
HOUSE BILL 1348

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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, 67.08.200, and
5 67.08.300; reenacting and amending RCW 67.08.090 and 67.08.100; adding
6 new sections to chapter 67.08 RCW; repealing RCW 67.08.010, 67.08.040,
7 67.08.130, 67.08.220, and 67.08.240; prescribing penalties; and
8 providing an effective date.

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

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 67.08 RCW
11 to read as follows:

12 In the interest of ensuring the safety and welfare of the
13 participants, the director of the department of licensing is required
14 to direct, supervise, and control all boxing, mixed martial arts,
15 kickboxing, and wrestling events conducted within this state and an
16 event may not be held in this state except in accordance with the
17 provisions of this chapter.

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

3 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter
4 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

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

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

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

15 ~~((+3))~~ (4) "Chiropractor" means a person licensed under chapter
16 18.25 RCW as a doctor of chiropractic or under the laws of any
17 jurisdiction in which that person resides.

18 ~~((+4))~~ (5) "Department" means the department of licensing.

19 ~~((+5))~~ (6) "Director" means the director of the department of
20 licensing or the director's designee.

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

25 ~~((+7))~~ (8) "Event fee" means the fee to be paid by the promoter
26 for an event.

27 (9) "Event physician" means ~~((the))~~ a physician licensed under RCW
28 67.08.100 and who is responsible for the activities described in RCW
29 67.08.090.

30 ~~((+8))~~ (10) "Face value" means the dollar value of a ticket ~~((or~~
31 ~~order))~~, which ~~((value must reflect the dollar amount that))~~ the
32 customer is required to pay ~~((or, for a complimentary ticket, would~~
33 ~~have been required to pay to purchase a ticket with equivalent seating~~
34 ~~priority,~~) in order to view the event.

35 ~~((+9))~~ (11) "Gross receipts" means the amount received from the
36 face value of all tickets sold ~~((and complimentary tickets redeemed))~~.

37 ~~((+10))~~ (12) "Kickboxing" means a type of boxing in which blows
38 are delivered with the fist and any part of the leg below the hip,

1 including the foot and where the contestants compete with the intent
2 not to injure or disable an opponent, but to win by decision, knockout,
3 or technical knockout.

4 ~~((+11+))~~ (13) "Mixed martial arts" means a type of boxing including
5 sumo, judo, karate, kung fu, tae kwon do, pankration, muay thai, or
6 other forms of full-contact martial arts or self-defense conducted on
7 a full-contact basis where weapons are not used and the
8 ~~((participants))~~ contestants utilize kicks, punches, blows, or other
9 techniques with the intent not to injure or disable an opponent, but to
10 ~~((defeat an opponent or))~~ win by decision, knockout, technical
11 knockout, or submission.

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

19 ~~((+13+))~~ (15) "Combative fighting," also known as "toughman
20 fighting," "toughwoman fighting," "badman fighting," and "so you think
21 you're tough," means a contest, exhibition, or match between
22 contestants who use their fists, with or without gloves, or their feet,
23 or both, and which allows contestants that are not trained in the sport
24 to compete and the object is to defeat an opponent or to win by
25 decision, knockout, or technical knockout.

26 ~~((+14+))~~ (16) "Participant" means a person licensed under this
27 chapter as a boxer, kickboxer, wrestler, or mixed martial artist who
28 competes against others for a purse or is compensated for participating
29 in a professional wrestling event.

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

34 ~~((+15+))~~ (18) "Professional" means a person who has received or
35 competed for any purse or other articles of value greater than fifty
36 dollars, either for the expenses of training or for participating in an
37 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) "Wrestling ~~((exhibition" or "wrestling show))~~" means
10 a form of sports entertainment in which the ~~((participants))~~
11 contestants 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))~~ contestants do not necessarily
14 strive to win, or both.

15 ~~((18))~~ (21) "Amateur event" means an event in which all the
16 ~~((participants))~~ contestants are "amateurs" and which is registered and
17 sanctioned 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 **Sec. 3.** RCW 67.08.007 and 1993 c 278 s 9 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

3 The department may employ or contract with and fix the compensation
4 of such ~~((officers,))~~ employees~~((,))~~ and ~~((inspectors))~~ appointed
5 officials as may be necessary to administer the provisions of this
6 chapter as amended.

