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Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Commerce, Trade, Housing & Financial Institutions (originally sponsored by Senators Prentice and Winsley; by request of Department of Licensing)

Brief Title: Regulating professional athletics.

SB 5553-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Authorizes the director of licensing to adopt rules with respect to round and bout limitations and clean and sportsmanlike conduct for kickboxing, martial arts, or wrestling events.

Provides that the director shall prohibit events unless all of the contestants are either licensed under chapter 67.08 RCW or trained by an amateur or professional sanctioning body recognized by the department.

Requires each contestant for boxing, kickboxing, martial arts, or wrestling events to be subject to a random urinalysis or chemical test within twenty-four hours before or after a contest. An applicant or licensee who refuses or fails to submit to the urinalysis or chemical test is subject to disciplinary action under RCW 67.08.240. If the urinalysis or chemical test is positive for substances prohibited by rules adopted by the director, disciplinary action shall be taken under RCW 67.08.240.

Requires the application for the following types of licenses to include a physical performed by a physician, as defined in RCW 67.08.002, which was performed by the physician with a time period preceding the application as specified by rule: (1) Boxer;

- (2) wrestling participant;
- (3) kickboxer;
- (4) martial arts participant; and
- (5) referee.