATEUR IS A PERSON** who is required to be
5 registered by USA boxing.

6 (b) "Commission" means the Michigan ~~boxing~~**UNARMED COMBAT**
7 **commission CREATED IN SECTION 20.**

8 (c) "Complainant" means a person who has filed a complaint
9 with the department alleging that a person has violated this act or
10 a rule promulgated or an order issued under this act. If a
11 complaint is made by the department, the director shall designate 1
12 or more employees of the department to act as the complainant.

13 (d) "Department" means the department of labor and economic
14 growth.

15 (e) "Director" means the director of the department or his or
16 her designee.

17 (f) "Employee of the department" means an individual employed
18 by the department or a person under contract to the department
19 whose duty it is to enforce the provisions of this act or rules
20 promulgated or orders issued under this act.

21 (g) "Fund" means the Michigan ~~boxing~~**UNARMED COMBAT** fund
22 created in section 22.

23 (h) "Good moral character" means good moral character as
24 determined and defined in 1974 PA 381, MCL 338.41 to 338.47.

25 **(I) "MIXED MARTIAL ARTS" MEANS UNARMED COMBAT INVOLVING THE**
26 **USE OF A COMBINATION OF TECHNIQUES FROM DIFFERENT DISCIPLINES OF**
27 **THE MARTIAL ARTS AND INCLUDES GRAPPLING, KICKING, JUJITSU, AND**

1 STRIKING, SUBJECT TO LIMITATIONS CONTAINED IN THIS ACT AND RULES
2 PROMULGATED UNDER THIS ACT.

3 Sec. 11. As used in this act:

4 (a) "Physician" means that term as defined in section 17001 or
5 17501 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.17001 and
6 333.17501.

7 (B) "PRIZE" MEANS SOMETHING OFFERED OR GIVEN OF PRESENT OR
8 FUTURE VALUE TO A PARTICIPANT IN A CONTEST, EXHIBITION, OR MATCH.

9 (C) ~~(b)~~—"Professional" means a person who is competing or has
10 competed in boxing OR MIXED MARTIAL ARTS for a money prize.

11 (D) ~~(e)~~—"Promoter" means any person who produces or stages any
12 professional contest or exhibition of boxing OR MIXED MARTIAL ARTS,
13 OR BOTH, but does not include the venue where the exhibition or
14 contest is being held unless the venue contracts with the
15 individual promoter to be a co-promoter.

16 (E) ~~(d)~~—"Purse" means the financial guarantee or any other
17 remuneration for which professionals are participating in a contest
18 or exhibition and includes the professional's share of any payment
19 received for radio, television, or motion picture rights.

20 (F) ~~(e)~~—"Respondent" means a person against whom a complaint
21 has been filed who may be a person who is or is required to be
22 licensed under this act.

23 (G) ~~(f)~~—"Rule" means a rule promulgated under the
24 administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to
25 24.328.

26 (H) ~~(g)~~—"School", "college", or "university" does not include
27 an institution formed or operated principally to provide

1 instruction in boxing and other sports.

2 Sec. 12. This act does not apply to any of the following:

3 (a) Professional or amateur wrestling.

4 (b) Amateur martial arts sports or activities.

5 (c) Contests or exhibitions conducted by or participated in
6 exclusively by an agency of the United States government or by a
7 school, college, or university or an organization composed
8 exclusively of those entities if each participant is an amateur.

9 (d) Amateur boxing regulated by the amateur sports act of
10 1978, 36 USC 371.

11 (e) Boxing elimination contests regulated by section 50.

