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CERTIFICATE

I, Tony M. Cook, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6264** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

TONY M. COOK

Secretary

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1 (~~(5)~~) (6) "Event" includes, but is not limited to, a boxing,
2 wrestling, or martial arts contest, sparring, fisticuffs, match, show,
3 or exhibition.

4 (~~(6)~~) (7) "Event physician" means the physician licensed under
5 RCW 67.08.100 and who is responsible for the activities described in
6 RCW 67.08.090.

7 (~~(7)~~) (8) "Face value" means the dollar value of a ticket or
8 order, which value must reflect the dollar amount that the customer is
9 required to pay or, for a complimentary ticket, would have been
10 required to pay to purchase a ticket with equivalent seating priority,
11 in order to view the event.

12 (~~(8)~~) (9) "Gross receipts" means the amount received from the
13 face value of all tickets sold and complimentary tickets redeemed.

14 (~~(9)~~) (10) "Kickboxing" means a type of boxing in which blows are
15 delivered with the hand and any part of the leg below the hip,
16 including the foot.

17 (~~(10)~~) (11) "Martial arts" means a type of boxing including sumo,
18 judo, karate, kung fu, tae kwon do, pankration, muay thai, or other
19 forms of full-contact martial arts or self-defense conducted on a full-
20 contact basis.

21 (~~(11)~~) (12) "Physician" means a person licensed under chapter
22 18.57, 18.36A, or 18.71 RCW as a physician or a person holding an
23 osteopathic or allopathic physician license under the laws of any
24 jurisdiction in which the person resides.

25 (~~(12)~~) (13) "Professional" means a person who has received or
26 competed for money or other articles of value for participating in an
27 event.

28 (~~(13)~~) (14) "Promoter" means a person, and includes any officer,
29 director, employee, or stockholder of a corporate promoter, who
30 produces, arranges, stages, holds, or gives an event in this state
31 involving a professional boxing, martial arts, or wrestling event, or
32 shows or causes to be shown in this state a closed circuit telecast of
33 a match involving a professional participant whether or not the
34 telecast originates in this state.

35 (~~(14)~~) (15) "Wrestling exhibition" or "wrestling show" means a
36 form of sports entertainment in which the participants display their
37 skills in a physical struggle against each other in the ring and either
38 the outcome may be predetermined or the participants do not necessarily
39 strive to win, or both.

1 **Sec. 2.** RCW 67.08.090 and 1999 c 282 s 6 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

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

14 (2) The department may require that an event physician be present
15 at a wrestling event. The promoter shall pay the event physician
16 present at a wrestling event. A boxing, kickboxing, or martial arts
17 event may not be held unless an event physician licensed by the
18 department is present throughout the event. In addition to the event
19 physician, a chiropractor may be included as a licensed official at a
20 boxing, kickboxing, or martial arts event. The promoter shall pay the
21 chiropractor present at a boxing, kickboxing, or martial arts event.

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

28 (4) The department may have a participant in a wrestling event
29 examined by an event physician licensed by the department prior to the
30 event. A participant in a wrestling event whose condition is not
31 approved by the event physician shall not be permitted to participate
32 in the event.

33 (5) Each contestant for boxing, kickboxing, martial arts, or
34 wrestling events may be subject to a random urinalysis or chemical test
35 within twenty-four hours before or after a contest. An applicant or
36 licensee who refuses or fails to submit to the urinalysis or chemical
37 test is subject to disciplinary action under RCW 67.08.240. If the
38 urinalysis or chemical test is positive for substances prohibited by

1 rules adopted by the director, disciplinary action shall be taken under
2 RCW 67.08.240.

3 **Sec. 3.** RCW 67.08.100 and 2001 c 246 s 1 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 (1) The department upon receipt of a properly completed application
6 and payment of a nonrefundable fee, may grant an annual license to an
7 applicant for the following: (a) Promoter; (b) manager; (c) boxer; (d)
8 second; (e) wrestling participant; (f) inspector; (g) judge; (h)
9 timekeeper; (i) announcer; (j) event physician; (k) chiropractor; (l)
10 referee; (~~((l))~~) (m) matchmaker; (~~((m))~~) (n) kickboxer; and (~~((n))~~) (o)
11 martial arts participant.

12 (2) The application for the following types of licenses shall
13 include a physical performed by a physician, as defined in RCW
14 67.08.002, which was performed by the physician with a time period
15 preceding the application as specified by rule: (a) Boxer; (b)
16 wrestling participant; (c) kickboxer; (d) martial arts participant; and
17 (e) referee.

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

30 (4) Any license may be revoked, suspended, or denied by the
31 director for a violation of this chapter or a rule adopted by the
32 director.

33 (5) No person shall participate or serve in any of the above
34 capacities unless licensed as provided in this chapter.

35 (6) The referees, judges, timekeepers, event physicians,
36 chiropractors, and inspectors for any boxing, kickboxing, or martial
37 arts event shall be designated by the department from among licensed
38 officials.

1 (7) The referee for any wrestling event shall be provided by the
2 promoter and shall be licensed as a wrestling participant.

3 (8) The department shall immediately suspend the license or
4 certificate of a person who has been certified pursuant to RCW
5 74.20A.320 by the department of social and health services as a person
6 who is not in compliance with a support order. If the person has
7 continued to meet all other requirements for reinstatement during the
8 suspension, reissuance of the license or certificate shall be automatic
9 upon the department's receipt of a release issued by the department of
10 social and health services stating that the licensee is in compliance
11 with the order.

12 (9) A person may not be issued a license if the person has an
13 unpaid fine outstanding to the department.

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

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

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act takes effect January 1, 2003.
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