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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 1646

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 1646, AS AMENDED, by
3 replacing everything after the enacting clause with the
4 following:

5 "Section 5. The Boxing and Full-contact Martial Arts Act is
6 amended by changing Sections 1 and 6 and adding Section 8.5 as
7 follows:

8 (225 ILCS 105/1) (from Ch. 111, par. 5001)

9 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2022)

10 Sec. 1. Short title and definitions.

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

13 (b) As used in this Act:

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

16 "Secretary" means the Secretary of Financial and

1 Professional Regulation.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 "Referee" means a person licensed by the Department who
26 has the general supervision of and is present inside of the

1 ring or fighting area during a professional contest.

2 "Amateur" means a person registered by the Department
3 who is not competing for, and has never received or
4 competed for, any purse or other article of value, directly
5 or indirectly, either for participating in any contest
6 covered by this Act ~~or for the expenses of training~~
7 ~~therefor~~, other than a non-monetary prize that does not
8 exceed \$50 in value or a stipend for an athletic club or
9 sponsor of the contestant to cover the cost of training and
10 participation expenses not to exceed \$1,500.

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

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

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

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

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

1 "Purse" means the financial guarantee or any other
2 remuneration for which contestants are participating in a
3 professional contest.

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

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

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

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

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

25 "Address of record" means the designated address
26 recorded by the Department in the applicant's or licensee's

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

7 "Bout" means one match between 2 contestants.

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

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

17 (Source: P.A. 96-663, eff. 8-25-09; 97-119, eff. 7-14-11;
18 97-1123, eff. 8-27-12.)

19 (225 ILCS 105/6) (from Ch. 111, par. 5006)

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

21 Sec. 6. Restricted contests and events.

22 (a) All professional and amateur contests, or a combination
23 of both, in which physical contact is made are prohibited in
24 Illinois unless authorized by the Department pursuant to the
25 requirements and standards stated in this Act and the rules

1 adopted pursuant to this Act. This subsection (a) does not
2 apply to any of the following qualified entities:

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

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

9 (3) Amateur boxing or full-contact martial arts
10 contests sponsored ~~conducted~~ by a State, county, or
11 municipal entity and conducted by a sanctioning body
12 approved under this Act.

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

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

21 (6) Amateur boxing, martial arts, or full-contact
22 martial arts contests that are sponsored by a
23 not-for-profit organization and conducted by a sanctioning
24 body approved under this Act.

25 No other amateur boxing or full-contact martial arts
26 contests shall be permitted unless authorized by the

1 Department.

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

5 (c) A qualified entity exempt from Department oversight
6 must notify the Department of its intent to sponsor events
7 covered under this Act and assumes all liabilities for events
8 sponsored and conducted pursuant to this Section.

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 105/8.5 new)

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

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

1 Notwithstanding this Section, all authority given to the
2 Department and the Board to review and deny a sanctioning body
3 for violations of health and safety standards covered within
4 this Act apply.

5 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
6 becoming law.".