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1 AN ACT Relating to professional athletics regulated by the
2 department of licensing; amending RCW 67.08.002, 67.08.007, 67.08.015,
3 67.08.017, 67.08.030, 67.08.050, 67.08.055, 67.08.060, 67.08.080,
4 67.08.110, 67.08.140, 67.08.160, 67.08.170, 67.08.180, and 67.08.200;
5 reenacting and amending RCW 67.08.090 and 67.08.100; adding new
6 sections to chapter 67.08 RCW; creating a new section; repealing RCW
7 67.08.010, 67.08.040, 67.08.130, 67.08.220, and 67.08.240; prescribing
8 penalties; and providing an effective date.

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

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** In the interest of ensuring the safety and
11 welfare of the participants, the director of the department of
12 licensing is required to direct, supervise, and control all boxing,
13 mixed martial arts, and wrestling events conducted within this state
14 and an event may not be held in this state except in accordance with
15 the provisions of chapter 67.08 RCW.

16 **Sec. 2.** RCW 67.08.002 and 2004 c 149 s 1 are each amended to read
17 as follows:

1 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter
2 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

3 (1) "Amateur" means a person who has never received nor competed
4 for any purse or other article of value, either for expenses of
5 training or for participating in an event, other than a prize of fifty
6 dollars in value or less.

7 (2) "Bout" means a contest or match between participants appearing
8 at an event.

9 (3) "Boxing" means the sport of attack and defense which uses the
10 contestants fists and where the contestants compete with the intent not
11 to injure or disable an opponent, but to win by decision, knockout, or
12 technical knockout(~~(, but does not include professional wrestling)~~).

13 ~~((+3))~~ (4) "Chiropractor" means a person licensed under chapter
14 18.25 RCW as a doctor of chiropractic or under the laws of any
15 jurisdiction in which that person resides.

16 ~~((+4))~~ (5) "Department" means the department of licensing.

17 ~~((+5))~~ (6) "Director" means the director of the department of
18 licensing or the director's designee.

19 ~~((+6))~~ (7) "Event" includes, but is not limited to, a boxing,
20 kickboxing, wrestling, or mixed martial arts contest, (~~(sparring,~~
21 ~~fisticuffs,~~) match, show, ~~((or))~~ exhibition, or closed circuit
22 telecast.

23 ~~((+7))~~ (8) "Event fee" means the fee to be paid by the promoter
24 for an event.

25 (9) "Event physician" means ~~((the))~~ a physician licensed under RCW
26 67.08.100 and who is responsible for the activities described in RCW
27 67.08.090.

28 ~~((+8))~~ (10) "Face value" means the dollar value of a ticket ~~((or~~
29 ~~order))~~, which ~~((value must reflect the dollar amount that))~~ the
30 customer is required to pay ~~((or, for a complimentary ticket, would~~
31 ~~have been required to pay to purchase a ticket with equivalent seating~~
32 ~~priority))~~, in order to view ~~((the))~~ a boxing, kickboxing, or mixed
33 martial arts closed circuit telecast or live wrestling event.

34 ~~((+9))~~ (11) "Gross receipts" means the amount received from the
35 face value of all tickets sold and complimentary tickets redeemed or
36 compensation received by the promoter for broadcasting television or
37 motion picture rights.

1 ((+10+)) (12) "Kickboxing" means a type of boxing in which blows
2 are delivered with the fist and any part of the leg below the hip,
3 including the foot and where the contestants compete with the intent
4 not to injure or disable an opponent, but to win by decision, knockout,
5 or technical knockout.

6 ((+11+)) (13) "Mixed martial arts" means a type of boxing including
7 sumo, judo, karate, kung fu, tae kwon do, pankration, muay thai, or
8 other forms of full-contact martial arts or self-defense conducted on
9 a full-contact basis where weapons are not used and the participants
10 utilize kicks, punches, blows, or other techniques with the intent not
11 to injure or disable an opponent, but to ~~((defeat an opponent or))~~ win
12 by decision, knockout, technical knockout, or submission.