12 **(F) AMATEUR MIXED MARTIAL ARTS.**

13 Sec. 20. (1) The Michigan ~~boxing~~ **UNARMED COMBAT** commission,
14 consisting of ~~7~~**11** voting members, appointed by the governor with
15 the advice and consent of the senate, is created within the
16 department. The director is appointed as a nonvoting ex officio
17 member of the commission. A majority of the members appointed by
18 the governor shall be licensees under this act. **FOUR OF THE MEMBERS**
19 **SHALL BE LICENSEES IN BOXING, AND 4 MEMBERS SHALL BE LICENSEES IN**
20 **MIXED MARTIAL ARTS. THREE MEMBERS SHALL BE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL**
21 **PUBLIC.** Budgeting, procurement, human resources, information
22 technology, and related management functions of the commission
23 shall be performed by the department.

24 (2) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the ~~7~~**11**
25 members appointed by the governor shall serve a term of 4 years. Of
26 the initial members appointed under this act, the terms of 2 of the
27 members shall be 4 years, the term of 2 of the members shall be 2

1 years, and the term of 3 of the members shall be 1 year. **WHEN SO**
2 **DESIGNATED BY THE DIRECTOR, ANY BOARD ACTION TAKEN ON ONLY A BOXING**
3 **OR MIXED MARTIAL ARTS MATTER SHALL ONLY BE CONSIDERED BY THE**
4 **APPROPRIATELY LICENSED MEMBERS AND MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC.**

5 The terms of members appointed by the governor are subject to the
6 pleasure of the governor.

7 (3) Five members of the commission constitute a quorum for the
8 exercise of the authority conferred upon the commission **EXCEPT THAT**
9 **AFTER ALL OF THE ADDITIONAL MEMBERS APPOINTED AS A RESULT OF THE**
10 **2007 AMENDATORY ACT THAT ADDED THIS CLAUSE, THE QUORUM SHALL**
11 **CONSIST OF 7 MEMBERS. A—SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (2), A** concurrence of
12 at least 4 of the members, or a concurrence of a majority of those
13 members who have not participated in an investigation or
14 administrative hearing regarding a matter before the commission, is
15 necessary to render a decision by the commission. **IN THE CASE OF**
16 **PROPOSED BOARD ACTION TO BE TAKEN ON A MATTER INVOLVING ONLY BOXING**
17 **OR ONLY MIXED MARTIAL ARTS AND WHERE ONLY THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD**
18 **DESIGNATED FOR THE PARTICULAR SPORT ARE ELIGIBLE TO CONFER, THE**
19 **QUORUM SHALL BE 4 MEMBERS, 2 OF WHOM SHALL BE LICENSED UNDER THE**
20 **APPROPRIATE SPORT. UNDER THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES, A CONCURRENCE OF 3**
21 **MEMBERS IS NECESSARY TO RENDER A DECISION BY THE COMMISSION.**

22 (4) A member of the commission shall not at any time during
23 his or her service as a member promote or sponsor any contest or
24 exhibition of boxing, or combination of those events, or have any
25 financial interest in the promotion or sponsorship of those
26 contests or exhibitions. The commission shall meet not less than 4
27 times per year, and upon request and at the discretion of the

1 chair, the department shall schedule additional interim meetings.

2 (5) Except as otherwise provided in section ~~33(8)~~ **33(9)**, the
3 records of the commission are subject to disclosure under the
4 freedom of information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to 15.246.

5 (6) Meetings of the commission are subject to the open
6 meetings act, 1976 PA 267, MCL 15.261 to 15.275.

7 Sec. 21. A person who has a material financial interest in any
8 club, organization, or corporation, the main object of which is the
9 holding or giving of boxing **OR MIXED MARTIAL ARTS** contests or
10 exhibitions is not eligible for appointment to the commission.

11 Sec. 22. (1) The commission shall elect 1 of its members as
12 the chair of the commission. The commission may purchase and use a
13 seal. The director may promulgate rules for the administration of
14 this act but only after first consulting with the commission. The
15 commission may request the department to promulgate a rule under
16 section 38 of the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA
17 306, MCL 24.238. Notwithstanding the time limit provided for in
18 section 38 of the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA
19 306, MCL 24.238, the department shall respond in writing to any
20 request for rule promulgating by the commission within 30 calendar
21 days after a request. The response shall include a reason and
22 explanation for acceptance or denial of the request.

