

1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Boxing and Full-contact Martial Arts Act is
5 amended by changing Sections 1, 6, and 12 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 105/1) (from Ch. 111, par. 5001)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2022)

8 Sec. 1. Short title and definitions.

9 (a) This Act may be cited as the Boxing and Full-contact
10 Martial Arts Act.

11 (b) As used in this Act:

12 "Department" means the Department of Financial and
13 Professional Regulation.

14 "Secretary" means the Secretary of Financial and
15 Professional Regulation.

16 "Board" means the State of Illinois Athletic Board
17 established pursuant to this Act.

18 "License" means the license issued for promoters,
19 professionals, or officials in accordance with this Act.

20 "Professional contest" means a boxing or full-contact
21 martial arts competition in which all of the participants
22 competing against one another are professionals and where
23 the public is able to attend or a fee is charged.

1 "Permit" means the authorization from the Department
2 to a promoter to conduct professional or amateur contests,
3 or a combination of both.

4 "Promoter" means a person who is licensed and who holds
5 a permit to conduct professional or amateur contests, or a
6 combination of both.

7 Unless the context indicates otherwise, "person"
8 includes, but is not limited to, an individual,
9 association, organization, business entity, gymnasium, or
10 club.

11 "Judge" means a person licensed by the Department who
12 is located at ringside or adjacent to the fighting area
13 during a professional contest and who has the
14 responsibility of scoring the performance of the
15 participants in that professional contest.

16 "Referee" means a person licensed by the Department who
17 has the general supervision of and is present inside of the
18 ring or fighting area during a professional contest.

19 "Amateur" means a person registered by the Department
20 who is not competing for, and has never received or
21 competed for, any purse or other article of value, directly
22 or indirectly, either for participating in any contest or
23 for the expenses of training therefor, other than a
24 non-monetary prize that does not exceed \$50 in value.

25 "Professional" means a person licensed by the
26 Department who competes for a money prize, purse, or other

1 type of compensation in a professional contest held in
2 Illinois.

3 "Second" means a person licensed by the Department who
4 is present at any professional contest to provide
5 assistance or advice to a professional during the contest.

6 "Matchmaker" means a person licensed by the Department
7 who brings together professionals to compete in contests.

8 "Manager" means a person licensed by the Department who
9 is not a promoter and who, under contract, agreement, or
10 other arrangement, undertakes to, directly or indirectly,
11 control or administer the affairs of professionals.

12 "Timekeeper" means a person licensed by the Department
13 who is the official timer of the length of rounds and the
14 intervals between the rounds.

15 "Purse" means the financial guarantee or any other
16 remuneration for which contestants are participating in a
17 professional contest.

18 "Physician" means a person licensed to practice
19 medicine in all its branches under the Medical Practice Act
20 of 1987.

21 "Martial arts" means a discipline or combination of
22 different disciplines that utilizes sparring techniques
23 without the intent to injure, disable, or incapacitate
24 one's opponent, such as, but not limited to, Karate, Kung
25 Fu, Judo, Jujutsu, Tae Kwon Do, and Kyuki-Do.

26 "Full-contact martial arts" means the use of a singular

1 discipline or a combination of techniques from different
2 disciplines of the martial arts, including, without
3 limitation, full-force grappling, kicking, and striking
4 with the intent to injure, disable, or incapacitate one's
5 opponent.

6 "Amateur contest" means a boxing or full-contact
7 martial arts competition in which all of the participants
8 competing against one another are amateurs and where the
9 public is able to attend or a fee is charged.

10 "Contestant" means a person who competes in either a
11 boxing or full-contact martial arts contest.

12 "Address of record" means the designated address
13 recorded by the Department in the applicant's or licensee's
14 application file, license file, or registration file as
15 maintained by the Department's licensure maintenance unit.
16 It is the duty of the applicant or licensee to inform the
17 Department of any change of address and those changes must
18 be made either through the Department's website or by
19 contacting the Department.

20 "Bout" means one match between 2 contestants.

21 "Sanctioning body" means an organization approved by
22 the Department under the requirements and standards stated
23 in this Act and the rules adopted under this Act to act as
24 a governing body that sanctions professional or amateur
25 contests.

26 "Kickboxing" means a form of boxing in which only

1 punches and kicks are allowed.

2 (Source: P.A. 96-663, eff. 8-25-09; 97-119, eff. 7-14-11;
3 97-1123, eff. 8-27-12.)

4 (225 ILCS 105/6) (from Ch. 111, par. 5006)

5 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2022)

6 Sec. 6. Restricted contests and events. ~~(a)~~ All
7 professional and amateur contests, or a combination of both, in
8 which physical contact is made are prohibited in Illinois
9 unless authorized by the Department pursuant to the
10 requirements and standards stated in this Act and the rules
11 adopted pursuant to this Act. This Section ~~subsection (a)~~ does
12 not apply to any of the following:

13 (1) Amateur boxing or full-contact martial arts
14 contests conducted by accredited secondary schools,
15 colleges, or universities, although a fee may be charged.

