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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 2856

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 2856 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Boxing and Full-contact Martial Arts Act is
5 amended by changing Sections 1, 6, and 12 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 105/1) (from Ch. 111, par. 5001)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2022)

8 Sec. 1. Short title and definitions.

9 (a) This Act may be cited as the Boxing and Full-contact
10 Martial Arts Act.

11 (b) As used in this Act:

12 "Department" means the Department of Financial and
13 Professional Regulation.

14 "Secretary" means the Secretary of Financial and
15 Professional Regulation.

16 "Board" means the State of Illinois Athletic Board

1 established pursuant to this Act.

2 "License" means the license issued for promoters,
3 professionals, or officials in accordance with this Act.

4 "Professional contest" means a boxing or full-contact
5 martial arts competition in which all of the participants
6 competing against one another are professionals and where
7 the public is able to attend or a fee is charged.

8 "Permit" means the authorization from the Department
9 to a promoter to conduct professional or amateur contests,
10 or a combination of both.

11 "Promoter" means a person who is licensed and who holds
12 a permit to conduct professional or amateur contests, or a
13 combination of both.

14 Unless the context indicates otherwise, "person"
15 includes, but is not limited to, an individual,
16 association, organization, business entity, gymnasium, or
17 club.

18 "Judge" means a person licensed by the Department who
19 is located at ringside or adjacent to the fighting area
20 during a professional contest and who has the
21 responsibility of scoring the performance of the
22 participants in that professional contest.

23 "Referee" means a person licensed by the Department who
24 has the general supervision of and is present inside of the
25 ring or fighting area during a professional contest.

26 "Amateur" means a person registered by the Department

1 who is not competing for, and has never received or
2 competed for, any purse or other article of value, directly
3 or indirectly, either for participating in any contest or
4 for the expenses of training therefor, other than a
5 non-monetary prize that does not exceed \$50 in value.

6 "Professional" means a person licensed by the
7 Department who competes for a money prize, purse, or other
8 type of compensation in a professional contest held in
9 Illinois.

10 "Second" means a person licensed by the Department who
11 is present at any professional contest to provide
12 assistance or advice to a professional during the contest.

13 "Matchmaker" means a person licensed by the Department
14 who brings together professionals to compete in contests.

15 "Manager" means a person licensed by the Department who
16 is not a promoter and who, under contract, agreement, or
17 other arrangement, undertakes to, directly or indirectly,
18 control or administer the affairs of professionals.

19 "Timekeeper" means a person licensed by the Department
20 who is the official timer of the length of rounds and the
21 intervals between the rounds.

22 "Purse" means the financial guarantee or any other
23 remuneration for which contestants are participating in a
24 professional contest.

25 "Physician" means a person licensed to practice
26 medicine in all its branches under the Medical Practice Act

1 of 1987.

2 "Martial arts" means a discipline or combination of
3 different disciplines that utilizes sparring techniques
4 without the intent to injure, disable, or incapacitate
5 one's opponent, such as, but not limited to, Karate, Kung
6 Fu, Judo, Jujutsu, Tae Kwon Do, and Kyuki-Do.

7 "Full-contact martial arts" means the use of a singular
8 discipline or a combination of techniques from different
9 disciplines of the martial arts, including, without
10 limitation, full-force grappling, kicking, and striking
11 with the intent to injure, disable, or incapacitate one's
12 opponent.

13 "Amateur contest" means a boxing or full-contact
14 martial arts competition in which all of the participants
15 competing against one another are amateurs and where the
16 public is able to attend or a fee is charged.

17 "Contestant" means a person who competes in either a
18 boxing or full-contact martial arts contest.

19 "Address of record" means the designated address
20 recorded by the Department in the applicant's or licensee's
21 application file, license file, or registration file as
22 maintained by the Department's licensure maintenance unit.
23 It is the duty of the applicant or licensee to inform the
24 Department of any change of address and those changes must
25 be made either through the Department's website or by
26 contacting the Department.

1 "Bout" means one match between 2 contestants.

2 "Sanctioning body" means an organization approved by
3 the Department under the requirements and standards stated
4 in this Act and the rules adopted under this Act to act as
5 a governing body that sanctions professional or amateur
6 contests.

7 "Kickboxing" means a form of boxing in which only
8 punches and kicks are allowed.

9 (Source: P.A. 96-663, eff. 8-25-09; 97-119, eff. 7-14-11;
10 97-1123, eff. 8-27-12.)

11 (225 ILCS 105/6) (from Ch. 111, par. 5006)

12 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2022)

13 Sec. 6. Restricted contests and events. ~~(a)~~ All
14 professional and amateur contests, or a combination of both, in
15 which physical contact is made are prohibited in Illinois
16 unless authorized by the Department pursuant to the
17 requirements and standards stated in this Act and the rules
18 adopted pursuant to this Act. This Section ~~subsection (a)~~ does
19 not apply to any of the following:

20 (1) Amateur boxing or full-contact martial arts
21 contests conducted by accredited secondary schools,
22 colleges, or universities, although a fee may be charged.

