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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, kickboxing, and wrestling events conducted within
14 this state and an event may not be held in this state except in
15 accordance with 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.

36 ~~((+10))~~ (12) "Kickboxing" means a type of boxing in which blows
37 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 participants
8 utilize kicks, punches, blows, or other techniques with the intent not
9 to injure or disable an opponent, but to (~~defeat an opponent or~~) win
10 by decision, knockout, technical knockout, or submission.

11 ((+12+)) (14) "No holds barred fighting," also known as "frontier
12 fighting" and "extreme fighting," means a contest, exhibition, or match
13 between contestants where any part of the contestant's body may be used
14 as a weapon or any means of fighting may be used with the specific
15 purpose to intentionally injure the other contestant in such a manner
16 that they may not defend themselves and a winner is declared. Rules
17 may or may not be used.

18 ((+13+)) (15) "Combative fighting," also known as "toughman
19 fighting," "toughwoman fighting," "badman fighting," and "so you think
20 you're tough," means a contest, exhibition, or match between
21 contestants who use their fists, with or without gloves, or their feet,
22 or both, and which allows contestants that are not trained in the sport
23 to compete and the object is to defeat an opponent or to win by
24 decision, knockout, or technical knockout.

25 ((+14+)) (16) "Participant" means a person licensed under this
26 chapter as a boxer, kickboxer, wrestler, or mixed martial artist who
27 competes against others for a purse or is compensated for participating
28 in a professional wrestling event.

29 (17) "Physician" means a person licensed under chapter 18.57(~~7~~
30 ~~18.36A,~~) or 18.71 RCW as a physician or a person holding an
31 osteopathic or allopathic physician license under the laws of any
32 jurisdiction in which the person resides.

33 ((+15+)) (18) "Professional" means a person who has received or
34 competed for any purse or other articles of value greater than fifty
35 dollars, either for the expenses of training or for participating in an
36 event.

37 ((+16+)) (19) "Promoter" means a person, and includes any officer,
38 director, employee, or stockholder of a corporate promoter, who (a)

1 produces, arranges, stages, or holds(~~(, or gives)~~) an event in this
2 state involving a professional boxing, kickboxing, mixed martial arts,
3 or wrestling event(~~(,)~~); or (b) shows ((or causes to be shown)) in this
4 state a closed circuit telecast (~~(of a match)~~) involving a professional
5 (~~(participant)~~) boxing, kickboxing, mixed martial arts, or wrestling
6 event whether or not the telecast originates in this state.

7 ~~((17))~~ (20) "Wrestling exhibition" or "wrestling show" means a
8 form of sports entertainment in which the participants play a role or
9 display their skills in a physical struggle against each other in the
10 ring and either the outcome may be predetermined or the participants do
11 not necessarily strive to win, or both.

12 ~~((18))~~ (21) "Amateur event" means an event in which all the
13 participants are "amateurs" and which is registered and sanctioned
14 by(~~(~~

- 15 ~~(a) United States Amateur Boxing, Inc.;~~
- 16 ~~(b) Washington Interscholastic Activities Association;~~
- 17 ~~(c) National Collegiate Athletic Association;~~
- 18 ~~(d) Amateur Athletic Union;~~
- 19 ~~(e) Golden Gloves of America;~~
- 20 ~~(f) United Full Contact Federation;~~
- 21 ~~(g) Any similar organization recognized by the department as~~
22 ~~exclusively or primarily dedicated to advancing the sport of amateur~~
23 ~~boxing, kickboxing, or martial arts, as those sports are defined in~~
24 ~~this section; or~~

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

30 ~~((19))~~ (22) "Elimination tournament" means any contest in which
31 contestants compete in a series of matches until not more than one
32 contestant remains in any weight category. The term does not include
33 any event that complies with the provisions of RCW 67.08.015(~~((2) (a)~~
34 ~~or (b))~~)).

