

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## SSB 5502

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**As Passed House:**

April 6, 2001

**Title:** An act relating to boxing official licensing.

**Brief Description:** Modifying boxing officials' licensing requirements.

**Sponsors:** By Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce & Financial Institutions (originally sponsored by Senator Prentice).

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:**

Commerce & Labor: 3/21/01 [DP].

**Floor Activity:**

Passed House: 4/6/01, 93-0.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Brief Summary of Substitute Bill</b></p> <p>· Certain boxing officials must provide annual proof of certification.</p>
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### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & LABOR

**Majority Report:** Do pass. Signed by 8 members: Representatives Clements, Republican Co-Chair; Conway, Democratic Co-Chair; B. Chandler, Republican Vice Chair; Wood, Democratic Vice Chair; Hunt, Kenney, Lisk and McMorris.

**Staff:** Sydney Forrester (786-7120).

**Background:**

The Department of Licensing regulates the sports of boxing, kick boxing martial arts, and wrestling. All persons who promote, conduct, or participate in these events must be licensed by the department. An annual license is issued for a fee. Training, experience, and examination performance are not a part of the licensing requirements. However, boxers, kick boxers, wrestlers, martial arts participants, and referees must provide annual proof of a physical examination.

**Summary of Bill:**

Certain licensed officials are required to provide annual proof of certification as having adequate experience, skill, and training. In order to be licensed, judges, referees, inspectors, timekeepers, and other officials deemed necessary by the department are required to provide annual certification by an organization approved by the department.

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**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

**Testimony For:** None.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Testified:** None.