23 (2) The department shall promulgate rules to include all of
24 the following:

25 (a) Number and qualifications of ring officials required at
26 any exhibition or contest.

27 (b) Powers, duties, and compensation of ring officials.

1 (c) Qualifications of licensees.

2 (d) License fees not otherwise provided under this act.

3 (e) Any necessary standards designed to accommodate federally
4 imposed mandates that do not directly conflict with this act.

5 (f) A list of enhancers and prohibited substances, the
6 presence of which in a contestant is grounds for suspension or
7 revocation of the license or other sanctions.

8 (3) ~~A Michigan boxing~~ **AN UNARMED COMBAT** fund is created as a
9 revolving fund in the state treasury and administered by the
10 director. The money in the fund is to be **ONLY** used for the costs of
11 administration and enforcement of this act ~~or~~ **AND** for any costs
12 associated with the administration of this act, **INCLUDING, BUT NOT**
13 **LIMITED TO, REIMBURSING THE DEPARTMENT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR THE**
14 **REASONABLE COSTS OF SERVICES PROVIDED TO THE DEPARTMENT UNDER THIS**
15 **ACT.** Money remaining in the fund at the end of the fiscal year and
16 interest earned shall be carried forward into the next fiscal year
17 and shall not revert to the general fund. The department shall
18 deposit into the fund all money received from the regulatory and
19 enforcement fee, license fees, event fees, and administrative fines
20 imposed under this act, and from any other source.

21 (4) Annually, the legislature shall fix the per diem
22 compensation of the members of the commission. Travel or other
23 expenses incurred by a commission member in the performance of an
24 official function shall be payable by the department pursuant to
25 the standardized travel regulations of the department of management
26 and budget.

27 (5) The commission may affiliate with any other state or

1 national boxing OR MIXED MARTIAL ARTS commission or athletic
2 authority. THE COMMISSION, UPON APPROVAL OF THE DIRECTOR, MAY ENTER
3 INTO ANY APPROPRIATE RECIPROCITY AGREEMENTS.

4 (6) The commission and department are vested with management,
5 control, and jurisdiction over all PROFESSIONAL boxing AND
6 PROFESSIONAL MIXED MARTIAL ARTS contests or exhibitions to be
7 conducted, held, or given within the state of Michigan. Except for
8 any contests or exhibitions exempt from this act, a contest or
9 exhibition shall not be conducted, held, or given within this state
10 except in compliance with this act.

11 (7) THE REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS CONTAINED IN STANDARDS
12 ADOPTED BY THE NEW JERSEY STATE ATHLETIC CONTROL BOARD, N.J.A.C.
13 13:46-24A AND 24B, AS THEY MAY EXIST ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS
14 ACT, ENTITLED THE MIXED MARTIAL ARTS UNIFIED RULES, DATED 2000,
15 EXCEPT FOR THE LICENSE FEES DESCRIBED IN THOSE RULES, ARE
16 INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE. ANY REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS
17 INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE IN THIS SUBSECTION THAT ARE IN CONFLICT
18 WITH THE REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS OF THIS ACT ARE CONSIDERED
19 SUPERSEDED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT. THE DIRECTOR, IN
20 CONSULTATION WITH THE COMMISSION, MAY PROMULGATE RULES CONSISTENT
21 WITH SECTION 35 TO ALTER, SUPPLEMENT, UPDATE, OR AMEND THE
22 STANDARDS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE UNDER THIS SUBSECTION. ANY
23 REFERENCES TO THE COMMISSION IN THE MIXED MARTIAL ARTS UNIFIED
24 RULES SHALL MEAN THE DEPARTMENT. THE STANDARDS CONTAINED IN 13:46-
25 24B.3 ARE NOT INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE.