7 **Sec. 4.** RCW 67.08.015 and 2004 c 149 s 2 are each amended to read
8 as follows:

9 ~~((1) In the interest of ensuring the safety and welfare of the~~
10 ~~participants, the department shall have power and it shall be its duty~~
11 ~~to direct, supervise, and control all boxing, martial arts, and~~
12 ~~wrestling events conducted within this state and an event may not be~~
13 ~~held in this state except in accordance with the provisions of this~~
14 ~~chapter. The department may, in its discretion, issue and for cause,~~
15 ~~which includes concern for the safety and welfare of the participants,~~
16 ~~take any of the actions specified in RCW 18.235.110 against a license~~
17 ~~to promote, conduct, or hold boxing, kickboxing, martial arts, or~~
18 ~~wrestling events where an admission fee is charged by any person, club,~~
19 ~~corporation, organization, association, or fraternal society.~~

20 ~~(2) All boxing, kickboxing, martial arts, or wrestling events that:~~
21 ~~(a) Are))~~ The following are not subject to the licensing provisions
22 of this chapter:

23 (1) Events conducted by any ~~((common))~~ school, college, or
24 university, whether public or private, or by the official student
25 association thereof, whether on or off the school, college, or
26 university grounds, where all the ~~((participating))~~ contestants are
27 ~~((bona fide))~~ students enrolled in any ~~((common))~~ school, college, or
28 university, within or without this state; ~~((or~~

29 ~~(b) Are))~~ (2) Entirely amateur events as defined in RCW
30 67.08.002~~((+18))~~ (21) and promoted on a nonprofit basis or for
31 charitable purposes; or

32 ~~((are not subject to the licensing provisions of this chapter. A~~
33 ~~boxing, martial arts, kickboxing, or wrestling event may not be~~
34 ~~conducted within the state except under a license issued in accordance~~
35 ~~with this chapter and the rules of the department except as provided in~~
36 ~~this section.))~~

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)) Events at which only amateurs are engaged in
4 contests and/or fraternal organizations and/or veterans' organizations
5 chartered by congress or the department of defense.~~

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

14 NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. A new section is added to chapter 67.08 RCW
15 to read as follows:

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

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

26 In addition to the powers described in RCW 18.235.030 and
27 18.235.040, the director or the director's designee has the following
28 authority in administering this chapter:

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

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

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

1 ~~shall not be construed as such an admission. Violation of an assurance~~
2 ~~under this subsection is grounds for disciplinary action))~~ Direct,
3 supervise, and control all boxing, mixed martial arts, kickboxing, and
4 wrestling events conducted within this state; and

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

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

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

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

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

35 (4) The department shall cancel a boxing, kickboxing, or mixed
36 martial arts event if the promoter fails to provide proof of medical

1 insurance (~~within the proper time frame~~) seventy-two hours before
2 each event.

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

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

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

30 (~~(3) A complimentary ticket may not have a face value of less than~~
31 ~~the least expensive ticket available for sale to the general public.~~
32 ~~The number of untaxed complimentary tickets shall be limited to ten~~
33 ~~percent of the total tickets sold per event location, not to exceed one~~
34 ~~thousand tickets. All complimentary tickets exceeding this exemption~~
35 ~~shall be subject to taxation.~~)

1 **Sec. 9.** RCW 67.08.055 and 1993 c 278 s 16 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

3 Every ~~((licensee))~~ promoter who charges and receives an admission
4 fee for exhibiting a simultaneous telecast of any live, current, or
5 spontaneous boxing ~~((or sparring match))~~, kickboxing, mixed martial
6 arts, or wrestling ((exhibition or show)) event on a closed circuit
7 telecast viewed within this state shall, within ~~((seventy-two hours))~~
8 ten working days after such event, furnish to the department a verified
9 written report on a form which is supplied by the department showing
10 the number of tickets issued or sold, and the gross receipts therefor
11 without any deductions whatsoever. Such ~~((licensee))~~ promoter shall
12 also, at the same time, pay to the department ~~((a tax))~~ an event fee
13 equal to five percent of such gross receipts paid for admission to the
14 showing of the ~~((contest, match or exhibition))~~ event. In no event,
15 however, shall the ~~((tax))~~ event fee be less than twenty-five dollars.
16 The ~~((tax))~~ event fee shall apply uniformly at the same rate to all
17 persons subject to the ~~((tax))~~ event fee. ~~((Such receipts))~~ The event
18 fee shall be immediately paid by the department into the general fund
19 of the state.