16 (2) Amateur boxing contests that are sanctioned by USA
17 Boxing or any other sanctioning organization approved by
18 the Association of Boxing Commissions.

19 (3) Amateur boxing or full-contact martial arts
20 contests conducted by a State, county, or municipal entity.

21 (4) Amateur martial arts contests that are not defined
22 as full-contact martial arts contests under this Act,
23 including, but not limited to, Karate, Kung Fu, Judo,
24 Jujutsu, Tae Kwon Do, and Kyuki-Do.

25 (5) Full-contact martial arts contests, as defined by

1 this Act, that are recognized by the International Olympic
2 Committee or are contested in the Olympic Games ~~and are not~~
3 ~~conducted in an enclosed fighting area or ring.~~

4 (6) Amateur kickboxing contests that are sanctioned by
5 nationally recognized sanctioning bodies, such as the
6 World Association of Kickboxing Organizations USA, KICK
7 International, the International Kickboxing Federation,
8 the International Sport Karate and Kickboxing Association,
9 and the World Kickboxing Association.

10 No other amateur boxing or full-contact martial arts
11 contests shall be permitted unless authorized by the
12 Department.

13 ~~(b) The Department shall have the authority to determine~~
14 ~~whether a professional or amateur contest is exempt for~~
15 ~~purposes of this Section.~~

16 (Source: P.A. 96-663, eff. 8-25-09; 97-119, eff. 7-14-11;
17 97-1123, eff. 8-27-12.)

18 (225 ILCS 105/12) (from Ch. 111, par. 5012)

19 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2022)

20 Sec. 12. Professional or amateur contests.

21 (a) The professional or amateur contest, or a combination
22 of both, shall be held in an area where adequate neurosurgical
23 facilities are immediately available for skilled emergency
24 treatment of an injured professional or amateur.

25 (b) Each professional or amateur shall be examined before

1 the contest and promptly after each bout by a physician. The
2 physician shall determine, prior to the contest, if each
3 professional or amateur is physically fit to compete in the
4 contest. After the bout the physician shall examine the
5 professional or amateur to determine possible injury. If the
6 professional's or amateur's physical condition so indicates,
7 the physician shall recommend to the Department immediate
8 medical suspension. The physician or a licensed paramedic must
9 check the vital signs of all contestants as established by
10 rule.

11 (c) The physician may, at any time during the professional
12 or amateur bout, stop the professional or amateur bout to
13 examine a professional or amateur contestant and may direct the
14 referee to terminate the bout when, in the physician's opinion,
15 continuing the bout could result in serious injury to the
16 professional or amateur. If the professional's or amateur's
17 physical condition so indicates, the physician shall recommend
18 to the Department immediate medical suspension. The physician
19 shall certify to the condition of the professional or amateur
20 in writing, over his signature on forms provided by the
21 Department. Such reports shall be submitted to the Department
22 in a timely manner.

23 (d) No professional or amateur contest, or a combination of
24 both, shall be allowed to begin or be held unless at least one
25 physician, at least one EMT and one paramedic, and one
26 ambulance have been contracted with solely for the care of

1 professionals or amateurs who are competing as defined by rule.

2 (e) No professional boxing bout shall be more than 12
3 rounds in length. The rounds shall not be more than 3 minutes
4 each with a one minute interval between them, and no
5 professional boxer shall be allowed to participate in more than
6 one contest within a 7-day period.

7 The number and length of rounds for all other professional
8 or amateur boxing or full-contact martial arts contests, or a
9 combination of both, shall be determined by rule.

10 (f) The number and types of officials required for each
11 professional or amateur contest, or a combination of both,
12 shall be determined by rule.

13 (g) The Department or its representative shall have
14 discretion to declare a price, remuneration, or purse or any
15 part of it belonging to the professional withheld if in the
16 judgment of the Department or its representative the
17 professional is not honestly competing.

18 (h) The Department shall have the authority to prevent a
19 professional or amateur contest, or a combination of both, from
20 being held and shall have the authority to stop a professional
21 or amateur contest, or a combination of both, for noncompliance
22 with any part of this Act or rules or when, in the judgment of
23 the Department, or its representative, continuation of the
24 event would endanger the health, safety, and welfare of the
25 professionals or amateurs or spectators. The Department's
26 authority to stop a contest on the basis that the professional

1 or amateur contest, or a combination of both, would endanger
2 the health, safety, and welfare of the professionals or
3 amateurs or spectators shall extend to any professional or
4 amateur contest, or a combination of both, regardless of
5 whether that amateur contest is exempted from the prohibition
6 in Section 6 of this Act. Department staff, or its
7 representative, may be present at any full-contact martial arts
8 contest with scheduled amateur bouts.

9 (i) Participants of kickboxing contests must use, at a
10 minimum, 10 ounce gloves.

11 (Source: P.A. 97-119, eff. 7-14-11; 98-973, eff. 8-15-14.)

12 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
13 becoming law.