

HOUSE BILL No. 6364

August 13, 2008, Introduced by Rep. Mayes and referred to the Committee on Regulatory Reform.

A bill to amend 2004 PA 403, entitled "Michigan unarmed combat regulatory act," by amending section 50 (MCL 338.3650).

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 50. (1) Boxing elimination contests in which all of the
2 following apply are exempt from this act:

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

1 than 12 minutes on each contest day.

2 (d) The contestants participating in the elimination contest
3 are insured by the promoter for ~~all~~ medical and hospital expenses
4 **IN THE AMOUNT OF NOT LESS THAN \$50,000.00** to be paid to the
5 contestants to cover injuries sustained in the contest **AND ARE**
6 **INSURED FOR NOT LESS THAN \$50,000.00 TO BE PAID IN ACCORDANCE WITH**
7 **THE STATUTES OF DESCENT AND DISTRIBUTION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY IF**
8 **THE CONTESTANT SHOULD DIE AS A RESULT OF INJURIES SUSTAINED IN THE**
9 **CONTEST.**

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

12 (f) All contestants pass a physical examination given by a
13 physician, a licensed physician's assistant, or a certified nurse
14 practitioner before the contest.

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

17 (h) The promoter conducts the elimination contest in
18 compliance with the following:

19 (i) A contestant who has lost by a technical knockout is not
20 permitted to compete again for a period of 30 calendar days or
21 until the contestant has submitted to the promoter the results of a
22 physical examination equivalent to that required of professional
23 boxers.

24 (ii) The ringside physician examines a contestant who has been
25 knocked out in an elimination contest or whose fight has been
26 stopped by the referee because he or she received hard blows to the
27 head that made him or her defenseless or incapable of continuing

1 immediately after the knockout or stoppage. The ringside physician
2 may recommend post-fight neurological examinations, which may
3 include computerized axial tomography (CAT) scans or magnetic
4 resonance imaging (MRI), to be performed on the contestant
5 immediately after the contestant leaves the location of the
6 contest. The promoter shall not permit the contestant to compete
7 until a physician has certified that the contestant is fit to
8 compete. If the physician recommended further neurological
9 examinations, the promoter shall not permit the contestant to
10 compete until the promoter receives copies of examination reports
11 demonstrating that the contestant is fit to compete.

12 (iii) The promoter requires that a contestant who has sustained
13 a severe injury or knockout in an elimination contest be examined
14 by a physician. The promoter shall not permit the contestant to
15 compete until the physician has certified that the contestant has
16 fully recovered.

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

21 (v) A contestant who has been knocked out twice in a period of
22 3 months or who has had excessive head blows causing a fight to be
23 stopped is not permitted by a promoter to participate in an
24 elimination contest for a period of not less than 120 days from the
25 second knockout or stoppage.

26 (vi) A contestant who has been knocked out or had excessive
27 hard blows to the head causing a fight to be stopped 3 times

1 consecutively in a period of 12 months is not permitted by a
2 promoter to participate in an elimination contest for a period of 1
3 year from the third knockout.

4 (vii) Before resuming competition after any of the periods of
5 rest prescribed in subparagraphs (iv), (v), and (vi), a promoter
6 requires the contestant to produce a certification by a physician
7 stating that the contestant is fit to take part in an elimination
8 contest.

9 (2) As part of the physical examination given before the
10 boxing elimination contest, the physician, licensed physician's
11 assistant, certified nurse practitioner, or other trained person
12 shall administer a preliminary breath test in compliance with
13 standards imposed in rules promulgated by the department of state
14 police regarding equipment calibration and methods of
15 administration. The promoter shall keep a log of preliminary breath
16 test results of contestants on file at its place of business for at
17 least 3 years after the date of administration of the test. These
18 results shall be made available to law enforcement officials upon
19 request.