26 (8) Any boxing, MIXED MARTIAL ARTS, or sparring contest
27 conforming to the requirements of this act and to the rules of the

1 department is **NOT** considered to be a ~~boxing contest~~ and ~~not~~ a prize
2 fight **FOR PURPOSES OF CHAPTER LXVI OF THE MICHIGAN PENAL CODE, 1931**
3 **PA 328, MCL 750.442 TO 750.447.**

4 Sec. 31. By filing an application for a license, an applicant
5 does both of the following:

6 (a) Certifies his or her general suitability, character,
7 integrity, and ability to participate, engage in, or be associated
8 with boxing **OR MIXED MARTIAL ARTS** contests or exhibitions. The
9 burden of proof is on the applicant to establish to the
10 satisfaction of the commission and the department that the
11 applicant is qualified to receive a license.

12 (b) Accepts the risk of adverse public notice, embarrassment,
13 criticism, financial loss, or other action with respect to his or
14 her application and expressly waives any claim for damages as a
15 result of any adverse public notice, embarrassment, criticism,
16 financial loss, or other action. Any written or oral statement made
17 by any member of the commission or any witness testifying under
18 oath that is relevant to the application and investigation of the
19 applicant is immune from civil liability for libel, slander, or any
20 other tort.

21 Sec. 32. A ~~boxing~~ contest or exhibition **REGULATED BY THIS ACT**
22 **AND NOT EXEMPT FROM THIS ACT** shall ~~not~~ be held or conducted in this
23 state ~~except~~ **ONLY** under a promoter's license issued by the
24 department as provided for in section 33.

25 Sec. 33. (1) An application for a promoter's license must be
26 in writing and correctly show and define the applicant.

27 (2) An applicant for a promoter's license must demonstrate

1 good moral character. If an applicant for a promoter's license is
2 denied a license due to lack of good moral character, the applicant
3 may petition the commission for a review of the decision under
4 section 46.

5 (3) Before an approval for a ~~boxing~~ contest or exhibition is
6 granted, a promoter must file a bond with the department in an
7 amount fixed by the department but not less than \$20,000.00, **WHICH**
8 **BOND SHALL BE** executed by the applicant as principal and by a
9 corporation qualified under the laws of this state as surety,
10 payable to the state of Michigan, and conditioned upon the faithful
11 performance by the applicant of the provisions of this act. The
12 department shall annually adjust the amount of the bond based upon
13 the Detroit consumer price index. The bond must be purchased not
14 less than 5 days before the contest or exhibition and may be used
15 to satisfy payment for the professionals, costs to the department
16 for ring officials and physicians, and drug tests.

17 (4) A promoter must apply for and obtain an annual license
18 from the department in order to present a program of ~~boxing~~
19 contests or exhibitions **REGULATED BY THIS ACT**. The annual license
20 fee is \$250.00. The department shall request, and the applicant
21 shall provide, such information as it determines necessary to
22 ascertain the financial stability of the applicant.

23 (5) ~~The~~ **A BOXING** promoter ~~must~~ **SHALL** pay an event fee of
24 \$125.00. **A MIXED MARTIAL ARTS PROMOTER SHALL PAY AN EVENT FEE OF**
25 **\$2,000.00.**

26 (6) There is imposed a regulatory and enforcement fee upon the
27 promoter to assure the integrity of the ~~sport~~ **SPORTS OF BOXING AND**

1 **MIXED MARTIAL ARTS**, the public interest, and the welfare and safety
2 of the professionals in the amount of 3% of the total gross
3 receipts from the sale, lease, or other exploitation of
4 broadcasting, television, and motion picture rights, but not to
5 exceed \$25,000.00 per contract, for **BOXING OR MIXED MARTIAL ARTS**
6 events to which the following apply:

7 (a) ~~The~~ **IF THE EVENT IS A BOXING EVENT, THE** event is located
8 in a venue with a seating capacity of over 5,000.

9 (b) The promoter proposes to televise or broadcast the event
10 over any medium for viewing by spectators not present in the venue.

11 (c) The event is designed to promote professional **BOXING OR**
12 **MIXED MARTIAL ARTS** contests in this state.