13 ((+12+)) (14) "No holds barred fighting," also known as "frontier
14 fighting" and "extreme fighting," means a contest, exhibition, or match
15 between contestants where any part of the contestant's body may be used
16 as a weapon or any means of fighting may be used with the specific
17 purpose to intentionally injure the other contestant in such a manner
18 that they may not defend themselves and a winner is declared. Rules
19 may or may not be used.

20 ((+13+)) (15) "Combative fighting," also known as "toughman
21 fighting," "toughwoman fighting," "badman fighting," and "so you think
22 you're tough," means a contest, exhibition, or match between
23 contestants who use their fists, with or without gloves, or their feet,
24 or both, and which allows contestants that are not trained in the sport
25 to compete and the object is to defeat an opponent or to win by
26 decision, knockout, or technical knockout.

27 ((+14+)) (16) "Participant" means a person licensed under this
28 chapter as a boxer, kickboxer, wrestler, or mixed martial artist who
29 competes against others for a purse or is compensated for participating
30 in a professional wrestling event.

31 (17) "Physician" means a person licensed under chapter 18.57(~~(~~
32 ~~18.36A,~~) or 18.71 RCW as a physician or a person holding an
33 osteopathic or allopathic physician license under the laws of any
34 jurisdiction in which the person resides.

35 ((+15+)) (18) "Professional" means a person who has received or
36 competed for any purse or other articles of value greater than fifty
37 dollars, either for the expenses of training or for participating in an
38 event.

1 ~~((16))~~ (19) "Promoter" means a person, and includes any officer,
2 director, employee, or stockholder of a corporate promoter, who (a)
3 produces, arranges, stages, or holds ~~((, or gives))~~ an event in this
4 state involving a professional boxing, kickboxing, mixed martial arts,
5 or wrestling event ~~((,))~~; or (b) shows ~~((or causes to be shown))~~ in this
6 state a closed circuit telecast ~~((of a match))~~ involving a professional
7 ~~((participant))~~ boxing, kickboxing, mixed martial arts, or wrestling
8 event whether or not the telecast originates in this state.

9 ~~((17))~~ (20) "Professional wrestling exhibition" or "professional
10 wrestling show" means a form of sports entertainment in which the
11 participants play a role or display their skills in a physical struggle
12 against each other in the ring and either the outcome may be
13 predetermined or the participants do not necessarily strive to win, or
14 both.

15 ~~((18))~~ (21) "Amateur event" means an event in which all the
16 participants are "amateurs" and which is registered and sanctioned
17 by ~~((:~~

18 ~~(a) United States Amateur Boxing, Inc.;~~

19 ~~(b) Washington Interscholastic Activities Association;~~

20 ~~(c) National Collegiate Athletic Association;~~

21 ~~(d) Amateur Athletic Union;~~

22 ~~(e) Golden Gloves of America;~~

23 ~~(f) United Full Contact Federation;~~

24 ~~(g) Any similar organization recognized by the department as~~
25 ~~exclusively or primarily dedicated to advancing the sport of amateur~~
26 ~~boxing, kickboxing, or martial arts, as those sports are defined in~~
27 ~~this section; or~~

28 ~~(h) Local affiliate of any organization identified in this~~
29 ~~subsection))~~ an organization or a local affiliate of an organization
30 defined in rule and recognized by the department as exclusively or
31 primarily dedicated to advancing the sport of amateur boxing,
32 kickboxing, or mixed martial arts.

33 ~~((19))~~ (22) "Elimination tournament" means any contest in which
34 contestants compete in a series of matches until not more than one
35 contestant remains in any weight category. The term does not include
36 any event that complies with the provisions of RCW 67.08.015 ~~((2) (a)~~
37 ~~or (b))~~.

