

By the Committee on Regulated Industries and Senator Grant

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to pugilistic exhibitions;  
3           amending s. 548.003, F.S.; deleting requirement  
4           that the State Athletic Commission maintain an  
5           office in Tallahassee; amending s. 548.007,  
6           F.S.; revising applicability of the Joe Lang  
7           Kershaw Act; amending s. 548.008, F.S.;  
8           clarifying language with respect to prohibited  
9           toughman and badman competitions; amending s.  
10          548.026, F.S.; revising language with respect  
11          to the duration of licenses issued under the  
12          act; amending s. 548.043, F.S.; revising  
13          provisions regulating weights, classes, and  
14          gloves; providing an effective date.

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16 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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18           Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 548.003, Florida  
19 Statutes, is amended to read:

20           548.003 State Athletic Commission.--

21           (1) The State Athletic Commission is created under the  
22 Department of Business and Professional Regulation. The State  
23 Athletic Commission shall consist of five members appointed by  
24 the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate. Upon the  
25 expiration of the term of a commissioner, the Governor shall  
26 appoint a successor to serve for a 4-year term.

27           (2) The State Athletic Commission, as created by  
28 subsection (1), shall administer the provisions of this  
29 chapter. The commission may adopt rules to implement this  
30 chapter.

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1           (3) The commission shall maintain an office ~~in~~  
2 ~~Fallahassee~~ and any necessary branch offices. At the first  
3 meeting of the commission after June 1 of each year, the  
4 commission shall select a chair from among its membership.  
5 Three members shall constitute a quorum and the concurrence of  
6 at least three members is necessary for official commission  
7 action.

8           (4) Each member of the commission shall be compensated  
9 at the rate of \$25 for each day she or he attends a commission  
10 meeting and shall be reimbursed for other expenses as provided  
11 in s. 112.061.

12           Section 2. Section 548.007, Florida Statutes, is  
13 amended to read:

14           548.007 Applicability of act to amateur matches and  
15 certain other matches or events.--With the exception of s.  
16 548.008,sections 548.001-548.079 do not apply to:

17           (1) Any match in which the participants are amateurs;

18           (2) Any match conducted or sponsored by a university,  
19 college, or secondary school if all the participants are  
20 students regularly enrolled in the institution;

21           (3) Any match conducted or sponsored by a nationally  
22 chartered veterans' organization registered with the state;

23           (4) Any match conducted or sponsored by any company or  
24 detachment of the Florida National Guard; or

25           (5) Any official Olympic event.

26           Section 3. Subsection (1) of section 548.008, Florida  
27 Statutes, is amended to read:

28           548.008 Toughman and badman competition prohibited.--

29           (1) No professional or amateur toughman or badman  
30 match, as described in this section, may be held in this  
31 state. Such competition includes any contest or exhibition

1 where participants compete by using a combination of fighting  
2 skills. Such skills may include, but are not limited to,  
3 boxing, wrestling, kicking, or martial arts skills.  
4 Notwithstanding the above, this section shall not preclude  
5 kickboxing as regulated by this chapter.

6 (2) Any person participating in or promoting a  
7 toughman or badman match is guilty of a misdemeanor of the  
8 second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s.  
9 775.083.

10 Section 4. Section 548.026, Florida Statutes, is  
11 amended to read:

12 548.026 Duration of license.--Each license shall  
13 expire 1 year ~~on December 31 next~~ following the date on which  
14 it was issued.

15 Section 5. Section 548.043, Florida Statutes, is  
16 amended to read:

17 548.043 Weights and classes, limitations; gloves.--

18 (1) The commission shall establish classes of boxers  
19 based upon weights.

20 (2) The commission shall establish by rule the  
21 acceptable ~~No boxing match shall be held in which the~~  
22 difference in weight between of the participants in the same  
23 weight class; however, the maximum difference in weight shall  
24 not exceed 12 ~~exceeds 10~~ pounds, except matches in the  
25 cruiserweight ~~light-heavyweight~~ and heavyweight classes and  
26 exhibitions held solely for training purposes.

27 (3) The commission shall establish by rule the  
28 appropriate weight of boxing gloves to be used in each boxing  
29 match; however, all participants in boxing matches shall wear  
30 boxing gloves weighing not less than 6 ounces each.

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1 Participants in all ~~other~~ types of matches shall wear such  
2 protective devices as the commission deems necessary.

3 Section 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
4 law.

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6 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN  
7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
8 SB1318

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9 Does not provide a specific location for the office of the  
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