

By Representatives Pickens and Davis

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Florida State Boxing
3 Commission; amending s. 548.002, F.S.;
4 providing a definition; amending s. 548.003,
5 F.S.; requiring one member of the Florida State
6 Boxing Commission to be a licensed physician;
7 providing additional duties and
8 responsibilities of the commission; amending s.
9 548.008, F.S.; increasing the penalty for
10 participating in or promoting a toughman or
11 badman competition; providing for certification
12 of violations; amending s. 548.017, F.S.;
13 providing requirements for ringside physicians;
14 amending s. 548.021, F.S.; providing a criminal
15 penalty for attempting to obtain a license by
16 means of fraudulent information; creating s.
17 548.024, F.S.; authorizing the commission to
18 adopt rules which provide for background
19 investigations of applicants for licensure;
20 authorizing the commission to require
21 submission of fingerprint cards; providing
22 procedure for processing fingerprint cards;
23 amending s. 548.028, F.S.; expanding provisions
24 with respect to persons whom the commission
25 shall not license; amending s. 548.041, F.S.;
26 providing requirements and restrictions with
27 respect to age, condition, and suspension of
28 boxers; providing for revocation of license
29 under specified circumstances; amending s.
30 548.043, F.S.; providing requirements and
31 procedure for the weighing of participants in a

1 boxing match; amending s. 548.046, F.S.;

2 revising provisions with respect to physicians'

3 attendance at boxing matches; providing state

4 insurance coverage and sovereign immunity

5 protection for assigned physicians; requiring

6 the provision of urine samples by participants

7 under specified circumstances; providing for

8 revocation of license for failure or refusal to

9 provide a required urine sample; providing

10 conditions with respect to forfeiture and

11 redistribution of purse upon failure or refusal

12 to provide a required urine sample; specifying

13 authority of physicians at boxing matches;

14 providing procedure in the event of injury of a

15 referee; amending s. 548.049, F.S.; increasing

16 the minimum coverage amount of required

17 insurance for participants in boxing matches;

18 requiring promoters to pay any deductible for

19 such insurance policy; amending s. 548.05,

20 F.S.; providing additional requirements with

21 respect to contracts between managers and

22 professionals; amending s. 548.057, F.S.;

23 placing specified restrictions on judges of

24 boxing matches; providing requirements with

25 respect to number and location of judges;

26 amending s. 548.06, F.S.; providing that

27 required reports and tax payments on total

28 gross receipts of matches apply only to matches

29 held within the state; exempting the sale of

30 tickets for the viewing of matches via closed

31 circuit telecast; amending s. 548.061, F.S.;

1 requiring promoters holding or showing boxing
2 matches on a closed circuit telecast viewed
3 within the state to file required reports and
4 remit gross receipts tax payments for such
5 showings; amending s. 548.074, F.S.; providing
6 that the department shall have the power to
7 administer oaths, take depositions, make
8 inspections, serve subpoenas, and compel the
9 attendance of witnesses and other evidence;
10 amending s. 548.075, F.S.; authorizing the
11 commission to adopt rules to permit the
12 issuance of citations; repealing s. 548.045,
13 F.S., relating to the creation, qualifications,
14 compensation, and powers and duties of the
15 medical advisory council; providing an
16 effective date.

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

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20 Section 1. Subsection (17) of section 548.002, Florida
21 Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (18), and a new
22 subsection (17) is added to said section to read:

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24 548.002 Definitions.--As used in this act, the term:
25 (17) "Second" or "cornerman" means a person who
26 assists the fight participant between rounds and maintains the
corner of the participant during the match.

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28 Section 2. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 548.003,
29 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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31 548.003 Florida State Boxing Commission; powers;
organization; meetings; accountability of commission members;

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1 compensation and travel expenses; association membership and
2 participation.--

3 (1) The Florida State Boxing Commission is created and
4 is assigned to the Department of Business and Professional
5 Regulation for administrative and fiscal accountability
6 purposes only. The Florida State Boxing Commission shall
7 consist of five members appointed by the Governor, subject to
8 confirmation by the Senate. One member must be a physician
9 licensed pursuant to chapter 458 or chapter 459, who must
10 maintain an unencumbered license in good standing, and who
11 must, at the time of her or his appointment, have practiced
12 medicine for at least 5 years. Upon the expiration of the term
13 of a commissioner, the Governor shall appoint a successor to
14 serve for a 4-year term. A commissioner whose term has expired
15 shall continue to serve on the commission until such time as a
16 replacement is appointed. If a vacancy on the commission
17 occurs prior to the expiration of the term, it shall be filled
18 for the unexpired portion of the term in the same manner as
19 the original appointment.