1 ~~(3) The director shall prohibit events unless all of the~~
2 ~~contestants are licensed or otherwise exempt from licensure as provided~~
3 ~~under this chapter.~~

4 ~~(4) No amateur or professional no holds barred fighting or~~
5 ~~combative fighting type of contest, exhibition, match, or similar type~~
6 ~~of event, nor any elimination tournament, may be held in this state.~~
7 ~~Any person promoting such an event is guilty of a class C felony.~~
8 ~~Additionally, the director may apply to a superior court for an~~
9 ~~injunction against any and all promoters of a contest, and may request~~
10 ~~that the court seize all money and assets relating to the~~
11 ~~competition)).~~

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 67.08 RCW
13 to read as follows:

14 No amateur or professional no holds barred fighting or combative
15 fighting contest, exhibition, match, or similar type of event, nor any
16 elimination tournament, may be held in this state. Any person
17 promoting such an event is guilty of a class C felony. Additionally,
18 the director may apply to a superior court for an injunction against
19 any and all promoters of such contests, and the court may seize all
20 money and assets relating to the competition at the request of the
21 director.

22 **Sec. 6.** RCW 67.08.017 and 2002 c 86 s 307 are each amended to read
23 as follows:

24 In addition to the powers described in RCW 18.235.030 and
25 18.235.040, the director or the director's designee has the following
26 authority in administering this chapter:

27 (1) Adopt, amend, and rescind rules as deemed necessary to carry
28 out this chapter;

29 (2) Adopt standards of professional conduct or practice;

30 ~~(3) ((Enter into an assurance of discontinuance in lieu of issuing~~
31 ~~a statement of charges or conducting a hearing. The assurance shall~~
32 ~~consist of a statement of the law in question and an agreement not to~~
33 ~~violate the stated provision. The applicant or license holder shall~~
34 ~~not be required to admit to any violation of the law, and the assurance~~
35 ~~shall not be construed as such an admission. Violation of an assurance~~

1 ~~under this subsection is grounds for disciplinary action))~~ Direct,
2 supervise, and control all boxing, mixed martial arts, and wrestling
3 events conducted within this state; and

4 (4) ~~((Establish and assess fines for violations of this chapter~~
5 ~~that may be subject to payment from a contestant's purse))~~ Prohibit
6 events unless all of the participants are licensed or otherwise exempt
7 from licensure as provided under this chapter.

8 **Sec. 7.** RCW 67.08.030 and 1997 c 205 s 5 are each amended to read
9 as follows:

10 (1) Every promoter, as a condition for receiving a license, shall
11 file with the department a surety bond in an amount to be determined by
12 the department, but not less than ten thousand dollars, to ~~((cover all~~
13 ~~of the event locations applied for within the state during the license~~
14 ~~period, conditioned upon the faithful performance by such licensee of~~
15 ~~the provisions of this chapter,))~~ ensure the payment of the ~~((taxes))~~
16 event fee, officials' fee, and participant contracts ~~((as provided for~~
17 ~~herein and the observance of all rules of the department))~~.

18 (2) Boxing, kickboxing, and mixed martial arts promoters must
19 obtain medical insurance in an amount set by the director, but not less
20 than fifty thousand dollars, to cover ~~((any))~~ injuries incurred by
21 participants at the time of each event held in this state and provide
22 proof of insurance to the department seventy-two hours before each
23 event. The evidence of insurance must specify, at a minimum, the name
24 of the insurance company, the insurance policy number, the effective
25 date of the coverage, and evidence that each participant is covered by
26 the insurance. The promoter must pay any deductible associated with
27 the insurance policy.

28 (3) In lieu of the insurance requirement of subsection (2) of this
29 section, a promoter of the boxing, kickboxing, or mixed martial arts
30 event who so chooses may, as a condition for receiving a license under
31 this chapter, file proof of medical insurance coverage that is in
32 effect for the entire term of the licensing period.

