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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to the State Athletic  
3           Commission; amending s. 548.002, F.S.;  
4           providing definitions; amending s. 548.003,  
5           F.S.; changing the name of the commission to  
6           the Florida State Boxing Commission; assigning  
7           the commission to the Department of Business  
8           and Professional Regulation for administrative  
9           and fiscal accountability purposes only;  
10          providing procedures for filling vacancies on  
11          commission; expanding scope of rules;  
12          eliminating branch offices; requiring selection  
13          of vice chair; providing for removal of  
14          commission members for specified absences;  
15          providing accountability for commission  
16          members; increasing compensation rate for  
17          attendance of meetings; authorizing membership  
18          and participation by the commission in  
19          specified associations; amending s. 548.004,  
20          F.S.; renaming the executive secretary of the  
21          commission as the executive director; requiring  
22          approval of the Governor in hiring of the  
23          executive director; providing additional duties  
24          of the executive director; delineating  
25          circumstances for removal of executive  
26          director; eliminating the appointment of  
27          deputies; requiring electronic recording of  
28          commission proceedings; requiring the  
29          department to provide assistance to the  
30          commission under certain circumstances;  
31          creating s. 548.005, F.S.; providing budget

1 submission and preparation requirements;  
2 creating s. 548.0055, F.S.; requiring the  
3 department to oversee the activities of the  
4 commission; providing for long-range policy  
5 planning, and preparation of plans, reports,  
6 and recommendations; requiring submission to  
7 the Governor and Legislature; amending s.  
8 548.006, F.S.; providing that matches shall be  
9 held in accordance with commission rules;  
10 amending s. 548.007, F.S.; providing for  
11 applicability of the act to toughman and badman  
12 competitions; amending s. 548.008, F.S.;  
13 prohibiting professional or amateur toughman  
14 and badman competitions; providing a penalty;  
15 amending s. 548.014, F.S.; requiring surety  
16 bond to apply to promoters or foreign  
17 copromoters; increasing the minimum amount for  
18 surety bond; revising options to surety bond;  
19 eliminating a filing fee; amending ss. 548.025,  
20 548.041, and 548.042, F.S.; removing provisions  
21 relating to amateurs and amateur matches;  
22 amending s. 548.043, F.S.; revising provisions  
23 regulating weights, classes, and gloves;  
24 amending s. 548.045, F.S.; revising provisions  
25 relating to the medical advisory council;  
26 providing for appointment of the council by the  
27 commission; revising terms of council members;  
28 amending s. 548.046, F.S.; revising the time  
29 for examination of participants by physician  
30 and filing of physician report; amending s.  
31 548.053, F.S.; revising provisions relating to

1 distribution of purses to participants;  
2 requiring promoters and managers to retain  
3 certain information for a designated time;  
4 amending s. 548.054, F.S.; designating those  
5 persons authorized to order the surrender of a  
6 purse or the withholding of a manager's share;  
7 amending s. 548.057, F.S.; providing for  
8 appointment of judges at a boxing match;  
9 requiring certain qualifications for referees,  
10 judges, and officials; removing the requirement  
11 that scorecards be turned in at the end of each  
12 contest; amending ss. 548.05, 548.071, and  
13 548.077, F.S., to conform; providing an  
14 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. Subsections (3), (4), (5), and (9) of  
19 section 548.002, Florida Statutes, are amended, subsections  
20 (5) through (15) are renumbered as subsections (6) through  
21 (16), respectively, and new subsections (5) and (17) are added  
22 to said section to read:

23 548.002 Definitions.--As used in this act, the term:

24 (3) "Commission" means the Florida State Boxing  
25 Athletic Commission.

26 (4) "Contest" means a boxing or kickboxing, ~~or~~  
27 ~~martial arts~~ engagement in which the participants strive  
28 earnestly to win.

29 (5) "Department" means the Department of Business and  
30 Professional Regulation.

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1           ~~(6)(5)~~ "Exhibition" means a boxing ~~or, kickboxing, or~~  
2 ~~martial arts~~ engagement in which the participants show or  
3 display their skill without necessarily striving to win.

4           ~~(10)(9)~~ "Manager" means any person who, directly or  
5 indirectly, controls or administers the boxing ~~or, kickboxing,~~  
6 ~~or martial arts~~ affairs of any participant.

