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Sponsor(s): Senators Prentice and Winsley; by request of Department of Licensing

Brief Description: Regulating professional athletics.

SB 5553 - DIGEST

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)

Authorizes the director of licensing to adopt rules with respect to round and bout limitations and clean and sportsmanlike conduct for kickboxing, martial arts, or wrestling events.

Requires each contestant for boxing, kickboxing, martial arts, or wrestling events to be subject to a random urinalysis or chemical test within twenty-four hours before or after a contest. An applicant or licensee who refuses or fails to submit to the urinalysis or chemical test is subject to disciplinary action under RCW 67.08.240. If the urinalysis or chemical test is positive for substances prohibited by rules adopted by the director, disciplinary action shall be taken under RCW 67.08.240.

Declares that extreme/ultimate contests or competitions and tough man/rough man contests or competitions are prohibited in this state.

Requires the application for the following types of licenses to include a physical performed by a physician, as defined in RCW 67.08.002, which was performed by the physician with a time period preceding the application as specified by rule: (1) Boxer;

- (2) wrestling participant;
- (3) kickboxer;
- (4) martial arts participant; and
- (5) referee.

Repeals RCW 67.08.007 and 67.08.060.