33 (4) The department shall cancel a boxing, kickboxing, or mixed
34 martial arts event if the promoter fails to provide proof of medical
35 insurance ~~((within the proper time frame))~~ seventy-two hours before
36 each event.

1 **Sec. 8.** RCW 67.08.050 and 2000 c 151 s 1 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

3 (1) ~~((Any))~~ Ten days prior to the holding of any boxing,
4 kickboxing, or mixed martial arts event, promoters shall ~~((within seven~~
5 ~~days prior to the holding of any event))~~ file with the department a
6 preliminary statement setting forth the name of each ~~((licensee who is~~
7 ~~a))~~ potential participant, ~~((his or her manager or managers,))~~ and such
8 other information as the department may require. All licensing
9 documents required for licensure must be received by the department no
10 less than seventy-two hours prior to the event. Participant changes
11 ~~((regarding a wrestling event))~~ or additions may be allowed after
12 notice to the department, if the new participant holds a valid license
13 under this chapter, up to forty-eight hours prior to the event. ~~((The~~
14 ~~department may stop any wrestling event in which a participant is not~~
15 ~~licensed under this chapter.))~~

16 (2) ~~((Upon the termination of any event the promoter shall file~~
17 ~~with the designated department representative a written report, duly~~
18 ~~verified as the department may require showing the number of tickets~~
19 ~~sold for the event, the price charged for the tickets and the gross~~
20 ~~proceeds thereof, and such other and further information as the~~
21 ~~department may require. The promoter shall pay to the department at~~
22 ~~the time of filing the report under this section a tax equal to five~~
23 ~~percent of such gross receipts. However, the tax may not be less than~~
24 ~~twenty five dollars. The five percent of such gross receipts shall be~~
25 ~~immediately paid by the department into the state general fund.))~~
26 Promoters of boxing, kickboxing, and mixed martial arts events shall be
27 subject to an event fee to be determined in rule and shall be paid to
28 the department prior to the event.

29 (3) ~~((A complimentary ticket may not have a face value of less than~~
30 ~~the least expensive ticket available for sale to the general public.~~
31 ~~The number of untaxed complimentary tickets shall be limited to ten~~
32 ~~percent of the total tickets sold per event location, not to exceed one~~
33 ~~thousand tickets. All complimentary tickets exceeding this exemption~~
34 ~~shall be subject to taxation.))~~ In addition to the payment of any other
35 fees and money due under this chapter, every promoter shall pay to the
36 department a fee consisting of a percentage of the total gross receipts
37 from the sale, lease, or other exploitation of broadcasting,
38 television, and motion picture rights for the event, without any

1 deductions for the state, brokerage fees, distribution fees,
2 advertising, participants' purses, or any other expenses or charges.
3 The fee shall be three percent of the total gross receipts less than
4 one million one dollars and, in addition, one percent of the total
5 gross receipts that exceed one million dollars and do not exceed three
6 million dollars.

7 **NEW SECTION. Sec. 9.** A new section is added to chapter 67.08 RCW
8 to read as follows:

9 (1) Any wrestling promoter holding an event shall file with the
10 department a statement setting forth the name of each licensee who is
11 a potential participant and such other information as the department
12 may require no less than seven days prior to the event. Participant
13 changes regarding a wrestling event may be allowed up to forty-eight
14 hours prior to the event, provided the new participant holds a valid
15 license under this chapter.

16 (2) Upon the termination of any wrestling event, the promoter shall
17 file with the designated department representative a written report,
18 duly verified as the department may require showing the number of
19 tickets sold for the event, the price charged for the tickets and the
20 gross proceeds thereof, and such other and further information as the
21 department may require. The promoter shall pay to the department at
22 the time of filing the report under this section a fee equal to five
23 percent of such gross receipts. However, the fee may not be less than
24 twenty-five dollars.