7           (17) "Secretary" means the secretary of the Department  
8 of Business and Professional Regulation.

9           Section 2. Section 548.003, Florida Statutes, 1998  
10 Supplement, is amended to read:

11           548.003 Florida State Boxing Athletic Commission;  
12 organization; meetings; accountability of commission members;  
13 compensation and travel expenses; association membership and  
14 participation.--

15           (1) The Florida State Boxing Athletic Commission is  
16 created and is assigned to ~~under~~ the Department of Business  
17 and Professional Regulation for administrative and fiscal  
18 accountability purposes only. The Florida State Boxing  
19 ~~Athletic~~ Commission shall consist of five members appointed by  
20 the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate. Upon the  
21 expiration of the term of a commissioner, the Governor shall  
22 appoint a successor to serve for a 4-year term. A commissioner  
23 whose term has expired shall continue to serve on the  
24 commission until such time as a replacement is appointed. If  
25 a vacancy on the commission occurs prior to the expiration of  
26 the term, it shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the  
27 term in the same manner as the original appointment.

28           (2) The Florida State Boxing Athletic Commission, as  
29 created by subsection (1), shall administer the provisions of  
30 this chapter. The commission has authority to adopt rules  
31 pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement the

1 provisions of this chapter and to implement each of the duties  
2 and responsibilities conferred upon the commission, including,  
3 but not limited to: development of an ethical code of conduct  
4 for commissioners, commission staff, and commission officials;  
5 procedures for hearings and resolution of disputes;  
6 qualifications for appointment of referees and judges; and  
7 setting fee and reimbursement schedules for officials  
8 appointed by the commission.

9 (3) The commission shall maintain an office in  
10 Tallahassee ~~and any necessary branch offices~~. At the first  
11 meeting of the commission after June 1 of each year, the  
12 commission shall select a chair and a vice chair from among  
13 its membership. Three members shall constitute a quorum and  
14 the concurrence of at least three members is necessary for  
15 official commission action.

16 (4) Three consecutive unexcused absences or absences  
17 constituting 50 percent or more of the commission's meetings  
18 within any 12-month period shall cause the commission  
19 membership of the member in question to become void, and the  
20 position shall be considered vacant. The commission shall, by  
21 rule, define unexcused absences.

22 (5) Each commission member shall be accountable to the  
23 Governor for the proper performance of duties as a member of  
24 the commission. The Governor shall cause to be investigated  
25 any complaint or unfavorable report received by the Governor  
26 or the department concerning an action of the commission or  
27 any member and shall take appropriate action thereon. The  
28 Governor may remove from office any member for malfeasance,  
29 unethical conduct, misfeasance, neglect of duty, incompetence,  
30 permanent inability to perform official duties, or pleading  
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1 guilty or nolo contendere to or being found guilty of a  
2 felony.

3 ~~(6)(4)~~ Each member of the commission shall be  
4 compensated at the rate of ~~\$50~~\$25 for each day she or he  
5 attends a commission meeting and shall be reimbursed for other  
6 expenses as provided in s. 112.061.

7 (7) The commission shall be authorized to join and  
8 participate in the activities of the Association of Boxing  
9 Commissions (ABC).

10 Section 3. Section 548.004, Florida Statutes, is  
11 amended to read:

12 548.004 Executive director ~~secretary; deputies;~~  
13 ~~duties, compensation, administrative support.--~~

14 (1) The commission shall employ an executive director  
15 with the approval of the Governor. The executive director  
16 ~~secretary who~~ shall receive a salary to be fixed by the  
17 commission with the approval of the Governor. The executive  
18 secretary shall keep a record of all proceedings of the  
19 commission; shall preserve all books, papers, and documents  
20 pertaining to the business of the commission; shall prepare  
21 any notices and papers required; shall appoint judges,  
22 referees, and other officials as delegated by the commission  
23 and pursuant to this chapter and rules of the commission;and  
24 shall perform such other duties as the commission directs.  
25 The executive director ~~secretary~~ may issue ~~witness~~ subpoenas  
26 and administer oaths.