35 **Sec. 3.** RCW 67.08.007 and 1993 c 278 s 9 are each amended to read
36 as follows:

37 The department may employ or contract with and fix the compensation

1 of such ~~((officers,))~~ employees~~((,))~~ and ~~((inspectors))~~ appointed
2 officials as may be necessary to administer the provisions of this
3 chapter as amended.

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

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

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

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

26 ~~((b) Are))~~ (2) Entirely amateur events as defined in RCW
27 67.08.002~~((+18))~~ (21) and promoted on a nonprofit basis or for
28 charitable purposes~~((+~~
29 ~~are not subject to the licensing provisions of this chapter. A boxing,~~
30 ~~martial arts, kickboxing, or wrestling event may not be conducted~~
31 ~~within the state except under a license issued in accordance with this~~
32 ~~chapter and the rules of the department except as provided in this~~
33 ~~section.~~

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

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

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

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

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

21 In addition to the powers described in RCW 18.235.030 and
22 18.235.040, the director or the director's designee has the following
23 authority in administering this chapter:

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

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

27 (3) ~~((Enter into an assurance of discontinuance in lieu of issuing~~
28 ~~a statement of charges or conducting a hearing. The assurance shall~~
29 ~~consist of a statement of the law in question and an agreement not to~~
30 ~~violate the stated provision. The applicant or license holder shall~~
31 ~~not be required to admit to any violation of the law, and the assurance~~
32 ~~shall not be construed as such an admission. Violation of an assurance~~
33 ~~under this subsection is grounds for disciplinary action)) Direct,~~
34 supervise, and control all boxing, mixed martial arts, kickboxing, and
35 wrestling events conducted within this state; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

36 (1) (~~Any~~) Ten days prior to the holding of any boxing,

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

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

23 (3) ~~A complimentary ticket may not have a face value of less than~~
24 ~~the least expensive ticket available for sale to the general public.~~
25 ~~The number of untaxed complimentary tickets shall be limited to ten~~
26 ~~percent of the total tickets sold per event location, not to exceed one~~
27 ~~thousand tickets. All complimentary tickets exceeding this exemption~~
28 ~~shall be subject to taxation.)~~ Promoters of boxing, kickboxing, and
29 mixed martial arts events shall be subject to an event fee to be
30 determined in rule and shall be paid to the department prior to the
31 event.

32 NEW SECTION. Sec. 9. A new section is added to chapter 67.08 RCW
33 to read as follows:

34 (1) Any wrestling promoter holding an event shall file with the
35 department a statement setting forth the name of each licensee who is
36 a potential participant and such other information as the department
37 may require no less than seven days prior to the event. Participant

1 changes regarding a wrestling event may be allowed up to forty-eight
2 hours prior to the event, provided the new participant holds a valid
3 license under this chapter.

4 (2) Upon the termination of any wrestling event, the promoter shall
5 file with the designated department representative a written report,
6 duly verified as the department may require showing the number of
7 tickets sold for the event, the price charged for the tickets and the
8 gross proceeds thereof, and such other and further information as the
9 department may require. The promoter shall pay to the department at
10 the time of filing the report under this section a fee equal to five
11 percent of such gross receipts. However, the fee may not be less than
12 twenty-five dollars.

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

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

21 Every ~~((licensee))~~ promoter who charges and receives an admission
22 fee for exhibiting a simultaneous telecast of any live, current, or
23 spontaneous boxing ~~((or sparring match, or wrestling exhibition or~~
24 ~~show)), kickboxing, or mixed martial arts event on a closed circuit
25 telecast viewed within this state shall, within ~~((seventy two hours))~~
26 ten working days after such event, furnish to the department a
27 ~~((verified))~~ written report ~~((on a form which is supplied by the~~
28 ~~department))~~ showing ~~((the number of tickets issued or sold, and))~~ the
29 gross receipts ~~((therefor without any deductions whatsoever))~~ from
30 admission fees. Such ~~((licensee))~~ promoter shall also, at the same
31 time, pay to the department ~~((a tax))~~ an event fee equal to five
32 percent of such gross receipts paid for admission to the showing of the
33 ~~((contest, match or exhibition))~~ event. In no event, however, shall
34 the ~~((tax))~~ event fee be less than ~~((twenty five))~~ one hundred dollars.
35 The ~~((tax))~~ event fee shall apply uniformly at the same rate to all
36 persons subject to the ~~((tax))~~ fee. ~~((Such receipts shall be~~~~

1 immediately paid by the department into the general fund of the
2 state.))