25 (3) A complimentary ticket may not have a face value of less than
26 the least expensive ticket available for sale to the general public.
27 The number of complimentary tickets issued shall be limited to ten
28 percent of the total tickets sold per event location, not to exceed one
29 thousand tickets. All complimentary tickets exceeding this exemption
30 shall be subject to the five percent fee.

31 **Sec. 10.** RCW 67.08.055 and 1993 c 278 s 16 are each amended to
32 read as follows:

33 Every ((~~licensee~~)) promoter who charges and receives an admission
34 fee for exhibiting a simultaneous telecast of any live, current, or
35 spontaneous boxing ((~~or sparring match, or wrestling exhibition or~~
36 ~~show~~)), kickboxing, or mixed martial arts event on a closed circuit

1 telecast viewed within this state shall, within (~~seventy two hours~~)
2 ten working days after such event, furnish to the department a
3 (~~verified~~) written report (~~on a form which is supplied by the~~
4 ~~department~~) showing (~~the number of tickets issued or sold, and~~) the
5 gross receipts (~~therefor without any deductions whatsoever~~) from
6 admission fees. Such (~~licensee~~) promoter shall also, at the same
7 time, pay to the department (~~a tax~~) an event fee equal to five
8 percent of such gross receipts paid for admission to the showing of the
9 (~~contest, match or exhibition~~) event. In no event, however, shall
10 the (~~tax~~) event fee be less than (~~twenty five~~) one hundred dollars.
11 The (~~tax~~) event fee shall apply uniformly at the same rate to all
12 persons subject to the (~~tax~~) fee. (~~Such receipts shall be~~
13 ~~immediately paid by the department into the general fund of the~~
14 ~~state.~~)

15 **Sec. 11.** RCW 67.08.060 and 1997 c 205 s 7 are each amended to read
16 as follows:

17 The department may appoint an official chief inspector(~~s at least~~
18 ~~one of which, in the absence of a member of the department,~~) who shall
19 be present at any event held under the provisions of this chapter.
20 Such chief inspector(~~s~~) shall carry a card signed by the director
21 evidencing their authority. It shall be their duty to see that all
22 rules of the department and the provisions of this chapter are strictly
23 complied with (~~and to be present at the accounting of the gross~~
24 ~~receipts of any event, and such inspector is authorized to receive from~~
25 ~~the licensee conducting the event the statement of receipts herein~~
26 ~~provided for and to immediately transmit such reports to the~~
27 ~~department~~). The department shall also appoint all other event
28 officials who shall carry a card evidencing their authority. Each
29 (~~inspector~~) appointed official shall receive a fee and travel
30 expenses from the promoter through the department to be set by the
31 director for each event officially attended.

32 **Sec. 12.** RCW 67.08.080 and 1999 c 282 s 5 are each amended to read
33 as follows:

34 A boxing event held in this state may not be for more than ten
35 rounds and no one round of any bout shall be scheduled for longer than
36 three minutes and there shall be not less than a one minute

1 intermission between each round. In the event of bouts involving
2 state, regional, national, title eliminator, or world championships the
3 department may grant an extension of no more than two additional rounds
4 to allow total bouts of twelve rounds. A ~~((contestant))~~ participant in
5 any boxing event under this chapter may not be permitted to wear gloves
6 weighing less than eight ounces. The director shall adopt rules to
7 assure clean and sportsmanlike conduct on the part of all
8 ~~((contestants))~~ participants and officials, and the orderly and proper
9 conduct of the event in all respects, and to otherwise make rules
10 consistent with this chapter, but such rules shall apply only to events
11 held under the provisions of this chapter. The director may adopt
12 rules with respect to round and bout limitations, glove weights, weight
13 classes, and clean and sportsmanlike conduct for boxing, kickboxing,
14 mixed martial arts, or wrestling events.