13 (7) At least 10 days before the **BOXING OR MIXED MARTIAL ARTS**
14 event, the promoter shall submit the contract subject to the
15 regulatory and enforcement fee to the department, stating the
16 amount of the probable total gross receipts from the sale, lease,
17 or other exploitation of broadcasting, television, and motion
18 picture rights.

19 (8) The money derived from the regulatory and enforcement fee
20 shall be deposited into the ~~Michigan boxing~~ fund created in section
21 22 and used for the purposes described in that section.

22 (9) A promoter shall, within 5 business days before a boxing
23 **OR MIXED MARTIAL ARTS** contest or exhibition, convey to the
24 department an executed copy of the contract relative to ~~the boxing~~
25 **THAT** contest or exhibition. The copy of the contract is exempt from
26 disclosure under the freedom of information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL
27 15.231 to 15.246, except that the department may disclose

1 statistical information on the number, types, and amounts of
2 contracts so long as information regarding identifiable individuals
3 or categories is not revealed.

4 (10) Beginning ~~the effective date of the amendatory act that~~
5 ~~added this subsection~~ **JUNE 23, 2005**, a promoter's license is
6 subject to revocation unless at least 10% of the purse in a contest
7 or exhibition, **BUT NOT MORE THAN \$10,000.00 PER CONTESTANT**, is
8 withheld or escrowed until such time as the results of the
9 postcontest drug test, as required by this act, are available to
10 the department. If the drug test results confirm or demonstrate
11 compliance with this act, the department shall issue an order
12 allowing the promoter to forward to the professional the amount
13 withheld or escrowed. If the results do not confirm or demonstrate
14 compliance with this act, the department shall serve a formal
15 complaint on the professional under section 44(2), and the
16 department shall issue an order to the promoter requiring the
17 promoter to forward the amount withheld or escrowed to the
18 department. Upon receipt, the department shall deposit the money
19 into the fund. If after a hearing the professional is found in
20 violation of the act, the professional shall forfeit the amount
21 withheld from the purse and the professional is subject to the
22 penalties prescribed in section 48. However, if the formal
23 complaint is dismissed or any final order issued as the result of
24 the complaint is overturned, the department shall issue a refund to
25 the professional for the amount withheld.

26 (11) Subsection (10) does not prohibit a licensed promoter
27 from including a provision in a contract with a professional that

1 requires the promoter to withhold 10% of the purse in a contest or
2 exhibition until such time as the postcontest drug test results are
3 available to the department.

4 Sec. 34. (1) The director, in consultation with the
5 commission, may promulgate rules for the application and approval
6 process for promoters. Until the rules are promulgated, the
7 applicant shall comply with the standards described in subsection
8 (2).

9 (2) The rules regarding the application process shall include
10 at least the following:

11 (a) An initial application processing fee sufficient to cover
12 the costs of processing **A BOXING OR MIXED MARTIAL ARTS PROMOTER'S**
13 **LICENSE**, but not less than \$250.00.

14 (b) A requirement that background information be disclosed by
15 the applicant who is an individual or by the principal officers or
16 members and individuals having at least a 10% ownership interest in
17 the case of any other legal entity, with emphasis on the
18 applicant's business experience.

19 (c) Information from the applicant concerning past and present
20 civil lawsuits, judgments, and filings under the bankruptcy code
21 that are not more than 7 years old.

22 (d) Any other relevant and material information considered
23 necessary by the director upon consultation with the commission.

24 (3) The department may consult with the commission on issues
25 related to the determination of an applicant's financial stability
26 and shall refer the application to the commission if clear and
27 convincing grounds for approval of the financial stability aspect

1 of the application do not exist.

2 (4) As part of the approval process for promoters, the
3 commission may require the applicant or his or her representative
4 to be present at a commission meeting in which the application is
5 considered.