27 (2) The executive director may be removed from her or  
28 his position by the commission or the Governor for  
29 malfeasance, unethical conduct, misfeasance, neglect of duty,  
30 incompetence, permanent inability to perform official duties,  
31 pleading guilty or nolo contendere to or being found guilty of

1 a felony, or willfully and wantonly disregarding the  
2 procedures and policies set forth by the commission.

3 (3) The commission shall require electronic recording  
4 of all scheduled proceedings of the commission.

5 (4) The department, if requested by the commission,  
6 shall provide assistance in budget development and budget  
7 submission for state funding requests. The department shall  
8 provide technical assistance and administrative support, if  
9 requested or determined needed, to the commission and its  
10 executive director on issues relating to personnel,  
11 contracting, property management, or other issues identified  
12 as important to performing the duties of this chapter and to  
13 protecting the interests of the state.

14 ~~(2) The commission may appoint any deputies that are~~  
15 ~~necessary, whose compensation shall be the same as that of the~~  
16 ~~commissioners. A deputy shall, on the order of the~~  
17 ~~commission, represent the commission at a boxing match.~~

18 Section 4. Section 548.005, Florida Statutes, is  
19 created to read:

20 548.005 Submission of annual budget.--The commission  
21 shall develop a budget pursuant to chapter 216. The budget is  
22 not subject to change by the department unless, after  
23 consultation with the commission, the change has been agreed  
24 to by the commission. The budget of the commission shall be  
25 submitted to the Governor along with the budget of the  
26 department.

27 Section 5. Section 548.0055, Florida Statutes, is  
28 created to read:

29 548.0055 Oversight of the commission; long-range  
30 policy planning; plans, reports, and recommendations.--

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1       (1) The department shall exercise oversight of the  
2 activities of the commission to the extent necessary to  
3 facilitate the requirements of this section.

4       (2) To facilitate efficient and cost-effective  
5 regulation, the commission and the department, where  
6 appropriate, shall develop and implement a long-range policy  
7 planning and monitoring process to include recommendations  
8 specific to the commission. Included in the plan shall be  
9 specific recommendations regarding performance standards and  
10 measurable outcomes for the commission. Such process shall  
11 include estimates of revenues, expenditures, cash balances,  
12 and performance statistics for the commission. The period  
13 covered shall not be less than 5 years. The commission, with  
14 assistance from the department, shall develop the long-range  
15 plan which must be approved by the Governor. The department  
16 shall monitor compliance with the approved long-range plan and  
17 shall assist the commission in annually updating the plan for  
18 approval by the Governor. The department shall provide  
19 concise management reports to the commission and the Governor  
20 quarterly. As part of the review process, the department  
21 shall evaluate:

22       (a) Whether the commission is operating efficiently  
23 and effectively and if there is need for assistance to help  
24 the commission in ensuring cost-effective regulation.

25       (b) How and why pugilistic exhibitions and contests  
26 are regulated.

27       (c) Whether there is a need to continue regulation,  
28 and to what degree.

29       (d) Whether or not licensee and consumer protection is  
30 adequate, and how it can be improved.

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1           (e) Whether unlicensed activity is adequately  
2 enforced.

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4 Such plans should include conclusions and recommendations on  
5 these and other issues as appropriate. Such plans shall be  
6 provided to the Governor and the Legislature by November 1 of  
7 each year.

8           Section 6. Section 548.006, Florida Statutes, is  
9 amended to read:

10           548.006 Power of commission to control pugilistic  
11 contests and exhibitions.--The commission has exclusive  
12 jurisdiction over every match held within the state which  
13 involves a professional. Matches shall be held ~~only~~ in  
14 accordance with this chapter and the rules adopted by the  
15 commission.

16           Section 7. Section 548.007, Florida Statutes, is  
17 amended to read:

18           548.007 Applicability of act to amateur matches and  
19 certain other matches or events.--With the exception of s.  
20 548.008, sections 548.001-548.079 do not apply to:

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

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

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

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

29           (5) Any official Olympic event.

30           Section 8. Section 548.008, Florida Statutes, is  
31 amended to read:

1           548.008 Toughman and badman competition prohibited.--

2           (1) No professional or amateur toughman or badman  
3 match, as described in this section, may be held in this  
4 state. Such competition includes any contest or exhibition  
5 where participants compete by using a combination of fighting  
6 skills. Such skills may include, but are not limited to,  
7 boxing, wrestling, kicking, or martial arts skills.  
8 Notwithstanding the above, this section shall not preclude  
9 kickboxing as regulated by this chapter.