15 **Sec. 13.** RCW 67.08.090 and 2002 c 147 s 2 and 2002 c 86 s 308 are
16 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

17 ~~(1) ((Each contestant for boxing, kickboxing, or martial arts
18 events shall be examined within twenty four hours before the contest by
19 an event physician licensed by the department. The event physician
20 shall report in writing and over his or her signature before the event
21 the physical condition of each and every contestant to the inspector
22 present at such contest. No contestant whose physical condition is not
23 approved by the event physician shall be permitted to participate in
24 any event. Blank forms for event physicians' reports shall be provided
25 by the department and all questions upon such blanks shall be answered
26 in full. The event physician shall be paid a fee and travel expenses
27 by the promoter.~~

28 ~~(2) The department may require that an event physician be present
29 at a wrestling event. The promoter shall pay the event physician
30 present at a wrestling event.)~~ A boxing, kickboxing, or mixed martial
31 arts event may not be held unless an event physician licensed by the
32 department is present throughout the event. In addition to the event
33 physician, a chiropractor may be included as a licensed official at a
34 boxing, kickboxing, or mixed martial arts event. ~~((The promoter shall
35 pay the chiropractor present at a boxing, kickboxing, or martial arts
36 event.~~

1 ~~(3))~~ (2) Any physician licensed under RCW 67.08.100 may be
2 selected by the department as the event physician. The event physician
3 present at any ((contest)) event shall have authority to stop any
4 ((event)) bout when in the event physician's opinion it would be
5 dangerous ((to a contestant)) to continue((, and in such event it shall
6 be the event physician's duty to stop the event.

7 ~~(4) The department may have a participant in a wrestling event~~
8 ~~examined by an event physician licensed by the department prior to the~~
9 ~~event. A participant in a wrestling event whose condition is not~~
10 ~~approved by the event physician shall not be permitted to participate~~
11 ~~in the event)).~~

12 ~~((5))~~ (3) Each participant for boxing, kickboxing, or mixed
13 martial arts events shall receive a prefight physical before an event
14 and within a timeframe specified in rule. The prefight physical shall
15 be performed by an event physician licensed by the department. The
16 event physician shall complete and sign a prefight physical form
17 provided by the department. The completed prefight physical form must
18 be provided to the chief inspector prior to the beginning of the event.
19 No participant whose physical condition is not approved by the event
20 physician shall be permitted to participate in any event.

21 ~~(4) Each ((contestant)) participant for boxing, kickboxing, mixed~~
22 ~~martial arts, or wrestling events may be subject to a random urinalysis~~
23 ~~or chemical test within twenty-four hours before or after ((a contest))~~
24 ~~an event. Breathalyzer tests may be administered anytime during an~~
25 ~~event to determine if a participant has consumed or is affected by~~
26 ~~intoxicating beverages. Participants shall not consume intoxicating~~
27 ~~beverages until the postfight physical has been completed by the event~~
28 ~~physician. In addition to the unprofessional conduct specified in RCW~~
29 ~~18.235.130, an applicant or licensee who tests positive, refuses, or~~
30 ~~fails to submit to the breathalyzer test, urinalysis, or chemical test~~
31 ~~is subject to disciplinary action under RCW 18.235.110. ((If the~~
32 ~~urinalysis or chemical test is positive for substances prohibited by~~
33 ~~rules adopted by the director, the applicant or licensee has engaged in~~
34 ~~unprofessional conduct and disciplinary action may be taken under RCW~~
35 ~~18.235.110.))~~

36 (5) The department may require that an event physician be present
37 at a wrestling event. The department may appoint a chiropractor to
38 attend wrestling events when requested by the promoter. The department

1 may have a participant in a wrestling event examined by an event
2 physician licensed by the department prior to the event. A participant
3 in a wrestling event whose condition is not approved by the event
4 physician shall not be permitted to participate in the event.

5 (6) The event physician and chiropractor shall be paid a fee and
6 travel expenses by the promoter through the department in an amount to
7 be set by the director for each event officially attended.

