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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 2251

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend Senate Bill 2251 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Professional Boxing Act is amended by  
5 changing Sections 6 and 12 as follows:

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

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2012)

8 Sec. 6. Prohibitions. All boxing matches, contests, or  
9 exhibits in which physical contact is made including, but not  
10 limited to, "ultimate fighting exhibitions", are prohibited in  
11 Illinois unless authorized by the Department. This provision  
12 does not apply to the following:

13 (1) Boxing contests or wrestling exhibitions conducted  
14 by accredited secondary schools, colleges or universities,  
15 although a fee may be charged. Institutions organized to  
16 furnish instruction in athletics are not included in this  
17 exemption.

18 (2) Amateur boxing matches sanctioned by the United  
19 States Amateur Boxing Federation, Inc. or Golden Gloves of  
20 America, amateur wrestling exhibitions, and amateur or  
21 professional martial arts or kick boxing.

22 The Department shall have the authority to determine  
23 whether a contest or exhibition is an exempt martial arts or  
24 kick boxing event for purposes of this Section. In determining

1 whether a contest or exhibition is an exempt martial arts or  
2 kick boxing event the Department shall consider, but not be  
3 limited to, the following factors:

4 (i) whether the event is sanctioned by a body  
5 independent of the promoters of the contest or exhibition;

6 (ii) whether the sanctioning body is exclusively or  
7 primarily dedicated to advancing the sport of kick boxing  
8 or martial arts;

9 (iii) whether the sanctioning body limits  
10 participation in its events to its registered members;

11 (iv) whether the sanctioning body has a record of  
12 enforcing the rules governing a contest or exhibition;

13 (v) the record for safety of the sanctioning body;

14 (vi) the record for safety of the promoters of the  
15 contest or exhibition;

16 (vii) whether the promoter of the contest or exhibition  
17 has a record of enforcing and abiding by the rules  
18 governing a contest or exhibition; and

19 (viii) whether the rules for the contest or exhibition  
20 provide substantially similar protections for the health,  
21 safety and welfare of the contestants and spectators as  
22 this Act and its rules.

23 (Source: P.A. 91-408, eff. 1-1-00.)

24 (225 ILCS 105/12) (from Ch. 111, par. 5012)

25 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2012)

26 Sec. 12. Contests ~~Boxing contests~~. Each boxing contestant  
27 shall be examined before entering the ring and immediately  
28 after each contest by a physician licensed to practice medicine  
29 in all of its branches. The physician shall determine, prior to  
30 the contest, if each contestant is physically fit to engage in  
31 the contest. After the contest the physician shall examine the  
32 contestant to determine possible injury. If the contestant's  
33 physical condition so indicates, the physician shall recommend

1 to the Department immediate medical suspension. The physician  
2 may, at any time during the contest, stop the contest to  
3 examine a boxer, and terminate the contest when, in the  
4 physician's opinion, continuing the contest could result in  
5 serious injury to the boxer. The physician shall certify to the  
6 condition of the contestant in writing, over his signature on  
7 blank forms provided by the Department. Such reports shall be  
8 submitted to the Department in a timely manner. The physician  
9 shall be paid by the promoter a fee fixed by the Department. No  
10 boxing contest shall be held unless a physician licensed to  
11 practice medicine in all of its branches is in attendance.

12 No contest shall be allowed to begin unless at least one  
13 physician and 2 trained paramedics or 2 nurses who are trained  
14 to administer emergency medical care are present.

15 No contest shall be more than 12 rounds in length. The  
16 rounds shall not be more than 3 minutes each with a one minute  
17 interval between them, and no boxer shall be allowed to  
18 participate in more than 12 rounds within 72 consecutive hours.  
19 At each boxing contest there shall be a referee in attendance  
20 who shall direct and control the contest. The referee, before  
21 each contest, shall learn the name of the contestant's chief  
22 second and shall hold the chief second responsible for the  
23 conduct of his assistant during the progress of the contest.

24 There shall be 2 judges in attendance who shall render a  
25 decision at the end of each contest. The decision of the  
26 judges, taken together with the decision of the referee, is  
27 final; or, 3 judges shall score the contest with the referee  
28 not scoring. The method of scoring shall be set forth in rules.

29 Judges, referees, or timekeepers for contests shall be  
30 assigned by the Department. The Department or its  
31 representative shall have discretion to declare a prize,  
32 remuneration, or purse or any part of it belonging to the  
33 contestant withheld if in the judgment of the Department or its  
34 representative the contestant is not honestly competing. The

1 Department shall have the authority to prevent a contest or  
2 exhibition from being held and shall have the authority to stop  
3 a fight for noncompliance with any part of this Act or rules or  
4 when, in the judgment of the Department, or its representative,  
5 continuation of the event would endanger the health, safety,  
6 and welfare of the contestants or spectators. The Department's  
7 authority to stop a fight contest or exhibition on the basis  
8 that the fight would endanger the health, safety, and welfare  
9 of the contestants or spectators shall extend to any fight  
10 contest or exhibition, regardless of whether that fight contest  
11 or exhibition is exempted from the prohibition in Section 6 of  
12 this Act.

13 (Source: P.A. 91-408, eff. 1-1-00; 92-499, eff. 1-1-02.)

14 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
15 becoming law."