6 Sec. 35. ~~(1)~~The director, in consultation with the
7 commission, shall promulgate rules to **SET STANDARDS FOR BOXING AND**
8 **MIXED MARTIAL ARTS EXHIBITIONS AND PARTICIPANTS AND TO** provide for
9 license fees for all participants in the activities regulated by
10 this act not otherwise provided for in this act, including, but not
11 limited to, license fees for a physician, physician's assistant,
12 nurse practitioner, referee, judge, matchmaker, timekeeper,
13 professional, ~~boxer~~, contestant, or manager or a second of those
14 persons.

15 ~~— (2) Until those rules are promulgated, the department shall~~
16 ~~charge those fees contained in section 49 of the state license fee~~
17 ~~act, 1979 PA 152, MCL 338.2249, for the licenses described in~~
18 ~~subsection (1).~~

19 Sec. 47. (1) The department shall initiate an action under
20 this chapter against an applicant or take any other allowable
21 action against the license of any contestant, promoter, or other
22 participant who the department determines has done any of the
23 following:

24 (a) Enters into a contract for a ~~boxing~~ contest or exhibition
25 in bad faith.

26 (b) Participates in any sham or fake ~~boxing~~ contest or
27 exhibition.

1 (c) Participates in a ~~boxing~~-contest or exhibition pursuant to
2 a collusive understanding or agreement in which the contestant
3 competes or terminates the ~~boxing~~-contest or exhibition in a manner
4 that is not based upon honest competition or the honest exhibition
5 of the skill of the contestant.

6 (d) Is determined to have failed to give his or her best
7 efforts, failed to compete honestly, or failed to give an honest
8 exhibition of his or her skills in a ~~boxing~~-contest or exhibition.

9 (e) Is determined to have performed an act or engaged in
10 conduct that is detrimental to a ~~boxing~~-contest or exhibition,
11 including, but not limited to, any foul or unsportsmanlike conduct
12 in connection with a ~~boxing~~-contest or exhibition.

13 (f) Gambles on the outcome of a ~~boxing~~-contest or exhibition
14 in which he or she is a contestant, promoter, matchmaker, ring
15 official, or second.

16 (g) Assaults another licensee, commission member, or
17 department employee while not involved in or while outside the
18 normal course of a ~~boxing~~-contest or exhibition.

19 (h) Practices fraud or deceit in obtaining a license.

20 (2) The department, in consultation with the commission, shall
21 promulgate rules to provide for both of the following:

22 (a) The timing of drug tests for contestants.

23 (b) Specific summary suspension procedures for ~~boxing~~
24 contestants and participants who test positive for drugs or fail to
25 submit to a drug test, under section 48(4). The rules shall include
26 the following:

27 (i) A procedure to allow the department to place the licensee

1 upon the national suspension list.

2 (ii) An expedited appeal process for the summary suspension.

3 (iii) A relicensing procedure following summary suspension.

4 (3) An employee of the department must be present at all
5 weigh-ins, medical examinations, contests, exhibitions, and matches
6 to ensure that this act and rules are strictly enforced.

7 (4) Each promoter shall furnish each member of the commission
8 present at a ~~boxing~~-contest or exhibition a seat in the area
9 immediately adjacent to the ~~boxing~~-contest or exhibition. An
10 additional seat shall be provided in the venue.

11 (5) The commission chair, a commission member assigned by the
12 chair, or a department official designated by the commission chair
13 shall have final authority involving any conflict at a contest,
14 exhibition, or match and shall advise the chief inspector in charge
15 accordingly. In the absence of the chair, an assigned member, or a
16 department official designated by the commission chair, the chief
17 inspector in charge shall be the final decision-making authority.