20 **Sec. 10.** RCW 67.08.060 and 1997 c 205 s 7 are each amended to read
21 as follows:

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

1 **Sec. 11.** RCW 67.08.080 and 1999 c 282 s 5 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

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

20 **Sec. 12.** RCW 67.08.090 and 2002 c 147 s 2 and 2002 c 86 s 308 are
21 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

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

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

1 physician, a chiropractor may be included as a licensed official at a
2 boxing, kickboxing, or mixed martial arts event. (~~The promoter shall~~
3 ~~pay the chiropractor present at a boxing, kickboxing, or martial arts~~
4 ~~event.~~

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

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

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

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

1 ~~the director, the applicant or licensee has engaged in unprofessional~~
2 ~~conduct and disciplinary action may be taken under RCW 18.235.110.)) If~~
3 ~~the urinalysis or chemical test is positive for illegal use of a~~
4 ~~controlled substance as defined in RCW 69.50.101, the applicant or~~
5 ~~licensee has engaged in unprofessional conduct and disciplinary action~~
6 ~~may be taken under RCW 18.235.110.~~

7 (5) The department may require that an event physician be present
8 at a wrestling event. The department may appoint a chiropractor to
9 attend wrestling events when requested by the promoter. The department
10 may have a participant in a wrestling event examined by an event
11 physician licensed by the department prior to the event. A participant
12 in a wrestling event whose condition is not approved by the event
13 physician shall not be permitted to participate in the event.

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

17 **Sec. 13.** RCW 67.08.100 and 2002 c 147 s 3 and 2002 c 86 s 309 are
18 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

19 (1) The department upon receipt of a properly completed application
20 and payment of a nonrefundable fee, may grant an annual license to an
21 applicant for the following: (a) Promoter; (b) manager; (c) ~~((boxer))~~
22 boxing participant; (d) second; (e) wrestling participant; (f)
23 inspector; (g) judge; (h) timekeeper; (i) announcer; (j) event
24 physician; (k) chiropractor; (l) referee; (m) matchmaker; (n)
25 ~~((kickboxer))~~ kickboxing participant; and (o) mixed martial arts
26 participant.

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

33 (3) An applicant or licensee upon renewal for the following types
34 of licenses for the sports of boxing, kickboxing, and mixed martial
35 arts shall provide annual proof of certification as having adequate
36 experience, skill, and training for the license applied for from an
37 organization approved by the department ~~((, including, but not limited~~

1 to, ~~the association of boxing commissions, the international boxing~~
2 ~~federation, the international boxing organization, the Washington state~~
3 ~~association of professional ring officials, the world boxing~~
4 ~~association, the world boxing council, or the world boxing organization~~
5 ~~for boxing officials, and the united full contact federation for~~
6 ~~kickboxing and martial arts officials)): (a) Judge; (b) referee; (c)~~
7 ~~inspector; (d) timekeeper; or (e) other officials deemed necessary by~~
8 ~~the department.~~

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

11 (~~The referees, judges, timekeepers, event physicians,~~
12 ~~chiropractors, and inspectors)) All officials for any (~~boxing,~~
13 ~~kickboxing, or martial arts)) event shall be (~~designated~~) appointed
14 by the department (~~from among licensed officials~~)).~~~~

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

17 (7) The department shall immediately suspend the license or
18 certificate of a person who has been certified pursuant to RCW
19 74.20A.320 by the department of social and health services as a person
20 who is not in compliance with a support order. If the person has
21 continued to meet all other requirements for reinstatement during the
22 suspension, reissuance of the license or certificate shall be automatic
23 upon the department's receipt of a release issued by the department of
24 social and health services stating that the licensee is in compliance
25 with the order.

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

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

31 (10) This section shall not apply to contestants or participants in
32 events at which only amateurs are engaged in contests and/or fraternal
33 organizations and/or veterans' organizations chartered by congress or
34 the defense department or any recognized amateur sanctioning body
35 recognized by the department, holding and promoting athletic events and
36 where all funds are used primarily for the benefit of their members.
37 Upon request of the department, a promoter, contestant, or participant

1 shall provide sufficient information to reasonably determine whether
2 this chapter applies.

