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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6264**

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**By** Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce & Financial Institutions  
(originally sponsored by Senators Prentice and Kline)

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1 AN ACT Relating to chiropractors at boxing, kickboxing, and martial  
2 arts events; amending RCW 67.08.002, 67.08.090, and 67.08.100; and  
3 providing an effective date.

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

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

7 ~~((Unless the context clearly requires otherwise,))~~ The definitions  
8 in this section apply throughout this chapter unless the context  
9 clearly requires otherwise.

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

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

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

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

18 ~~((4))~~ (5) "Director" means the director of the department of  
19 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, show,  
3 or exhibition.

4       (~~(6)~~) (7) "Event physician" means the physician licensed under  
5 RCW 67.08.100 and who is responsible for the activities described in  
6 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 customer is  
9 required to pay or, for a complimentary ticket, would have been  
10 required to pay to purchase a ticket with equivalent seating priority,  
11 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 are  
15 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 sumo,  
18 judo, karate, kung fu, tae kwon do, pankration, muay thai, or other  
19 forms of full-contact martial arts or self-defense conducted on a full-  
20 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 an  
27 event.

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

35       (~~(14)~~) (15) "Wrestling exhibition" or "wrestling show" means a  
36 form of sports entertainment in which the participants display their  
37 skills in a physical struggle against each other in the ring and either  
38 the outcome may be predetermined or the participants do not necessarily  
39 strive to win, or both.

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

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

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

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

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

32       (5) Each contestant for boxing, kickboxing, martial arts, or  
33 wrestling events may be subject to a random urinalysis or chemical test  
34 within twenty-four hours before or after a contest. An applicant or  
35 licensee who refuses or fails to submit to the urinalysis or chemical  
36 test is subject to disciplinary action under RCW 67.08.240. If the  
37 urinalysis or chemical test is positive for substances prohibited by  
38 rules adopted by the director, disciplinary action shall be taken under  
39 RCW 67.08.240.

1       **Sec. 3.** RCW 67.08.100 and 2001 c 246 s 1 are each amended to read  
2 as follows:

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

10       (2) The application for the following types of licenses shall  
11 include a physical performed by a physician, as defined in RCW  
12 67.08.002, which was performed by the physician with a time period  
13 preceding the application as specified by rule: (a) Boxer; (b)  
14 wrestling participant; (c) kickboxer; (d) martial arts participant; and  
15 (e) referee.

16       (3) An applicant for the following types of licenses for the sports  
17 of boxing, kickboxing, and martial arts shall provide annual proof of  
18 certification as having adequate experience, skill, and training from  
19 an organization approved by the department, including, but not limited  
20 to, the association of boxing commissions, the international boxing  
21 federation, the international boxing organization, the Washington state  
22 association of professional ring officials, the world boxing  
23 association, the world boxing council, or the world boxing organization  
24 for boxing officials, and the united full contact federation for  
25 kickboxing and martial arts officials: (a) Judge; (b) referee; (c)  
26 inspector; (d) timekeeper; or (e) other officials deemed necessary by  
27 the department.

28       (4) Any license may be revoked, suspended, or denied by the  
29 director for a violation of this chapter or a rule adopted by the  
30 director.

31       (5) No person shall participate or serve in any of the above  
32 capacities unless licensed as provided in this chapter.

33       (6) The referees, judges, timekeepers, event physicians,  
34 chiropractors, and inspectors for any boxing, kickboxing, or martial  
35 arts event shall be designated by the department from among licensed  
36 officials.

37       (7) The referee for any wrestling event shall be provided by the  
38 promoter and shall be licensed as a wrestling participant.

1 (8) The department shall immediately suspend the license or  
2 certificate of a person who has been certified pursuant to RCW  
3 74.20A.320 by the department of social and health services as a person  
4 who is not in compliance with a support order. If the person has  
5 continued to meet all other requirements for reinstatement during the  
6 suspension, reissuance of the license or certificate shall be automatic  
7 upon the department's receipt of a release issued by the department of  
8 social and health services stating that the licensee is in compliance  
9 with the order.

10 (9) A person may not be issued a license if the person has an  
11 unpaid fine outstanding to the department.

12 (10) A person may not be issued a license unless they are at least  
13 eighteen years of age.

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

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act takes effect January 1, 2003.

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