20 (2) The Florida State Boxing Commission, as created by
21 subsection (1), shall administer the provisions of this
22 chapter. The commission has authority to adopt rules pursuant
23 to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement the provisions of
24 this chapter and to implement each of the duties and
25 responsibilities conferred upon the commission, including, but
26 not limited to:

27 (a) Development of an ethical code of conduct for
28 commissioners, commission staff, and commission officials;

29 (b) Facility and safety requirements relating to the
30 ring, floor plan and apron seating, emergency medical
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1 equipment and services, and other equipment and services
2 necessary for the conduct of a program of matches;

3 (c) Requirements regarding a participant's apparel,
4 bandages, handwraps, gloves, mouthpiece, and appearance during
5 a match;

6 (d) Requirements relating to a manager's
7 participation, presence, and conduct during a match;

8 (e) Duties and responsibilities of all licensees under
9 this chapter;

10 (f) Procedures for hearings and resolution of
11 disputes;

12 (g) Qualifications for appointment of referees and
13 judges;

14 (h) Qualifications for and appointment of chief
15 inspectors and inspectors, and duties and responsibilities of
16 chief inspectors and inspectors with respect to oversight and
17 coordination of activities for each program of matches
18 regulated under this chapter;

19 (i) Designation and duties of a knockdown timekeeper;
20 and

21 (j) Setting fee and reimbursement schedules for
22 referees and other officials appointed by the commission or
23 the representative of the commission.

24 Section 3. Section 548.008, Florida Statutes, is
25 amended to read:

26 548.008 Toughman and badman competition prohibited.--

27 (1) No professional or amateur toughman or badman
28 match, as described in this section, may be held in this
29 state. Such competition includes any contest or exhibition
30 where participants compete by using a combination of fighting
31 skills. Such skills may include, but are not limited to,

1 boxing, wrestling, kicking, or martial arts skills.
2 Notwithstanding the above, this section shall not preclude
3 kickboxing as regulated by this chapter.

4 (2) Any person participating in or promoting a
5 professional or amateur toughman or badman match is guilty of
6 a felony of the third degree ~~misdemeanor of the second degree~~,
7 punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

8 (3) Upon certification by the commission that a
9 violation of this section has occurred or may occur, local law
10 enforcement shall take action pursuant to this section. The
11 commission may delegate its authority to certify a violation
12 to the executive director.

13 Section 4. Section 548.017, Florida Statutes, is
14 amended to read:

15 548.017 Boxers, managers, and other persons required
16 to have licenses.--

17 (1) A professional participant, manager, trainer,
18 second, timekeeper, referee, judge, announcer, physician,
19 matchmaker, or booking agent or representative of a booking
20 agent shall be licensed before directly or indirectly acting
21 in such capacity in connection with any match involving a
22 professional. A physician must be licensed pursuant to chapter
23 458 or chapter 459, must maintain an unencumbered license in
24 good standing, and must demonstrate satisfactory medical
25 training or experience in boxing, or a combination of both, to
26 the executive director prior to working as the ringside
27 physician.

28 (2) A violation of this section is a misdemeanor of
29 the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s.
30 775.083.

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1 Section 5. Section 548.021, Florida Statutes, is
2 amended to read:

3 548.021 Applications for licenses and permits.--

4 (1) An application for a license or a permit must:

5 ~~(a)(1)~~ Be in writing on a form supplied by the
6 commission which shall contain the applicant's social security
7 number.

8 ~~(b)(2)~~ Be verified by the applicant.

9 ~~(c)(3)~~ Be complete and have attached to the
10 application any photographs and other exhibits required.

11 ~~(2)(4)~~ Pursuant to the federal Personal Responsibility
12 and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, each party is
13 required to provide his or her social security number in
14 accordance with this section. Disclosure of social security
15 numbers obtained through this requirement shall be limited to
16 the purpose of administration of the Title IV-D program for
17 child support enforcement.

18 (3) Any person who seeks to obtain a license by means
19 of false or fraudulent representations made in any application
20 or who otherwise makes false statements concerning her or his
21 medical history, boxing record, or other personal information
22 commits a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as
23 provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

24 Section 6. Section 548.024, Florida Statutes, is
25 created to read:

26 548.024 Background investigation of applicants for
27 licensure.--

28 (1) The commission is authorized to adopt rules
29 pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 which provide for
30 background investigations of applicants for licensure under
31 this chapter for the purpose of ensuring the accuracy of the

1 information provided in the application; ensuring that there
2 are no active or pending criminal or civil indictments against
3 the applicant; and ensuring satisfaction of all other
4 requirements of this chapter. The background investigation may
5 include, but is not limited to, the criminal and financial
6 history of the applicant.

7 (2) If the commission requires a background criminal
8 history investigation of any applicant, it may require the
9 applicant to submit to the department a fingerprint card for
10 this purpose. The fingerprint card shall be forwarded to the
11 Division of Criminal Justice Information Systems within the
12 Department of Law Enforcement and the Federal Bureau of
13 Investigation for purposes of processing the fingerprint card
14 to determine if the applicant has a criminal history record.
15 The information obtained by the processing of the fingerprint
16 card by the Department of Law Enforcement and the Federal
17 Bureau of Investigation shall be sent to the department for
18 the purpose of determining if the applicant is statutorily
19 qualified for licensure.

