

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5105

As Reported By Senate Committee On:
Labor, Commerce & Financial Institutions, January 25, 2001

Title: AN ACT relating to chiropractors at boxing and martial arts events; and amending RCW 67.08.002, 67.08.090, and 67.08.100

Brief Description: Allowing chiropractors to be licensed officials at boxing, kickboxing and martial arts events.

Revised for 1st Substitute: Allowing chiropractors to be licensed for the purposes of kickboxing and martial arts events.

Sponsors: Senator Prentice.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Labor, Commerce & Financial Institutions: 1/16/01, 1/25/01 [DPS].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, COMMERCE & FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Majority Report: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5105 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Prentice, Chair; Benton, Fairley, Franklin, Patterson, Regala, West and Winsley.

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Background: A professional boxing, kickboxing or martial arts event may not be held unless a licensed event physician is present throughout the event. Event physicians must examine boxing, kickboxing and martial arts contestants within 24 hours before an event, and they have the authority to stop an event if they believe it will be dangerous for a contestant to continue. In addition, event physicians attend to the medical needs of contestants during an event. The promoter of the event pays the event physician's fees.

Currently, chiropractors are allowed to treat contestants during an event at the contestants' expense.

Summary of Substitute Bill: A chiropractor may be included as a licensed official at a kickboxing or martial arts event. Chiropractors for any kickboxing or martial arts event are to be licensed by the Department of Licensing. Chiropractors may perform the examination of kickboxing and martial arts contestants that must take place within 24 hours before an event. Chiropractors are to be compensated by the event promoter.

Substitute Bill Compared to Original Bill: Chiropractors may perform the examination of kickboxing and martial arts contestants that must take place within 24 hours before an event. Chiropractors are to be compensated by the event promoter. Minor wording corrections are also made.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on January 12, 2001.

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

Testimony For: None.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: No one.