10           (2) Any person participating in or promoting a  
11 professional or amateur toughman or badman match is guilty of  
12 a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in  
13 s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

14           Section 9. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) and  
15 subsections (2), (3), and (4) of section 548.014, Florida  
16 Statutes, are amended to read:

17           548.014 Promoters and foreign copromoters; bonds or  
18 other security.--

19           (1)(a) Before any license is issued or renewed to a  
20 promoter or foreign copromoter and before any permit is issued  
21 to a promoter or foreign copromoter, she or he must file a  
22 surety bond with the commission in such reasonable amount, but  
23 not less than \$15,000~~\$3,000~~, as the commission determines.

24           (2) In lieu of a surety bond, the promoter or foreign  
25 copromoter may deposit with the commission cash or~~a~~  
26 ~~certified check, or direct obligations of the United States or~~  
27 ~~this state which are acceptable to the commission in an~~  
28 equivalent amount and subject to the same conditions as the  
29 bond. No such security may be returned to the promoter until  
30 1 year after the date on which it was deposited with the  
31 commission unless a surety bond is substituted for it. If no

1 claim against the deposit is outstanding, it shall be returned  
2 to the depositor 1 year from the date it was deposited.

3 ~~(3) A filing fee of \$10 shall accompany each bond,~~  
4 ~~cash, or security deposited under this section.~~

5 (3)~~(4)~~ Recovery may be made against any bond, cash, or  
6 other security in the same manner as penalties are recoverable  
7 at law.

8 Section 10. Section 548.025, Florida Statutes, is  
9 amended to read:

10 548.025 License fees.--

11 ~~(1)~~ The commission shall set license fees as follows:

12 (1)~~(a)~~ Promoter, matchmaker--not to exceed \$500.

13 (2)~~(b)~~ Any other license--not to exceed \$100.

14 ~~(2) The commission may issue licenses, without charge,~~  
15 ~~to referees and physicians authorizing them to officiate only~~  
16 ~~at matches involving amateurs.~~

17 Section 11. Section 548.041, Florida Statutes, is  
18 amended to read:

19 548.041 Age of boxers.--A person under 18 years of age  
20 may not participate in any match, ~~except that an amateur who~~  
21 ~~is 16 or 17 years of age may participate in matches with other~~  
22 ~~amateurs who are 16 or 17 years of age under rules adopted by~~  
23 ~~the commission.~~

24 Section 12. Section 548.042, Florida Statutes, is  
25 amended to read:

26 548.042 Participation under fictitious name.--A person  
27 may not participate under a fictitious or assumed name in any  
28 match ~~involving an amateur~~ unless she or he has registered the  
29 name with the commission.

30 Section 13. Subsections (2) and (3) of section  
31 548.043, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1           548.043 Weights and classes, limitations; gloves.--

2           (2) The commission shall establish by rule the  
3 acceptable ~~No boxing match shall be held in which the~~  
4 difference in weight between of the participants; however, the  
5 maximum difference in weight shall not exceed 12 ~~exceeds 10~~  
6 pounds, except matches in the cruiserweight ~~light-heavyweight~~  
7 and heavyweight classes and exhibitions held solely for  
8 training purposes.

9           (3) The commission shall establish by rule the  
10 appropriate weight of boxing gloves to be used in each boxing  
11 match; however, all participants in boxing matches shall wear  
12 boxing gloves weighing not less than 8 ~~6~~ ounces each.  
13 ~~Participants in all other types of matches~~ shall wear such  
14 protective devices as the commission deems necessary.

15           Section 14. Subsections (1), (2), and (3) of section  
16 548.045, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

17           548.045 Medical advisory council; qualifications,  
18 compensation, powers and duties.--

19           (1) A medical advisory council, which shall consist of  
20 five members appointed by the commission ~~Governor~~, is created.  
21 Each member must be licensed to practice medicine in this  
22 state, must maintain an unencumbered license in good standing,  
23 and must, at the time of her or his appointment, have  
24 practiced medicine at least 5 years.

