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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 1646

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 1646 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 Section 1 and by adding Section 6.5 as  
6 follows:

7 (225 ILCS 105/1) (from Ch. 111, par. 5001)

8 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2022)

9 Sec. 1. Short title and definitions.

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

12 (b) As used in this Act:

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

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

1           "Board" means the State of Illinois Athletic Board  
2 established pursuant to this Act.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

26          "Physician" means a person licensed to practice

1 medicine in all its branches under the Medical Practice Act  
2 of 1987.

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

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

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

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

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

1 contacting the Department.

2 "Bout" means one match between 2 contestants.

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

8 "Elimination tournament" means a combative sports  
9 contest in which the contestants compete in a series of  
10 matches until not more than one contestant remains in any  
11 weight category.

12 (Source: P.A. 96-663, eff. 8-25-09; 97-119, eff. 7-14-11;  
13 97-1123, eff. 8-27-12.)

14 (225 ILCS 105/6.5 new)

15 Sec. 6.5. Elimination tournaments.

16 (a) All elimination tournaments conducted in this State  
17 must be conducted in accordance with this Section.

18 (b) Before the start of any elimination tournament, the  
19 Department shall check all promoters, professionals, and  
20 officials associated with the elimination tournament for  
21 licenses issued by the Department. Any individual without a  
22 current license or registered issued by the Commission shall  
23 not participate in the event.

24 (c) The promoter of an elimination tournament must:

25 (1) complete an application provided by the

1 Department;

2 (2) provide a surety bond, cash, certificate of  
3 deposit, or other form of security acceptable to the  
4 Department in the amount of \$5,000; the Department may  
5 increase the security as circumstances warrant;

6 (3) provide medical insurance in the amount of at least  
7 \$10,000 for each participant; and

8 (4) submit a \$50 permit fee.

9 In addition, the promoter of an elimination tournament  
10 must:

11 (A) arrange for an ambulance to be on site at each  
12 event with emergency medical personnel and proper  
13 resuscitation equipment;

14 (B) provide 16-ounce boxing gloves that shall be worn  
15 by all participants;

16 (C) provide headgear that shall be worn by all  
17 participants;

18 (D) provide adequate security at each event; and

19 (E) arrange spectator seating at least 6 feet away from  
20 the ring apron.

21 The promoter of an elimination tournament may act as a  
22 matchmaker for the purposes of arranging bouts.

23 Promoters of elimination tournaments may request the  
24 Department to not accept any participant due to conduct or  
25 safety. Upon approval of the request by the Department, the  
26 participant in question shall be banned from participating in

1 the event.

2 (d) Elimination tournaments shall consist of 3 one-minute  
3 rounds with a one-minute rest period between each round. Each  
4 round shall be judged on a 10-point must system.

5 Elimination tournaments shall be single-elimination  
6 events. An elimination participant who has lost a bout may not  
7 participate in the same program of bouts.

8 If a participant is knocked down 3 times in a round, that  
9 participant shall be declared the loser of the bout.

10 If a bout is declared a draw, the judges shall reevaluate  
11 their scorecards and select a winner.

12 The referee or the ringside physician may stop a bout if,  
13 in the judgment of either, allowing the bout to continue may  
14 jeopardize the health or the safety of a participant.

15 Elimination tournaments may be one-night or 2-night  
16 events. Elimination tournament participants may not  
17 participate in more than one match during the first night of a  
18 2-night elimination tournament.

19 An elimination tournament participant may participate in  
20 any number of bouts the second night of a 2-night elimination  
21 tournament.

22 Competing for or winning a prize in an elimination  
23 tournament shall not make the participant a professional within  
24 the scope of this Act unless all other participants in the  
25 tournament are professionals.

26 Bouts between male and female participants shall not be

1 permitted.

2 (e) Participants in elimination tournaments shall:

3 (1) be at least 18 years of age;

4 (2) provide the Department with one form of photo  
5 identification with date of birth;

6 (3) complete an application form provided by the  
7 Department;

8 (4) submit the required license fee of \$20; and

9 (5) provide 2 photographs of himself or herself.

10 An individual may not participate in elimination  
11 tournaments if he or she (i) has been a competitor in a  
12 professional boxing, kickboxing, or mixed martial arts  
13 competition or (ii) has been a winner of more than 5 of any  
14 combination of amateur boxing, kickboxing, or elimination  
15 tournament events in the past 5 years or more than 3 of any  
16 combination of amateur boxing, kickboxing, or elimination  
17 tournament events in the past 12 months, unless the event is  
18 restricted to winners of previous events.

19 A participant shall not wear any type of body piercing,  
20 hard contact lenses, dentures, or removable dental work during  
21 a bout. A participant with dental braces may compete if the  
22 participant wears a fitted mouthpiece covering the entire  
23 brace.

24 Male participants must wear a groin protector and a  
25 mouthpiece during all bouts.

26 Female participants shall provide a negative pregnancy



1 test that shall be verified by the ringside physician or they  
2 shall not be permitted to compete.

3 (f) Each participant shall submit to and complete a  
4 pre-bout medical examination performed by a  
5 Department-appointed ringside physician before the elimination  
6 tournament begins. The physicals shall be performed at the  
7 location of the event, unless an alternate location is approved  
8 by the Department. The ringside physician shall be a physician  
9 licensed to practice medicine in all its branches or doctor of  
10 osteopathy. The examination shall cover the following, with the  
11 results written on a form provided by the Department: blood  
12 pressure, head, eyes, ears, nose, throat, lungs, chest, heart,  
13 and abdomen.

14 No participant shall be allowed to participate in an  
15 elimination tournament if he or she is under the influence of  
16 alcohol or drugs. The Department may require elimination  
17 tournament participants to submit to an alcohol breathalyzer  
18 test at any time.

19 If the ringside physician determines a participant is unfit  
20 to compete for any reason, that participant shall not  
21 participate in the elimination tournament. The ringside  
22 physician shall remain at ringside at all times during an  
23 elimination tournament bout and shall perform post-bout  
24 medical evaluations of all participants. The Department shall  
25 provide forms for the ringside physician to complete.

26 (g) The promoter shall provide all of the following

1 ringside at the elimination tournament:

2 (1) a sufficient number of buckets for use by the  
3 participants;

4 (2) stools for use by seconds;

5 (3) rubber gloves for use by the referees, seconds,  
6 ringside physicians, and inspectors;

7 (4) seats at ringside for the assigned officials,  
8 including a seat near the steps into the ring for the  
9 physician;

10 (5) scales for weigh-ins, which the Department may  
11 require to be certified;

12 (6) a bell;

13 (7) a public address system;

14 (8) a separate dressing room for both genders, if  
15 participants of each gender are participating;

16 (9) a separate room for physical examinations; and

17 (10) a separate dressing room for officials, unless the  
18 physical arrangements of the contest site make an  
19 additional dressing room impossible.

20 (h) Elimination tournaments shall consist of the following  
21 4 weight classes for male and female participants:

22 (1) The lightweight class shall consist of  
23 participants of at least 140 but less than 160 pounds in  
24 weight.

25 (2) The light heavyweight class shall consist of  
26 participants of at least 160 but less than 185 pounds in

1 weight.

2 (3) The heavyweight class shall consist of  
3 participants of at least 185 but less than 205 pounds in  
4 weight.

5 (3) The super heavyweight class shall consist of  
6 participants of at least 205 pounds in weight.

7 The promoter may add additional weight classes to the  
8 program of bouts if participants in other categories apply to  
9 compete upon approval by the Department.

10 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
11 becoming law.".