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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 Sections 1 and 6 and adding Section 8.5 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8 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2022)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  
5 covered by this Act ~~or for the expenses of training~~  
6 ~~therefor~~, other than a non-monetary prize that does not  
7 exceed \$50 in value or a stipend for an athletic club or  
8 sponsor of the contestant to cover the cost of training and  
9 participation expenses not to exceed \$1,500.

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

14 "Second" means a person licensed by the Department who  
15 is present at any professional contest to provide  
16 assistance or advice to a professional during the contest.

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

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

23 "Timekeeper" means a person licensed by the Department  
24 who is the official timer of the length of rounds and the  
25 intervals between the rounds.

26 "Purse" means the financial guarantee or any other

1 remuneration for which contestants are participating in a  
2 professional contest.

3 "Physician" means a person licensed to practice  
4 medicine in all its branches under the Medical Practice Act  
5 of 1987.

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

11 "Full-contact martial arts" means the use of a singular  
12 discipline or a combination of techniques, including, but  
13 not limited to, mixed martial arts and kickboxing, from  
14 different disciplines of the martial arts, including,  
15 without limitation, full-force grappling, kicking, and  
16 striking with the intent to injure, disable, or  
17 incapacitate one's opponent.

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

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

24 "Address of record" means the designated address  
25 recorded by the Department in the applicant's or licensee's  
26 application file, license file, or registration file as

1 maintained by the Department's licensure maintenance unit.  
2 It is the duty of the applicant or licensee to inform the  
3 Department of any change of address and those changes must  
4 be made either through the Department's website or by  
5 contacting the Department.

6 "Bout" means one match between 2 contestants.

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

12 "Incumbent sanctioning body" means an organization  
13 that notifies the Department in writing that it is a  
14 recognized sanctioning body in more than 10 American  
15 states.

16 (Source: P.A. 96-663, eff. 8-25-09; 97-119, eff. 7-14-11;  
17 97-1123, eff. 8-27-12.)

18 (225 ILCS 105/6) (from Ch. 111, par. 5006)

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

20 Sec. 6. Restricted contests and events.

21 (a) All professional and amateur contests, or a combination  
22 of both, in which physical contact is made are prohibited in  
23 Illinois unless authorized by the Department pursuant to the  
24 requirements and standards stated in this Act and the rules  
25 adopted pursuant to this Act. This subsection (a) does not

1 apply to any of the following qualified entities:

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

5 (2) Amateur boxing contests that are sanctioned by USA  
6 Boxing or any other sanctioning organization approved by  
7 the Association of Boxing Commissions.

8 (3) Amateur boxing or full-contact martial arts  
9 contests sponsored ~~conducted~~ by a State, county, or  
10 municipal entity.

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

15 (5) Full-contact martial arts contests, as defined by  
16 this Act, that are recognized by the International Olympic  
17 Committee or are contested in the Olympic Games and are not  
18 conducted in an enclosed fighting area or ring.

19 (6) Amateur boxing or martial arts contests that are  
20 conducted by a not-for-profit organization.

21 No other amateur boxing or full-contact martial arts  
22 contests shall be permitted unless authorized by the  
23 Department.

24 (b) The Department shall have the authority to determine  
25 whether a professional or amateur contest is exempt for  
26 purposes of this Section.

1       (c) A qualified entity exempt from Department oversight  
2 must notify the Department of its intent to sponsor events  
3 covered under this Act.

4       (Source: P.A. 96-663, eff. 8-25-09; 97-119, eff. 7-14-11;  
5 97-1123, eff. 8-27-12.)

6             (225 ILCS 105/8.5 new)

7       Sec. 8.5. Sanctioning bodies. A sanctioning body must apply  
8 for approved status with the Department. Within 15 business  
9 days of an application, the Department must send written  
10 correspondence to the applicant of the procedures required for  
11 its approval or disapproval, including at least 2 meetings of  
12 the Board for the review of the application. The correspondence  
13 must include, but is not limited to, dates for board meetings,  
14 required amendments to the application for compliance, and  
15 paperwork filing requirements. The approval process may not  
16 exceed 4 months from the date the applicant filed for approved  
17 status.

18       An incumbent sanctioning body that is registered by the  
19 Department shall have all the rights and privileges of a  
20 sanctioning body as defined in this Act.

21       Notwithstanding this Section, all authority given to the  
22 Department and the Board to review and deny a sanctioning body  
23 for violations of health and safety standards covered within  
24 this Act apply.

1           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
2    becoming law.".