25           (2) ~~Initially, two of the members shall be appointed~~  
26 ~~for terms of 1 year, one member shall be appointed for a term~~  
27 ~~of 2 years, one member shall be appointed for a term of 3~~  
28 ~~years, and one member shall be appointed for a term of 4~~  
29 ~~years.~~ The term of each member ~~thereafter~~ appointed, except to  
30 fill a vacancy, shall be 2 ~~4~~ years.

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1           (3) The commission ~~Governor~~ shall designate one of the  
2 members of the council as its chair.

3           Section 15. Subsection (2) of section 548.046, Florida  
4 Statutes, is amended to read:

5           548.046 Physician's attendance at match; examinations;  
6 cancellation of match.--

7           (2) In addition to any other required examination,  
8 each participant shall be examined by the attending physician  
9 at the time of weigh-in ~~within 12 hours before she or he~~  
10 ~~enters the ring~~. If the physician determines that a  
11 participant is physically or mentally unfit to proceed, the  
12 physician shall notify any commissioner or the commission  
13 representative ~~deputy in charge~~ who shall immediately cancel  
14 the match. The examination shall conform to rules adopted by  
15 the commission based on the advice of the medical advisory  
16 council. The result of the examination shall be reported in a  
17 writing signed by the physician and filed with the commission  
18 prior to completion of the weigh-in ~~within 72 hours after the~~  
19 ~~match~~.

20           Section 16. Subsections (3) and (4) of section 548.05,  
21 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

22           548.05 Control of contracts.--

23           (3) The commission may require that each contract  
24 contain language authorizing the Florida State Boxing Athletic  
25 Commission to withhold any or all of any manager's share of a  
26 purse in the event of a contractual dispute as to entitlement  
27 to any portion of a purse. The commission may establish rules  
28 governing the manner of resolution of such dispute. In  
29 addition, if the commission deems it appropriate, the  
30 commission is hereby authorized to implead interested parties  
31 over any disputed funds into the appropriate circuit court for

1 resolution of the dispute prior to release of all or any part  
2 of the funds.

3 (4) Each contract subject to this section shall  
4 contain the following clause: "This agreement is subject to  
5 the provisions of chapter 548, Florida Statutes, and to the  
6 rules of the Florida State Boxing Athletic Commission and to  
7 any future amendments of either."

8 Section 17. Section 548.053, Florida Statutes, is  
9 amended to read:

10 548.053 Distribution of purses to participants;  
11 statements.--

12 (1) Unless otherwise directed by a representative of  
13 the commission, all purses shall be distributed by the  
14 promoter no later than 24 hours after the match. A written  
15 statement showing the distribution of the purse, including  
16 each item of receipt and each expenditure or deduction, shall  
17 be furnished to the participant and her or his manager,  
18 together with the participant's share of the purse. The  
19 promoter shall retain file a copy of the statement, certified  
20 by her or him to be correct, with receipted vouchers for all  
21 expenditures and deductions, for a period to be designated by  
22 the commission, which copy shall be provided to the commission  
23 upon demand ~~with the commission no later than 72 hours after~~  
24 ~~the match.~~

25 (2) Unless otherwise directed by a representative of  
26 the commission, a manager shall furnish to the participant she  
27 or he manages a statement of distribution, together with the  
28 participant's share of the purse, no later than 24 hours after  
29 the manager receives the purse and statement from the  
30 promoter. The manager shall retain file a copy of the  
31 statement, certified by her or him to be correct, with

1 | received vouchers for all expenditures and deductions, for a  
2 | period to be designated by the commission, which copy shall be  
3 | provided to the commission upon demand ~~with the commission no~~  
4 | ~~later than 72 hours after the manager receives the~~  
5 | ~~distribution from the promoter.~~

6 |         Section 18. Subsection (1) of section 548.054, Florida  
7 | Statutes, is amended to read:

8 |         548.054 Withholding of purses; hearing; disposition of  
9 | withheld purse forfeiture.--

10 |         (1) A member of the commission, the commission  
11 | representative ~~the deputy in charge~~, or the referee may order  
12 | a promoter to surrender to the commission ~~withhold~~ any purse  
13 | or other funds payable to a participant, or to withhold the  
14 | share of any manager, if it appears that:

15 |         (a) The participant is not competing honestly, or is  
16 | intentionally not competing to the best of her or his ability  
17 | and skill, in a match represented to be a contest; or

18 |         (b) The participant, her or his manager, or any of the  
19 | participant's seconds has violated this chapter.