18 Sec. 48. (1) Upon receipt of an application for reinstatement
19 and the payment of an administrative fine prescribed by the
20 commission, the commission may reinstate a revoked license or lift
21 a suspension. If disciplinary action is taken against a person
22 under this act that does not relate to a ~~boxing~~-contest or
23 exhibition, the commission may, in lieu of suspending or revoking a
24 license, prescribe an administrative fine not to exceed \$10,000.00.
25 If disciplinary action is taken against a person under this act
26 that relates to the preparation for a ~~boxing~~-contest or an
27 exhibition, the occurrence of a ~~boxing~~-contest or an exhibition, or

1 any other action taken in conjunction with a ~~boxing~~ contest or an
2 exhibition, the commission may prescribe an administrative fine in
3 an amount not to exceed 100% of the share of the purse to which the
4 holder of the license is entitled for the contest or exhibition or
5 an administrative fine not to exceed \$100,000.00 in the case of any
6 other person. This administrative fine may be imposed in addition
7 to, or in lieu of, any other disciplinary action that is taken
8 against the person by the commission.

9 (2) If an administrative fine is imposed under this section,
10 the commission may recover the costs of the proceeding, including
11 investigative costs and attorney fees. The department or the
12 attorney general may bring an action in a court of competent
13 jurisdiction to recover any administrative fines, investigative and
14 other allowable costs, and attorney fees. The filing of an action
15 to recover fines and costs does not bar the imposition of other
16 sanctions under this act.

17 (3) An employee of the department, in consultation with any
18 commission member present, may issue an order to withhold the purse
19 for 3 business days due to a violation of this act or a rule
20 promulgated under this act. During that 72-hour time period, the
21 commission may convene a special meeting to determine if the action
22 of the employee of the department was warranted. If the commission
23 determines that the action was warranted, the department shall
24 offer to hold an administrative hearing as soon as practicable but
25 within at least 7 calendar days.

26 (4) A professional or participant in a professional ~~boxing~~
27 contest or exhibition shall submit to a postexhibition test of body

1 fluids to determine the presence of controlled substances,
2 prohibited substances, or enhancers. The department shall
3 promulgate rules to set requirements regarding preexhibition tests
4 of body fluids to determine the presence of controlled substances,
5 prohibited substances, or enhancers.

6 (5) The promoter is responsible for the cost of the testing
7 performed under this section.

8 (6) Either of the following is grounds for summary suspension
9 of the individual's license in the manner provided for in section
10 42:

11 (a) A test resulting in a finding of the presence of
12 controlled substances, enhancers, or other prohibited substances as
13 determined by rule of the commission.

14 (b) The refusal or failure of a contestant to submit to the
15 drug testing ordered by an authorized person.

16 Sec. 51. (1) A physician, licensed physician's assistant,
17 certified nurse practitioner, referee, judge, matchmaker,
18 timekeeper, professional boxer, contestant, or manager, or a second
19 of those persons, shall obtain a participant license from the
20 department before participating either directly or indirectly in a
21 ~~boxing~~ contest or exhibition.

22 (2) An application for a participant license shall be in
23 writing, shall be verified by the applicant, and shall set forth
24 those facts requested by and conform to the rules promulgated by
25 the department.

26 (3) The department shall issue a passport with each
27 professional contestant's license.

1 (4) The commission, or a member of the commission, has
2 standing to contest the issuance or nonissuance of an exhibition or
3 other license by written or electronic communication to the
4 department.

5 Sec. 53. (1) In addition to the requirements of section 52, a
6 person seeking a license as a professional referee, judge, or
7 timekeeper shall referee, judge, or keep time for a minimum of 300
8 rounds of amateur competitive boxing. **TO THE EXTENT STANDARDS ARE**
9 **NOT CONTAINED IN THE MIXED MARTIAL ARTS UNIFIED RULES INCORPORATED**
10 **BY REFERENCE UNDER SECTION 22(7), THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROMULGATE**
11 **RULES ESTABLISHING STANDARDS FOR A PERSON SEEKING LICENSURE AS A**
12 **MIXED MARTIAL ARTS PROFESSIONAL REFEREE, JUDGE, OR TIMEKEEPER.**

13 (2) After a person has successfully completed the requirements
14 of section 51(2) and subsection (1), the department may issue the
15 person a license.

