

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## SSB 5502

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Synopsis as Enacted

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

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

**Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce & Financial Institutions**  
**House Committee on Commerce & Labor**

**Background:** In order to be a licensed official at a boxing, kickboxing or martial arts event, a person must apply to the Department of Licensing. There is concern that current licensing standards do not require adequate training for officials.

**Summary:** Applicants for the positions of judge, referee, inspector, timekeeper, or other positions deemed necessary by the department must provide annual proof of certification to the department. Organizations that may provide certification are specified, including the International Boxing Federation and the World Boxing Association.

**Votes on Final Passage:**

Senate	48	0
House	93	0

**Effective:** July 22, 2001