3 **Sec. 14.** RCW 67.08.110 and 2002 c 86 s 310 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 (1) Any person or any member of any group of persons or corporation
6 promoting boxing, kickboxing, and mixed martial arts events who shall
7 participate directly or indirectly in the purse or fee of any manager
8 of any (~~(boxers)~~) participants or any (~~(boxer)~~) participant and any
9 licensee who shall conduct or participate in any sham or fake boxing,
10 kickboxing, and mixed martial arts event has engaged in unprofessional
11 conduct and is subject to the sanctions specified in RCW 18.235.110.

12 (2) A manager of any boxer, kickboxer, or mixed martial arts
13 participant who allows any person or any group of persons or
14 corporation promoting boxing, kickboxing, or mixed martial arts events
15 to participate directly or indirectly in the purse or fee, or any
16 boxer, kickboxer, or mixed martial arts participant or other licensee
17 who conducts or participates in any sham or fake boxing, kickboxing, or
18 mixed martial arts event has engaged in unprofessional conduct and is
19 subject to the sanctions specified in RCW 18.235.110.

20 **Sec. 15.** RCW 67.08.140 and 2002 c 86 s 312 are each amended to
21 read as follows:

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

30 **Sec. 16.** RCW 67.08.160 and 1999 c 282 s 10 are each amended to
31 read as follows:

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

1 **Sec. 17.** RCW 67.08.170 and 1997 c 205 s 15 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 A promoter shall ensure that adequate security personnel are (~~in~~
4 ~~attendance~~) present at (~~(a wrestling or boxing)~~) an event to control
5 (~~(fans)~~) spectators in attendance. The size of the security force
6 shall be determined by mutual agreement of the promoter, the person in
7 charge of operating the arena or other facility, and the department.

8 **Sec. 18.** RCW 67.08.180 and 2002 c 86 s 313 are each amended to
9 read as follows:

10 In addition to the unprofessional conduct specified in RCW
11 18.235.130, the following conduct, acts, or conditions constitute
12 unprofessional conduct for which disciplinary action may be taken:

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

16 ~~(2))~~ The deliberate cutting (~~(of himself or herself)~~) or other
17 (~~(self)~~) mutilation of any person by a wrestling participant while
18 participating in a wrestling event.

19 ~~((3))~~ (2) A conviction under chapter 69.50 RCW.

20 ~~((4))~~ (3) Testing positive for illegal use of a controlled
21 substance as defined in RCW 69.50.101.

22 ~~((5))~~ (4) The striking of any person (~~(that is not a licensed~~
23 ~~participant)~~), other than the approved bout opponent at (~~(a wrestling)~~)
24 the event.

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

27 A person, including but not limited to a consumer, licensee,
28 corporation, organization, and state and local governmental agency, may
29 submit a written complaint to the department (~~(charging a license~~
30 ~~holder or applicant with unprofessional conduct and specifying the~~
31 ~~grounds for the complaint)~~). If the department determines that the
32 complaint merits investigation or if the department has reason to
33 believe, without a formal complaint, that a license holder or applicant
34 may have engaged in (~~(unprofessional conduct)~~) a violation of this
35 chapter, the department shall investigate (~~(to determine whether there~~

1 ~~has been unprofessional conduct~~)). A person who files a complaint
2 under this section in good faith is immune from suit in any civil
3 action related to the filing or contents of the complaint.

4 **Sec. 20.** RCW 67.08.300 and 2002 c 86 s 314 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 The director or individuals acting on the director's behalf and all
7 appointed event officials are immune from suit in an action, civil or
8 criminal, based on official acts performed in the course of their
9 duties in the administration and enforcement of this chapter.
10 Appointed event officials are not immune from disciplinary actions
11 brought under this chapter and chapter 18.235 RCW by the department.

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

14 (1) RCW 67.08.010 (Licenses for boxing, martial arts, and wrestling
15 events--Telecasts) and 2002 c 86 s 305, 1997 c 205 s 2, 1993 c 278 s
16 10, 1989 c 127 s 13, 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 48 s 2, & 1933 c 184 s 7;

17 (2) RCW 67.08.040 (Issuance of license) and 1993 c 278 s 14, 1975-
18 '76 2nd ex.s. c 48 s 4, & 1933 c 184 s 10;

19 (3) RCW 67.08.130 (Failure to make report--Additional tax--
20 Hearing--Disciplinary action) and 2002 c 86 s 311, 1997 c 205 s 13,
21 1993 c 278 s 23, & 1933 c 184 s 19;

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

24 (5) RCW 67.08.240 (Unprofessional conduct--What constitutes) and
25 1997 c 205 s 21.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 22.** This act takes effect January 1, 2010.

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