

FINAL BILL REPORT

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Allowing a chiropractor to be a licensed official at a boxing, kickboxing, or martial arts event.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce & Financial Institutions (originally sponsored by Senators Prentice and Kline).

Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce & Financial Institutions
House Committee on Commerce & Labor

Background: A professional boxing, kickboxing or martial arts event may not be held unless a licensed event physician is present throughout the event. Event physicians must examine boxing, kickboxing, and martial arts contestants within 24 hours before an event, and they have the authority to stop an event if they believe it will be dangerous for a contestant to continue. In addition, event physicians attend to the medical needs of contestants during an event. The promoter of the event pays the event physician's fees.

Currently, chiropractors are allowed to treat contestants during an event at the contestants' expense.

Summary: A chiropractor may be included as a licensed official at a boxing, kickboxing or martial arts event. Chiropractors for any boxing, kickboxing or martial arts event must be licensed by the Department of Licensing. Promoters must pay chiropractors who are event officials.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	43	3	
House	87	6	(House amended)
Senate	39	5	(Senate concurred)

Effective: January 1, 2003