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By Senator Prentice

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1 AN ACT Relating to chiropractors at boxing and martial arts
2 events; and amending RCW 67.08.002, 67.08.090, and 67.08.100.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 67.08.002 and 1999 c 282 s 2 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions
7 in this section apply throughout this chapter.

8 (1) "Amateur" means a person who engages in athletic activities
9 as a pastime and not as a professional.

10 (2) "Boxing" means a contest in which the contestants exchange
11 blows with their fists, but does not include professional
12 wrestling.

13 (3) "Chiropractor" means a person licensed under chapter 18.25
14 RCW as a doctor of chiropractic or under the laws of any
15 jurisdiction in which that person resides.

16 (4) "Department" means the department of licensing.

17 ((+4)) (5) "Director" means the director of the department of
18 licensing or the director's designee.

1 (~~(5)~~) (6) "Event" includes, but is not limited to, a boxing,
2 wrestling, or martial arts contest, sparring, fisticuffs, match,
3 show, or exhibition.

4 (~~(6)~~) (7) "Event physician" means the physician licensed
5 under RCW 67.08.100 and who is responsible for the activities
6 described in RCW 67.08.090.

7 (~~(7)~~) (8) "Face value" means the dollar value of a ticket or
8 order, which value must reflect the dollar amount that the
9 customer is required to pay or, for a complimentary ticket, would
10 have been required to pay to purchase a ticket with equivalent
11 seating priority, in order to view the event.

12 (~~(8)~~) (9) "Gross receipts" means the amount received from the
13 face value of all tickets sold and complimentary tickets redeemed.

14 (~~(9)~~) (10) "Kickboxing" means a type of boxing in which blows
15 are delivered with the hand and any part of the leg below the hip,
16 including the foot.

17 (~~(10)~~) (11) "Martial arts" means a type of boxing including
18 sumo, judo, karate, kung fu, tae kwon do, pankration, muay thai,
19 or other forms of full-contact martial arts or self-defense
20 conducted on a full-contact basis.

21 (~~(11)~~) (12) "Physician" means a person licensed under chapter
22 18.57, 18.36A, or 18.71 RCW as a physician or a person holding an
23 osteopathic or allopathic physician license under the laws of any
24 jurisdiction in which the person resides.

25 (~~(12)~~) (13) "Professional" means a person who has received or
26 competed for money or other articles of value for participating in
27 an event.

28 (~~(13)~~) (14) "Promoter" means a person, and includes any
29 officer, director, employee, or stockholder of a corporate
30 promoter, who produces, arranges, stages, holds, or gives an event
31 in this state involving a professional boxing, martial arts, or
32 wrestling event, or shows or causes to be shown in this state a
33 closed circuit telecast of a match involving a professional
34 participant whether or not the telecast originates in this state.

35 (~~(14)~~) (15) "Wrestling exhibition" or "wrestling show" means
36 a form of sports entertainment in which the participants display
37 their skills in a physical struggle against each other in the ring

1 and either the outcome may be predetermined or the participants do
2 not necessarily strive to win, or both.

3 **Sec. 2.** RCW 67.08.090 and 1999 c 282 s 6 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 (1) Each contestant for boxing, kickboxing, or martial arts
6 events shall be examined within twenty-four hours before the
7 contest by an event physician licensed by the department. The event
8 physician shall report in writing and over his or her signature
9 before the event the physical condition of each and every
10 contestant to the inspector present at such contest. No contestant
11 whose physical condition is not approved by the event physician
12 shall be permitted to participate in any event. Blank forms for
13 event physicians' reports shall be provided by the department and
14 all questions upon such blanks shall be answered in full. The event
15 physician shall be paid a fee and travel expenses by the promoter.

16 (2) The department may require that an event physician be
17 present at a wrestling event. The promoter shall pay the event
18 physician present at a wrestling event. A boxing, kickboxing, or
19 martial arts event may not be held unless an event physician
20 licensed by the department is present throughout the event. In
21 addition to the event physician, a licensed chiropractor may be
22 included as a licensed official at an event.

23 (3) Any physician licensed under RCW 67.08.100 may be selected
24 by the department as the event physician. The event physician
25 present at any contest shall have authority to stop any event when
26 in the event physician's opinion it would be dangerous to a
27 contestant to continue, and in such event it shall be the event
28 physician's duty to stop the event.

29 (4) The department may have a participant in a wrestling event
30 examined by an event physician licensed by the department prior to
31 the event. A participant in a wrestling event whose condition is
32 not approved by the event physician shall not be permitted to
33 participate in the event.

34 (5) Each contestant for boxing, kickboxing, martial arts, or
35 wrestling events may be subject to a random urinalysis or chemical
36 test within twenty-four hours before or after a contest. An
37 applicant or licensee who refuses or fails to submit to the

1 urinalysis or chemical test is subject to disciplinary action
2 under RCW 67.08.240. If the urinalysis or chemical test is positive
3 for substances prohibited by rules adopted by the director,
4 disciplinary action shall be taken under RCW 67.08.240.

5 **Sec. 3.** RCW 67.08.100 and 1999 c 282 s 7 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (1) The department upon receipt of a properly completed
8 application and payment of a nonrefundable fee, may grant an
9 annual license to an applicant for the following: (a) Promoter;
10 (b) manager; (c) boxer; (d) second; (e) wrestling participant; (f)
11 inspector; (g) judge; (h) timekeeper; (i) announcer; (j) event
12 physician; (k) chiropractor; (l) referee; (~~((l))~~) (m) matchmaker;
13 (~~((m))~~) (n) kickboxer; and (~~((n))~~) (o) martial arts participant.

14 (2) The application for the following types of licenses shall
15 include a physical performed by a physician, as defined in RCW
16 67.08.002, which was performed by the physician with a time period
17 preceding the application as specified by rule: (a) Boxer; (b)
18 wrestling participant; (c) kickboxer; (d) martial arts
19 participant; and (e) referee.

20 (3) Any license may be revoked, suspended, or denied by the
21 director for a violation of this chapter or a rule adopted by the
22 director.

23 (4) No person shall participate or serve in any of the above
24 capacities unless licensed as provided in this chapter.

25 (5) The referees, judges, timekeepers, event
26 physicians, chiropractors, and inspectors for any boxing or martial
27 arts event shall be designated by the department from among
28 licensed officials.

29 (6) The referee for any wrestling event shall be provided by
30 the promoter and shall be licensed as a wrestling participant.

31 (7) The department shall immediately suspend the license or
32 certificate of a person who has been certified pursuant to RCW
33 74.20A.320 by the department of social and health services as a
34 person who is not in compliance with a support order. If the person
35 has continued to meet all other requirements for reinstatement
36 during the suspension, reissuance of the license or certificate

1 shall be automatic upon the department's receipt of a release
2 issued by the department of social and health services stating
3 that the licensee is in compliance with the order.

4 (8) A person may not be issued a license if the person has an
5 unpaid fine outstanding to the department.

6 (9) A person may not be issued a license unless they are at
7 least eighteen years of age.

8 (10) This section shall not apply to contestants or
9 participants in events at which only amateurs are engaged in
10 contests and/or fraternal organizations and/or veterans'
11 organizations chartered by congress or the defense department or
12 any recognized amateur sanctioning body recognized by the
13 department, holding and promoting athletic events and where all
14 funds are used primarily for the benefit of their members. Upon
15 request of the department, a promoter, contestant, or participant
16 shall provide sufficient information to reasonably determine
17 whether this chapter applies.

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