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1 AN ACT Relating to chiropractors at boxing, kickboxing, and martial
2 arts 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 unless the context
8 clearly requires otherwise.

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

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

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

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