23 (2) Amateur boxing contests that are sanctioned by USA
24 Boxing or any other sanctioning organization approved by
25 the Association of Boxing Commissions.

1 (3) Amateur boxing or full-contact martial arts
2 contests conducted by a State, county, or municipal entity.

3 (4) Amateur martial arts contests that are not defined
4 as full-contact martial arts contests under this Act,
5 including, but not limited to, Karate, Kung Fu, Judo,
6 Jujutsu, Tae Kwon Do, and Kyuki-Do.

7 (5) Full-contact martial arts contests, as defined by
8 this Act, that are recognized by the International Olympic
9 Committee or are contested in the Olympic Games ~~and are not~~
10 ~~conducted in an enclosed fighting area or ring.~~

11 (6) Kickboxing contests that are sanctioned by
12 nationally recognized sanctioning bodies, such as the
13 World Association of Kickboxing Organizations USA, KICK
14 International, the International Kickboxing Federation,
15 the International Sport Karate and Kickboxing Association,
16 and the World Kickboxing Association.

17 No other amateur boxing or full-contact martial arts
18 contests shall be permitted unless authorized by the
19 Department.

20 ~~(b) The Department shall have the authority to determine~~
21 ~~whether a professional or amateur contest is exempt for~~
22 ~~purposes of this Section.~~

23 (Source: P.A. 96-663, eff. 8-25-09; 97-119, eff. 7-14-11;
24 97-1123, eff. 8-27-12.)

1 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2022)

2 Sec. 12. Professional or amateur contests.

3 (a) The professional or amateur contest, or a combination
4 of both, shall be held in an area where adequate neurosurgical
5 facilities are immediately available for skilled emergency
6 treatment of an injured professional or amateur.

7 (b) Each professional or amateur shall be examined before
8 the contest and promptly after each bout by a physician. The
9 physician shall determine, prior to the contest, if each
10 professional or amateur is physically fit to compete in the
11 contest. After the bout the physician shall examine the
12 professional or amateur to determine possible injury. If the
13 professional's or amateur's physical condition so indicates,
14 the physician shall recommend to the Department immediate
15 medical suspension. The physician or a licensed paramedic must
16 check the vital signs of all contestants as established by
17 rule.

18 (c) The physician may, at any time during the professional
19 or amateur bout, stop the professional or amateur bout to
20 examine a professional or amateur contestant and may direct the
21 referee to terminate the bout when, in the physician's opinion,
22 continuing the bout could result in serious injury to the
23 professional or amateur. If the professional's or amateur's
24 physical condition so indicates, the physician shall recommend
25 to the Department immediate medical suspension. The physician
26 shall certify to the condition of the professional or amateur

1 in writing, over his signature on forms provided by the
2 Department. Such reports shall be submitted to the Department
3 in a timely manner.

4 (d) No professional or amateur contest, or a combination of
5 both, shall be allowed to begin or be held unless at least one
6 physician, at least one EMT and one paramedic, and one
7 ambulance have been contracted with solely for the care of
8 professionals or amateurs who are competing as defined by rule.

9 (e) No professional boxing bout shall be more than 12
10 rounds in length. The rounds shall not be more than 3 minutes
11 each with a one minute interval between them, and no
12 professional boxer shall be allowed to participate in more than
13 one contest within a 7-day period.

14 The number and length of rounds for all other professional
15 or amateur boxing or full-contact martial arts contests, or a
16 combination of both, shall be determined by rule.

17 (f) The number and types of officials required for each
18 professional or amateur contest, or a combination of both,
19 shall be determined by rule.

20 (g) The Department or its representative shall have
21 discretion to declare a prize, remuneration, or purse or any
22 part of it belonging to the professional withheld if in the
23 judgment of the Department or its representative the
24 professional is not honestly competing.

25 (h) The Department shall have the authority to prevent a
26 professional or amateur contest, or a combination of both, from

1 being held and shall have the authority to stop a professional
2 or amateur contest, or a combination of both, for noncompliance
3 with any part of this Act or rules or when, in the judgment of
4 the Department, or its representative, continuation of the
5 event would endanger the health, safety, and welfare of the
6 professionals or amateurs or spectators. The Department's
7 authority to stop a contest on the basis that the professional
8 or amateur contest, or a combination of both, would endanger
9 the health, safety, and welfare of the professionals or
10 amateurs or spectators shall extend to any professional or
11 amateur contest, or a combination of both, regardless of
12 whether that amateur contest is exempted from the prohibition
13 in Section 6 of this Act. Department staff, or its
14 representative, may be present at any full-contact martial arts
15 contest with scheduled amateur bouts.

16 (i) Participants of kickboxing contests must use, at a
17 minimum, 10 ounce gloves.

18 (Source: P.A. 97-119, eff. 7-14-11; 98-973, eff. 8-15-14.)

19 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
20 becoming law.".