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

5 The department may appoint an official chief inspector((~~s at least~~
6 ~~one of which, in the absence of a member of the department,~~)) who shall
7 be present at any event held under the provisions of this chapter.
8 Such chief inspector((~~s~~)) shall carry a card signed by the director
9 evidencing their authority. It shall be their duty to see that all
10 rules of the department and the provisions of this chapter are strictly
11 complied with ((~~and to be present at the accounting of the gross~~
12 ~~receipts of any event, and such inspector is authorized to receive from~~
13 ~~the licensee conducting the event the statement of receipts herein~~
14 ~~provided for and to immediately transmit such reports to the~~
15 ~~department~~)). The department shall also appoint all other event
16 officials who shall carry a card evidencing their authority. Each
17 ((~~inspector~~)) appointed official shall receive a fee and travel
18 expenses from the promoter through the department to be set by the
19 director for each event officially attended.

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

22 A boxing event held in this state may not be for more than ten
23 rounds and no one round of any bout shall be scheduled for longer than
24 three minutes and there shall be not less than a one minute
25 intermission between each round. In the event of bouts involving
26 state, regional, national, title eliminator, or world championships the
27 department may grant an extension of no more than two additional rounds
28 to allow total bouts of twelve rounds. A ((~~contestant~~)) participant in
29 any boxing event under this chapter may not be permitted to wear gloves
30 weighing less than eight ounces. The director shall adopt rules to
31 assure clean and sportsmanlike conduct on the part of all
32 ((~~contestants~~)) participants and officials, and the orderly and proper
33 conduct of the event in all respects, and to otherwise make rules
34 consistent with this chapter, but such rules shall apply only to events
35 held under the provisions of this chapter. The director may adopt

1 rules with respect to round and bout limitations, glove weights, weight
2 classes, and clean and sportsmanlike conduct for boxing, kickboxing,
3 mixed martial arts, or wrestling events.

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

6 (1) (~~Each contestant for boxing, kickboxing, or martial arts~~
7 ~~events shall be examined within twenty four hours before the contest by~~
8 ~~an event physician licensed by the department. The event physician~~
9 ~~shall report in writing and over his or her signature before the event~~
10 ~~the physical condition of each and every contestant to the inspector~~
11 ~~present at such contest. No contestant whose physical condition is not~~
12 ~~approved by the event physician shall be permitted to participate in~~
13 ~~any event. Blank forms for event physicians' reports shall be provided~~
14 ~~by the department and all questions upon such blanks shall be answered~~
15 ~~in full. The event physician shall be paid a fee and travel expenses~~
16 ~~by the promoter.~~

17 (2) ~~The department may require that an event physician be present~~
18 ~~at a wrestling event. The promoter shall pay the event physician~~
19 ~~present at a wrestling event.)) A boxing, kickboxing, or mixed martial~~

20 arts event may not be held unless an event physician licensed by the
21 department is present throughout the event. In addition to the event
22 physician, a chiropractor may be included as a licensed official at a
23 boxing, kickboxing, or mixed martial arts event. (~~The promoter shall~~
24 ~~pay the chiropractor present at a boxing, kickboxing, or martial arts~~
25 ~~event.~~

26 (3) ~~))~~ (2) Any physician licensed under RCW 67.08.100 may be
27 selected by the department as the event physician. The event physician
28 present at any (~~contest~~) event shall have authority to stop any
29 (~~event~~) bout when in the event physician's opinion it would be
30 dangerous (~~to a contestant~~) to continue(~~, and in such event it shall~~
31 ~~be the event physician's duty to stop the event.~~