8 **Sec. 14.** RCW 67.08.100 and 2002 c 147 s 3 and 2002 c 86 s 309 are
9 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

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

18 ~~((The application for the following types of licenses))~~ With
19 their applications, participants and referees shall include a physical
20 performed by a physician, as defined in RCW 67.08.002, which was
21 performed by the physician with a time period preceding the application
22 as specified by rule~~((:—(a) Boxer; (b) wrestling participant; (c)~~
23 ~~kickboxer; (d) martial arts participant; and (e) referee))~~.

24 (3) An applicant or licensee upon renewal for the following types
25 of licenses for the sports of boxing, kickboxing, and mixed martial
26 arts shall provide annual proof of certification as having adequate
27 experience, skill, and training for the license applied for from an
28 organization approved by the department~~((, including, but not limited~~
29 ~~to, the association of boxing commissions, the international boxing~~
30 ~~federation, the international boxing organization, the Washington state~~
31 ~~association of professional ring officials, the world boxing~~
32 ~~association, the world boxing council, or the world boxing organization~~
33 ~~for boxing officials, and the united full contact federation for~~
34 ~~kickboxing and martial arts officials))): (a) Judge; (b) referee; (c)~~
35 chief inspector; (d) timekeeper; or (e) other officials deemed
36 necessary by the department.

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

3 ((The referees, judges, timekeepers, event physicians,
4 chiropractors, and inspectors)) All appointed official positions for
5 any ((boxing, kickboxing, or martial arts)) event shall be
6 ((designated)) assigned by the department ((from among licensed
7 officials)).

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

10 (7) The department shall immediately suspend the license or
11 certificate of a person who has been certified pursuant to RCW
12 74.20A.320 by the department of social and health services as a person
13 who is not in compliance with a support order. If the person has
14 continued to meet all other requirements for reinstatement during the
15 suspension, reissuance of the license or certificate shall be automatic
16 upon the department's receipt of a release issued by the department of
17 social and health services stating that the licensee is in compliance
18 with the order.

19 (8) A person may not be issued a license if the person has an
20 unpaid fine, related to boxing, mixed martial arts, and wrestling,
21 outstanding to the department.

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

24 ((~~(10) This section shall not apply to contestants or participants
25 in events at which only amateurs are engaged in contests and/or
26 fraternal organizations and/or veterans' organizations chartered by
27 congress or the defense department or any recognized amateur
28 sanctioning body recognized by the department, holding and promoting
29 athletic events and where all funds are used primarily for the benefit
30 of their members. Upon request of the department, a promoter,
31 contestant, or participant shall provide sufficient information to
32 reasonably determine whether this chapter applies.~~))

33 **Sec. 15.** RCW 67.08.110 and 2002 c 86 s 310 are each amended to
34 read as follows:

35 (1) Any person or any member of any group of persons or corporation
36 promoting boxing, kickboxing, and mixed martial arts events who shall
37 participate directly or indirectly in the purse or fee of any manager

1 of any (~~boxers~~) participants or any (~~boxer~~) participant and any
2 licensee who shall conduct or participate in any sham or fake boxing,
3 kickboxing, and mixed martial arts event has engaged in unprofessional
4 conduct and is subject to the sanctions specified in RCW 18.235.110.

5 (2) A manager of any boxer, kickboxer, or mixed martial arts
6 participant who allows any person or any group of persons or
7 corporation promoting boxing, kickboxing, or mixed martial arts events
8 to participate directly or indirectly in the purse or fee, or any
9 boxer, kickboxer, or mixed martial arts participant or other licensee
10 who conducts or participates in any sham or fake boxing, kickboxing, or
11 mixed martial arts event has engaged in unprofessional conduct and is
12 subject to the sanctions specified in RCW 18.235.110.

