



101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

225 ILCS 105/1	from Ch. 111, par. 5001
225 ILCS 105/6	from Ch. 111, par. 5006
225 ILCS 105/8.5 new	

Amends the Boxing and Full-contact Martial Arts Act. Changes the definition of "amateur" to allow the person to receive a stipend for an athletic club or sponsor of the contestant to cover the cost of training and participation expenses not to exceed \$1,500. Provides that "full-contact martial arts" includes, but is not limited to, mixed martial arts and kickboxing techniques. Defines "incumbent sanctioning body". Allows amateur boxing or full-contact martial arts contests sponsored by a State, county, or municipal entity to be conducted by a sanctioning body approved by the Act without oversight by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation. Provides that specified qualified entities are exempt from oversight by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation and must notify the Department of their intent to sponsor events covered under the Act. Adds provisions for sanctioning bodies. Effective immediately.

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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 and 6 and adding Section 8.5 as
6 follows:

7 (225 ILCS 105/1) (from Ch. 111, par. 5001)

8 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2022)

9 Sec. 1. Short title and definitions.

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

12 (b) As used in this Act:

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

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

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

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

21 "Professional contest" means a boxing or full-contact
22 martial arts competition in which all of the participants
23 competing against one another are professionals and where

1 the public is able to attend or a fee is charged.

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 sponsor of the contestant to cover the cost of training and
2 participation expenses not to exceed \$1,500.

3 "Professional" means a person licensed by the
4 Department who competes for a money prize, purse, or other
5 type of compensation in a professional contest held in
6 Illinois.

7 "Second" means a person licensed by the Department who
8 is present at any professional contest to provide
9 assistance or advice to a professional during the contest.

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

12 "Manager" means a person licensed by the Department who
13 is not a promoter and who, under contract, agreement, or
14 other arrangement, undertakes to, directly or indirectly,
15 control or administer the affairs of professionals.

16 "Timekeeper" means a person licensed by the Department
17 who is the official timer of the length of rounds and the
18 intervals between the rounds.

19 "Purse" means the financial guarantee or any other
20 remuneration for which contestants are participating in a
21 professional contest.

22 "Physician" means a person licensed to practice
23 medicine in all its branches under the Medical Practice Act
24 of 1987.

25 "Martial arts" means a discipline or combination of
26 different disciplines that utilizes sparring techniques

1 without the intent to injure, disable, or incapacitate
2 one's opponent, such as, but not limited to, Karate, Kung
3 Fu, Judo, Jujutsu, Tae Kwon Do, and Kyuki-Do.

4 "Full-contact martial arts" means the use of a singular
5 discipline or a combination of techniques, including, but
6 not limited to, mixed martial arts and kickboxing, from
7 different disciplines of the martial arts, including,
8 without limitation, full-force grappling, kicking, and
9 striking with the intent to injure, disable, or
10 incapacitate one's opponent.

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

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

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

25 "Bout" means one match between 2 contestants.

26 "Sanctioning body" means an organization approved by

1 the Department under the requirements and standards stated
2 in this Act and the rules adopted under this Act to act as
3 a governing body that sanctions professional or amateur
4 contests.

5 "Incumbent sanctioning body" means an organization
6 that notifies the Department in writing that it is a
7 recognized sanctioning body in more than 10 American
8 states.

9 (Source: P.A. 96-663, eff. 8-25-09; 97-119, eff. 7-14-11;
10 97-1123, eff. 8-27-12.)

11 (225 ILCS 105/6) (from Ch. 111, par. 5006)

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

13 Sec. 6. Restricted contests and events.

14 (a) All professional and amateur contests, or a combination
15 of both, in which physical contact is made are prohibited in
16 Illinois unless authorized by the Department pursuant to the
17 requirements and standards stated in this Act and the rules
18 adopted pursuant to this Act. This subsection (a) does not
19 apply to any of the following qualified entities:

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

23 (2) Amateur boxing contests that are sanctioned by USA
24 Boxing or any other sanctioning organization approved by
25 the Association of Boxing Commissions.

1 (3) Amateur boxing or full-contact martial arts
2 contests sponsored ~~conducted~~ by a State, county, or
3 municipal entity and conducted by a sanctioning body
4 approved under this Act.

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

9 (5) Full-contact martial arts contests, as defined by
10 this Act, that are recognized by the International Olympic
11 Committee or are contested in the Olympic Games and are not
12 conducted in an enclosed fighting area or ring.

13 (6) Amateur boxing, martial arts, or full-contact
14 martial arts contests that are sponsored by a
15 not-for-profit organization and conducted by a sanctioning
16 body approved under this Act.

17 No other amateur boxing or full-contact martial arts
18 contests shall be permitted unless authorized by the
19 Department.

20 (b) The Department shall have the authority to determine
21 whether a professional or amateur contest is exempt for
22 purposes of this Section.

23 (c) A qualified entity exempt from Department oversight
24 must notify the Department of its intent to sponsor events
25 covered under this Act.

26 (Source: P.A. 96-663, eff. 8-25-09; 97-119, eff. 7-14-11;

1 97-1123, eff. 8-27-12.)

2 (225 ILCS 105/8.5 new)

3 Sec. 8.5. Sanctioning bodies. A sanctioning body must apply
4 for approved status with the Department. Within 15 business
5 days of an application, the Department must send written
6 correspondence to the applicant of the procedures required for
7 its approval or disapproval, including at least 2 meetings of
8 the Board for the review of the application. The correspondence
9 must include, but is not limited to, dates for board meetings,
10 required amendments to the application for compliance, and
11 paperwork filing requirements. The approval process may not
12 exceed 4 months from the date the applicant filed for approved
13 status.

14 An incumbent sanctioning body that is registered by the
15 Department shall have all the rights and privileges of a
16 sanctioning body as defined in this Act.

17 Notwithstanding this Section, all authority given to the
18 Department and the Board to review and deny a sanctioning body
19 for violations of health and safety standards covered within
20 this Act apply.

21 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
22 becoming law.