32 (4) ~~The department may have a participant in a wrestling event~~
33 ~~examined by an event physician licensed by the department prior to the~~
34 ~~event. A participant in a wrestling event whose condition is not~~
35 ~~approved by the event physician shall not be permitted to participate~~
36 ~~in the event)).~~

1 ~~((5))~~ (3) Each participant for boxing, kickboxing, or mixed
2 martial arts events shall receive a prefight physical before an event
3 and within a timeframe specified in rule. The prefight physical shall
4 be performed by an event physician licensed by the department. The
5 event physician shall complete and sign a prefight physical form
6 provided by the department. The completed prefight physical form must
7 be provided to the chief inspector prior to the beginning of the event.
8 No participant whose physical condition is not approved by the event
9 physician shall be permitted to participate in any event.

10 (4) Each ~~((contestant))~~ participant for boxing, kickboxing, mixed
11 martial arts, or wrestling events may be subject to a random urinalysis
12 or chemical test within twenty-four hours before or after ~~((a contest))~~
13 an event. Breathalyzer tests may be administered anytime during an
14 event to determine if a participant has consumed or is affected by
15 intoxicating beverages. Participants shall not consume intoxicating
16 beverages until the postfight physical has been completed by the event
17 physician. In addition to the unprofessional conduct specified in RCW
18 18.235.130, an applicant or licensee who tests positive, refuses, or
19 fails to submit to the breathalyzer test, urinalysis, or chemical test
20 is subject to disciplinary action under RCW 18.235.110. ~~((If the~~
21 urinalysis or chemical test is positive for substances prohibited by
22 rules adopted by the director, the applicant or licensee has engaged in
23 unprofessional conduct and disciplinary action may be taken under RCW
24 18.235.110.))

25 (5) The department may require that an event physician be present
26 at a wrestling event. The department may appoint a chiropractor to
27 attend wrestling events when requested by the promoter. The department
28 may have a participant in a wrestling event examined by an event
29 physician licensed by the department prior to the event. A participant
30 in a wrestling event whose condition is not approved by the event
31 physician shall not be permitted to participate in the event.

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

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

37 (1) The department upon receipt of a properly completed application

1 and payment of a nonrefundable fee, may grant an annual license to an
2 applicant for the following: (a) Promoter; (b) manager; (c) ~~((boxer))~~
3 boxing participant; (d) second; (e) wrestling participant; (f) chief
4 inspector; (g) judge; (h) timekeeper; (i) announcer; (j) event
5 physician; (k) chiropractor; (l) referee; (m) matchmaker; (n)
6 ~~((kickboxer))~~ kickboxing participant; ~~((and))~~ (o) mixed martial arts
7 participant; (p) assistant chief inspector; and (q) corner inspector.

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

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

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

29 (5) ~~((The referees, judges, timekeepers, event physicians,~~
30 ~~chiropractors, and inspectors))~~ All appointed official positions for
31 any ~~((boxing, kickboxing, or martial arts))~~ event shall be
32 ~~((designated))~~ assigned by the department ~~((from among licensed~~
33 ~~officials))~~.

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

36 (7) The department shall immediately suspend the license or
37 certificate of a person who has been certified pursuant to RCW
38 74.20A.320 by the department of social and health services as a person

1 who is not in compliance with a support order. If the person has
2 continued to meet all other requirements for reinstatement during the
3 suspension, reissuance of the license or certificate shall be automatic
4 upon the department's receipt of a release issued by the department of
5 social and health services stating that the licensee is in compliance
6 with the order.