13 **Sec. 16.** RCW 67.08.140 and 2002 c 86 s 312 are each amended to
14 read as follows:

15 Any person(~~(, club, corporation, organization, association,~~
16 ~~fraternal society, participant, or promoter)~~) conducting or
17 participating in boxing, kickboxing, mixed martial arts, or wrestling
18 events within this state without having first obtained a license
19 (~~therefor~~) in the manner provided by this chapter is in violation of
20 this chapter and shall be guilty of a misdemeanor (~~excepting the~~)
21 except those events (~~excluded from the operation of this chapter by~~)
22 exempt under RCW 67.08.015.

23 **Sec. 17.** RCW 67.08.160 and 1999 c 282 s 10 are each amended to
24 read as follows:

25 A promoter shall have (~~an ambulance or~~) a paramedical unit with
26 transport and resuscitation capabilities present at the event location.

27 **Sec. 18.** RCW 67.08.170 and 1997 c 205 s 15 are each amended to
28 read as follows:

29 A promoter shall ensure that adequate security personnel are in
30 attendance at (~~a wrestling or boxing~~) an event to control fans in
31 attendance. The size of the security force shall be determined by
32 mutual agreement of the promoter, the person in charge of operating the
33 arena or other facility, and the department.

1 **Sec. 19.** RCW 67.08.180 and 2002 c 86 s 313 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 In addition to the unprofessional conduct specified in RCW
4 18.235.130, the following conduct, acts, or conditions constitute
5 unprofessional conduct for which disciplinary action may be taken:

6 ~~(1) ((Destruction of any ticket or ticket stub, whether sold or
7 unsold, within three months after the date of any event, by any
8 promoter or person associated with or employed by any promoter.~~

9 ~~(2))~~ The deliberate cutting of himself or herself or other self
10 mutilation by a wrestling participant while participating in a
11 wrestling event.

12 ~~((3))~~ (2) A conviction under chapter 69.50 RCW.

13 ~~((4))~~ (3) Testing positive for illegal use of a controlled
14 substance as defined in RCW 69.50.101.

15 ~~((5))~~ (4) The striking of any person ~~((that is not a licensed
16 participant)), other than the approved bout opponent at ((a wrestling))
17 the event.~~

18 **Sec. 20.** RCW 67.08.200 and 1997 c 205 s 17 are each amended to
19 read as follows:

20 A person, including but not limited to a consumer, licensee,
21 corporation, organization, and state and local governmental agency, may
22 submit a written complaint to the department ~~((charging a license
23 holder or applicant with unprofessional conduct and specifying the
24 grounds for the complaint)).~~ If the department determines that the
25 complaint merits investigation or if the department has reason to
26 believe, without a formal complaint, that a license holder or applicant
27 may have engaged in ~~((unprofessional conduct))~~ a violation of this
28 chapter, the department shall investigate ~~((to determine whether there
29 has been unprofessional conduct)).~~ A person who files a complaint
30 under this section in good faith is immune from suit in any civil
31 action related to the filing or contents of the complaint.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 21.** The following acts or parts of acts are
33 each repealed:

34 (1) RCW 67.08.010 (Licenses for boxing, martial arts, and wrestling
35 events--Telecasts) and 2002 c 86 s 305, 1997 c 205 s 2, 1993 c 278 s
36 10, 1989 c 127 s 13, 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 48 s 2, & 1933 c 184 s 7;

1 (2) RCW 67.08.040 (Issuance of license) and 1993 c 278 s 14, 1975-
2 '76 2nd ex.s. c 48 s 4, & 1933 c 184 s 10;

3 (3) RCW 67.08.130 (Failure to make report--Additional tax--
4 Hearing--Disciplinary action) and 2002 c 86 s 311, 1997 c 205 s 13,
5 1993 c 278 s 23, & 1933 c 184 s 19;

6 (4) RCW 67.08.220 (Unprofessional conduct--Order upon finding--
7 Penalties--Costs) and 1997 c 205 s 19; and

8 (5) RCW 67.08.240 (Unprofessional conduct--What constitutes) and
9 1997 c 205 s 21.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 22.** This act takes effect January 1, 2008.

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