20 |         Section 19. Subsections (2) and (3) of section  
21 | 548.057, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

22 |         548.057 Attendance of referee and judges at match;  
23 | scoring; seconds.--

24 |         (2) At each boxing contest, at the expense of the  
25 | promoters, three judges appointed by the executive director as  
26 | delegated by the commission shall attend and shall render  
27 | their individual decisions in writing on scorecards supplied  
28 | by the commission ~~at the end of each contest which continues~~  
29 | ~~for the scheduled number of rounds.~~ Each judge shall have one  
30 | vote, and a majority of the votes cast shall determine the  
31 | winner.

1           (3) The commission shall ensure that all referees,  
2 judges, and other officials are Florida-licensed officials  
3 qualified pursuant to rules of the commission and that no  
4 sanctioning organization or promoter has been permitted to  
5 influence the appointment of any officials, and shall  
6 prescribe the methods of scoring.

7           Section 20. Subsection (12) of section 548.071,  
8 Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

9           548.071 Suspension or revocation of license or permit  
10 by commission.--The commission may suspend or revoke a license  
11 or permit if the commission finds that the licensee or  
12 permittee:

13           (12) Has been disciplined by the Florida State Boxing  
14 ~~Athletic~~ Commission or similar agency or body of any  
15 jurisdiction.

16           Section 21. Section 548.077, Florida Statutes, is  
17 amended to read:

18           548.077 Florida State Boxing ~~Athletic~~ Commission;  
19 collection and disposition of moneys.--All fees, fines,  
20 forfeitures, and other moneys collected under the provisions  
21 of this chapter shall be paid by the commission to the State  
22 Treasurer who, after the expenses of the commission are paid,  
23 shall deposit them in the Professional Regulation Trust Fund  
24 to be used for the administration and operation of the  
25 commission and to enforce the laws and rules under its  
26 jurisdiction. In the event the unexpended balance of such  
27 moneys collected under the provisions of this chapter exceeds  
28 \$250,000, any excess of that amount shall be deposited in the  
29 General Revenue Fund.

30           Section 22. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
31 law.



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HOUSE SUMMARY

Revises various provisions of ss. 548.001 through 548.079, the "Joe Lang Kershaw Act." Renames the State Athletic Commission as the Florida State Boxing Commission. Assigns the commission to the Department of Business and Professional Regulation for administrative and fiscal accountability purposes only. Revises various provisions relating to the commission to:

1. Provide procedures for filling vacancies on the commission.
2. Expand the scope of rules adopted by the commission.
3. Eliminate branch offices of the commission.
4. Provides accountability for commission members.
5. Increase the specified compensation rate for commission members from \$25 to \$50.
6. Authorize membership and participation by the commission in the Association of Boxing Commissions.
7. Rename the executive secretary of the commission as the executive director and require the approval of the Governor in hiring the executive director.
8. Delineate reasons for removal of the executive director.
9. Eliminate the appointment of deputies.
10. Require electronic recording of commission proceedings.
11. Require the department to provide specified assistance to the commission under certain circumstances.
12. Provide budget submission and preparation requirements.
13. Require the department to oversee the commission.
14. Provide for long-range policy planning and preparation of plans, reports, and recommendations.

Provides that boxing matches be held in accordance with commission rules. Provides applicability of the act to toughman and badman competitions and prohibits both professional and amateur toughman and badman competitions. Provides a second-degree misdemeanor penalty. Requires surety bonds to apply to promoters. Increases the minimum amount for surety bonds from \$3,000 to \$15,000, and revises the options to posting a surety bond. Eliminates a \$10 filing fee. Revises provisions which regulate weights, classes, and gloves.

Revises provisions relating to the medical advisory council. Provides for the appointment of the council by the commission, rather than the Governor, and revises terms of council members.

Revises the time for examination of participants by a physician and the filing of the physician's report. Revises provisions relating to distribution of purses to participants. Requires promoters and managers to retain

1 certain information for a designated time. Provides for  
2 the appointment of judges at a boxing match by the  
3 executive director of the commission. Requires certain  
4 qualifications for referees, judges, and officials.  
5 Removes a requirement that scorecards be turned in at the  
6 end of each contest.  
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