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SENATE BILL 6750

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By Senator Prentice

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1 AN ACT Relating to boxing, kickboxing, martial arts, and wrestling;  
2 and amending RCW 67.08.015.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 67.08.015 and 1999 c 282 s 3 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 (1) In the interest of ensuring the safety and welfare of the  
7 participants, the department shall have power and it shall be its duty  
8 to direct, supervise, and control all boxing, martial arts, and  
9 wrestling events conducted within this state and an event may not be  
10 held in this state except in accordance with the provisions of this  
11 chapter. The department may, in its discretion, issue and for cause,  
12 which includes concern for the safety and welfare of the participants,  
13 deny, revoke, or suspend a license to promote, conduct, or hold boxing,  
14 kickboxing, martial arts, or wrestling events where an admission fee is  
15 charged by any person, club, corporation, organization, association, or  
16 fraternal society.

17 (2) All boxing, kickboxing, martial arts, or wrestling events that:  
18 (a) Are conducted by any common school, college, or university,  
19 whether public or private, or by the official student association

1 thereof, whether on or off the school, college, or university grounds,  
2 where all the participating contestants are bona fide students enrolled  
3 in any common school, college, or university, within or without this  
4 state; or

5 (b) Are entirely amateur events promoted on a nonprofit basis or  
6 for charitable purposes;

7 are not subject to the licensing provisions of this chapter. A boxing,  
8 martial arts, kickboxing, or wrestling event may not be conducted  
9 within the state except under a license issued in accordance with this  
10 chapter and the rules of the department except as provided in this  
11 section.

12 (3) The director shall prohibit events unless all of the  
13 contestants are either licensed under this chapter or trained by an  
14 amateur or professional sanctioning body recognized by the department.

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