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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6103**

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EXTREME FIGHTING

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**President of the Senate**

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**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

CERTIFICATE

I, Milton H. Doumit, Jr.,  
Secretary of the Senate of the  
State of Washington, do hereby  
certify that the attached is  
**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6103** as  
passed by the Senate and the House  
of Representatives on the dates  
hereon set forth.

MILTON H. DOUMIT JR.

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**Secretary**

Approved March 26, 2004.

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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**By** Senate Committee on Commerce & Trade (originally sponsored by Senators Zarelli, Keiser, Rasmussen, Regala, Franklin, Kline, Deccio, Jacobsen and Fairley)

READ FIRST TIME 02/09/04.

1            AN ACT Relating to making certain types of extreme fighting  
2 illegal; amending RCW 67.08.002 and 67.08.015; prescribing penalties;  
3 and declaring an emergency.

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

5            **Sec. 1.** RCW 67.08.002 and 2002 c 147 s 1 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7            The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter  
8 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

9            (1) "Amateur" means a person who (~~engages in athletic activities~~  
10 ~~as a pastime and not as a professional~~) has never received nor  
11 competed for any purse or other article of value, either for expenses  
12 of training or for participating in an event, other than a prize of  
13 fifty dollars in value or less.

14            (2) "Boxing" means (~~a contest in~~) the sport of attack and defense  
15 which uses the contestants (~~exchange blows with their~~) fists and  
16 where the contestants compete with the intent not to injure or disable  
17 an opponent, but to win by decision, knockout, or technical knockout,  
18 but does not include professional wrestling.

1 (3) "Chiropractor" means a person licensed under chapter 18.25 RCW  
2 as a doctor of chiropractic or under the laws of any jurisdiction in  
3 which that person resides.

4 (4) "Department" means the department of licensing.

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

7 (6) "Event" includes, but is not limited to, a boxing, wrestling,  
8 or martial arts contest, sparring, fisticuffs, match, show, or  
9 exhibition.

10 (7) "Event physician" means the physician licensed under RCW  
11 67.08.100 and who is responsible for the activities described in RCW  
12 67.08.090.

13 (8) "Face value" means the dollar value of a ticket or order, which  
14 value must reflect the dollar amount that the customer is required to  
15 pay or, for a complimentary ticket, would have been required to pay to  
16 purchase a ticket with equivalent seating priority, in order to view  
17 the event.

18 (9) "Gross receipts" means the amount received from the face value  
19 of all tickets sold and complimentary tickets redeemed.

20 (10) "Kickboxing" means a type of boxing in which blows are  
21 delivered with the (~~hand~~) fist and any part of the leg below the hip,  
22 including the foot and where the contestants compete with the intent  
23 not to injure or disable an opponent, but to win by decision, knockout,  
24 or technical knockout.

25 (11) "Martial arts" means a type of boxing including sumo, judo,  
26 karate, kung fu, tae kwon do, pankration, muay thai, or other forms of  
27 full-contact martial arts or self-defense conducted on a full-contact  
28 basis where weapons are not used and the participants utilize kicks,  
29 punches, blows, or other techniques with the intent not to injure or  
30 disable an opponent, but to defeat an opponent or win by decision,  
31 knockout, technical knockout, or submission.

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

1        (13) "Combative fighting," also known as "toughman fighting,"  
2 "toughwoman fighting," "badman fighting," and "so you think you're  
3 tough," means a contest, exhibition, or match between contestants who  
4 use their fists, with or without gloves, or their feet, or both, and  
5 which allows contestants that are not trained in the sport to compete  
6 and the object is to defeat an opponent or to win by decision,  
7 knockout, or technical knockout.

8        (14) "Physician" means a person licensed under chapter 18.57,  
9 18.36A, or 18.71 RCW as a physician or a person holding an osteopathic  
10 or allopathic physician license under the laws of any jurisdiction in  
11 which the person resides.

12        ~~((13))~~ (15) "Professional" means a person who has received or  
13 competed for ~~((money))~~ any purse or other articles of value greater  
14 than fifty dollars, either for the expenses of training or for  
15 participating in an event.

16        ~~((14))~~ (16) "Promoter" means a person, and includes any officer,  
17 director, employee, or stockholder of a corporate promoter, who  
18 produces, arranges, stages, holds, or gives an event in this state  
19 involving a professional boxing, martial arts, or wrestling event, or  
20 shows or causes to be shown in this state a closed circuit telecast of  
21 a match involving a professional participant whether or not the  
22 telecast originates in this state.

23        ~~((15))~~ (17) "Wrestling exhibition" or "wrestling show" means a  
24 form of sports entertainment in which the participants display their  
25 skills in a physical struggle against each other in the ring and either  
26 the outcome may be predetermined or the participants do not necessarily  
27 strive to win, or both.

28        (18) "Amateur event" means an event in which all the participants  
29 are "amateurs" and which is registered and sanctioned by:

- 30        (a) United States Amateur Boxing, Inc.;  
31        (b) Washington Interscholastic Activities Association;  
32        (c) National Collegiate Athletic Association;  
33        (d) Amateur Athletic Union;  
34        (e) Golden Gloves of America;  
35        (f) United Full Contact Federation;  
36        (g) Any similar organization recognized by the department as  
37 exclusively or primarily dedicated to advancing the sport of amateur

1 boxing, kickboxing, or martial arts, as those sports are defined in  
2 this section; or

3 (h) Local affiliate of any organization identified in this  
4 subsection.

5 (19) "Elimination tournament" means any contest in which  
6 contestants compete in a series of matches until not more than one  
7 contestant remains in any weight category. The term does not include  
8 any event that complies with the provisions of RCW 67.08.015(2) (a) or  
9 (b).

10 **Sec. 2.** RCW 67.08.015 and 2002 c 86 s 306 are each amended to read  
11 as follows:

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

23 (2) All boxing, kickboxing, martial arts, or wrestling events that:

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

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

1 (3) The director shall prohibit events unless all of the  
2 contestants are ~~((either))~~ licensed or otherwise exempt from licensure  
3 as provided under this chapter ~~((or trained by an amateur or~~  
4 ~~professional sanctioning body recognized by the department))~~.

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

12 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. This act is necessary for the immediate  
13 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
14 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect  
15 immediately.

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