16 Sec. 54. (1) In addition to the requirements of section 53, a
17 person seeking a license as a professional judge shall score,
18 unofficially, not fewer than 200 rounds of professional boxing. In
19 order to fulfill the requirements of this subsection, an applicant
20 shall only unofficially judge contests that are approved by the
21 commission for that purpose. An applicant shall not receive
22 compensation for judging boxing contests or exhibitions under this
23 subsection. Scorecards shall be transmitted to the department and
24 the commission for review and evaluation.

25 **(2) TO THE EXTENT STANDARDS ARE NOT CONTAINED IN THE MIXED**
26 **MARTIAL ARTS UNIFIED RULES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE UNDER SECTION**
27 **22(7), THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROMULGATE RULES ESTABLISHING**

1 **EXPERIENCE STANDARDS FOR A PERSON SEEKING LICENSURE AS A MIXED**
2 **MARTIAL ARTS PROFESSIONAL JUDGE.**

3 (3) ~~(2)~~—An employee authorized by the department or the
4 commission shall complete a standardized evaluation sheet for each
5 ~~boxing~~ contest or exhibition judged by a licensee. The commission
6 shall annually review the evaluation sheets. A commission member
7 attending a ~~boxing~~ contest or exhibition may also submit to the
8 department a standardized evaluation sheet.

9 Sec. 55. (1) A professional participating in a ~~boxing~~ contest
10 or exhibition shall be insured by the promoter for not less than
11 \$50,000.00 for medical and hospital expenses to be paid to the
12 contestant to cover injuries sustained in the contest and for not
13 less than \$50,000.00 to be paid in accordance with the statutes of
14 descent and distribution of personal property if the contestant
15 should die as a result of injuries received in a boxing contest or
16 exhibition.

17 (2) A promoter shall pay the policy premium and deductible
18 regarding any medical or hospital expenses for a contestant's
19 injuries.

20 Sec. 56. (1) A professional boxing contest or exhibition shall
21 be of not more than 10 rounds in length, except a boxing contest or
22 exhibition which involves a national or international championship
23 may last not more than 12 rounds in the determination of the
24 department. The contestants shall wear during a contest gloves
25 weighing at least 8 ounces each. Rounds shall be not longer than 3
26 minutes, with not less than 1-minute rest between rounds.

27 (2) A professional or participant in a ~~boxing~~ contest or

1 exhibition shall be certified to be in proper physical condition by
2 a licensed physician, a licensed physician's assistant, or a
3 certified nurse practitioner before participating in a ~~boxing~~
4 contest or exhibition. The department shall designate any medical
5 test that may be required to determine if the individual is in
6 proper physical condition.

7 Sec. 57. (1) A licensed physician shall be in attendance at
8 each ~~boxing~~-contest or exhibition. The physician shall observe the
9 physical condition of the contestants and advise the referee or
10 judges with regard to the health of those contestants. The
11 physician shall examine each contestant before entering the ring.

12 (2) The licensed physician shall file with the commission the
13 report of the physical examination of a contestant not later than
14 24 hours after termination of the ~~boxing~~-contest or exhibition.

15 (3) If, in the opinion of the physician, the health or safety
16 of a contestant requires that the ~~boxing~~-contest or exhibition in
17 which he or she is participating be terminated, the physician shall
18 notify the referee. The referee shall terminate the ~~boxing~~-contest
19 or exhibition.

20 Sec. 58. (1) If a contestant or participant loses
21 consciousness during or as a result of a ~~boxing~~-contest or
22 exhibition in which he or she participates, he or she shall not
23 again be eligible to participate in a ~~boxing~~-contest or exhibition
24 in this state unless examined by a physician appointed by the
25 commission and unless the physician certifies the contestant's or
26 participant's fitness to participate.

27 (2) The contestant or participant shall pay the cost of the

1 examination conducted under subsection (1).

2 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect
3 unless House Bill No. 4870 of the 94th Legislature is enacted into
4 law.