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

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

12 ~~((10) This section shall not apply to contestants or participants
13 in events at which only amateurs are engaged in contests and/or
14 fraternal organizations and/or veterans' organizations chartered by
15 congress or the defense department or any recognized amateur
16 sanctioning body recognized by the department, holding and promoting
17 athletic events and where all funds are used primarily for the benefit
18 of their members. Upon request of the department, a promoter,
19 contestant, or participant shall provide sufficient information to
20 reasonably determine whether this chapter applies.))~~

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

23 (1) Any person or any member of any group of persons or corporation
24 promoting boxing, kickboxing, and mixed martial arts events who shall
25 participate directly or indirectly in the purse or fee of any manager
26 of any ~~((boxers))~~ participants or any ~~((boxer))~~ participant and any
27 licensee who shall conduct or participate in any sham or fake boxing,
28 kickboxing, and mixed martial arts event has engaged in unprofessional
29 conduct and is subject to the sanctions specified in RCW 18.235.110.

30 (2) A manager of any boxer, kickboxer, or mixed martial arts
31 participant who allows any person or any group of persons or
32 corporation promoting boxing, kickboxing, or mixed martial arts events
33 to participate directly or indirectly in the purse or fee, or any
34 boxer, kickboxer, or mixed martial arts participant or other licensee
35 who conducts or participates in any sham or fake boxing, kickboxing, or
36 mixed martial arts event has engaged in unprofessional conduct and is
37 subject to the sanctions specified in RCW 18.235.110.

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

3 Any person(~~(, club, corporation, organization, association,~~
4 ~~fraternal society, participant, or promoter)~~) conducting or
5 participating in boxing, kickboxing, mixed martial arts, or wrestling
6 events within this state without having first obtained a license
7 (~~therefor~~) in the manner provided by this chapter is in violation of
8 this chapter and shall be guilty of a misdemeanor (~~excepting the~~)
9 except those events (~~excluded from the operation of this chapter by~~)
10 exempt under RCW 67.08.015.

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

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

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

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

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

24 In addition to the unprofessional conduct specified in RCW
25 18.235.130, the following conduct, acts, or conditions constitute
26 unprofessional conduct for which disciplinary action may be taken:

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

30 ~~(2))~~ The deliberate cutting of himself or herself or other self
31 mutilation by a wrestling participant while participating in a
32 wrestling event.

33 ~~(3))~~ (2) A conviction under chapter 69.50 RCW.

34 ~~(4))~~ (3) Testing positive for illegal use of a controlled
35 substance as defined in RCW 69.50.101.

1 (~~(5)~~) (4) The striking of any person (~~(that is not a licensed~~
2 ~~participant)~~), other than the approved bout opponent at (~~(a wrestling)~~)
3 the event.

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

6 A person, including but not limited to a consumer, licensee,
7 corporation, organization, and state and local governmental agency, may
8 submit a written complaint to the department (~~(charging a license~~
9 ~~holder or applicant with unprofessional conduct and specifying the~~
10 ~~grounds for the complaint)~~). If the department determines that the
11 complaint merits investigation or if the department has reason to
12 believe, without a formal complaint, that a license holder or applicant
13 may have engaged in (~~(unprofessional conduct)~~) a violation of this
14 chapter, the department shall investigate (~~(to determine whether there~~
15 ~~has been unprofessional conduct)~~). A person who files a complaint
16 under this section in good faith is immune from suit in any civil
17 action related to the filing or contents of the complaint.

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

20 (1) RCW 67.08.010 (Licenses for boxing, martial arts, and wrestling
21 events--Telecasts) and 2002 c 86 s 305, 1997 c 205 s 2, 1993 c 278 s
22 10, 1989 c 127 s 13, 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 48 s 2, & 1933 c 184 s 7;

23 (2) RCW 67.08.040 (Issuance of license) and 1993 c 278 s 14, 1975-
24 '76 2nd ex.s. c 48 s 4, & 1933 c 184 s 10;

25 (3) RCW 67.08.130 (Failure to make report--Additional tax--
26 Hearing--Disciplinary action) and 2002 c 86 s 311, 1997 c 205 s 13,
27 1993 c 278 s 23, & 1933 c 184 s 19;

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

30 (5) RCW 67.08.240 (Unprofessional conduct--What constitutes) and
31 1997 c 205 s 21.

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

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