20 Section 7. Section 548.028, Florida Statutes, is
21 amended to read:

22 548.028 Refusal to issue license.--The commission
23 shall not issue a license to:

24 (1) Any person or business entity that ~~who in any~~
25 ~~jurisdiction~~ has been convicted of any act, or who has a
26 trustee, partner, officer, director, or owner that has been
27 convicted of any act, which would constitute a violation of
28 this chapter or which would constitute any of the grounds set
29 forth in this chapter for suspension or revocation of a
30 license or against whom such charges are pending before any
31 regulatory body; or

1 (2) Any person or business entity that ~~who~~ has been
2 named in any an information or indictment, or who has a
3 trustee, partner, officer, director, or owner that has been
4 named in an information or indictment,for any act which would
5 constitute a violation of this chapter or a ground for
6 suspension or revocation of a license.

7 Section 8. Section 548.041, Florida Statutes, is
8 amended to read:

9 (Substantial rewording of section. See
10 s. 548.041, F.S., for present text.)

11 548.041 Age, condition, and suspension of boxers.--

12 (1) A person shall not be licensed as a participant,
13 and the license of any participant shall be suspended or
14 revoked, if such person:

15 (a) Is under the age of 18;

16 (b) Has participated in a match in this state which
17 was not sanctioned by the commission or sanctioned by a Native
18 American commission properly constituted under federal law; or

19 (c) Does not meet certain health and medical
20 examination conditions as required by rule of the commission.

21 (2)(a) A participant losing by knockout as a result of
22 being counted out in any jurisdiction shall be automatically
23 suspended for a period of time as determined by the attending
24 physician or commission representative, or 60 calendar days
25 from the date of the knockout, whichever is longer. A
26 participant shall not engage in any match, contact exhibition,
27 or contact sparring for training purposes during the
28 suspension period. After the suspension period and prior to
29 engaging in any match, contact exhibition, or contact sparring
30 for training purposes, the participant shall be examined by a
31 physician. The participant shall advise the physician of the

1 previous knockout or technical draw and shall provide medical
2 records or his or her permission for the physician to consult
3 with the treating physician at the time of the previous
4 knockout or technical draw. The results of this examination
5 shall be filed with the commission prior to any further
6 matches being approved for the participant.

7 (b) A participant losing by technical knockout,
8 technical draw, or disqualification shall be automatically
9 suspended for a period of time to be determined by the
10 physician or commission representative, or 30 calendar days
11 from the date of the technical knockout, technical draw, or
12 disqualification, whichever is longer. A participant shall not
13 engage in any match, contact exhibition, or contact sparring
14 for training purposes during the suspension period without the
15 approval of the physician. After the suspension period and
16 prior to engaging in any match, contact exhibition, or contact
17 sparring for training purposes, the participant shall be
18 examined by a physician. The participant shall advise the
19 physician of the previous knockout or technical draw and shall
20 provide medical records or his or her permission for the
21 physician to consult with the treating physician at the time
22 of the previous knockout or technical draw. The results of
23 this examination shall be filed with the commission prior to
24 any further matches being approved for the participant. In the
25 case of a disqualification, the commission representative
26 shall determine whether a medical clearance shall be required
27 following suspension.

28 (c) Any participant who has been suspended by any
29 state as a result of a recent knockout or series of
30 consecutive losses, an injury, requirement for a medical
31 procedure, physician denial of certification, failure of a

1 drug test, the use of false aliases, or the falsifying or
2 attempting to falsify official identification cards or
3 documents shall not be permitted to participate in this state
4 until such time as the state in which the participant is
5 suspended removes his or her name from the suspension list or
6 until the requirements of such suspension have been fulfilled
7 and proof of such has been provided to this state. If a
8 participant has been suspended in another state for any reason
9 other than those stated in this paragraph, the participant may
10 be permitted to participate if the state in which the
11 participant is suspended is notified and consulted with by
12 this state prior to the granting of approval to participate or
13 the participant appeals to the Association of Boxing
14 Commissions and the association determines that the suspension
15 of such participant was without sufficient grounds, for an
16 improper purpose, or not related to the health and safety of
17 the participant.

18 (d) Any participant who fails to appear at a match or
19 fails to appear at a match at the designated time for which
20 the participant or the participant's manager has contracted
21 and does not provide a valid reason or, in the case of
22 physical disability, furnish a physician's certificate, shall
23 be suspended for a period to be determined by the commission
24 or shall be fined or both, as determined by the commission.

25 (e) The license of any participant shall be revoked
26 and shall not be reinstated if such participant intentionally
27 strikes, strikes at, or touches in any way or threatens to
28 touch in any way, any official.

29 Section 9. Subsection (4) is added to section 548.043,
30 Florida Statutes, to read:

31 548.043 Weights and classes, limitations; gloves.--

1 (4) Participants in a match shall be weighed on the
2 same scale at a time and place to be determined by the
3 commission or a commission representative. The weigh-in shall
4 be conducted in the presence of the opponent of the
5 participant and a commission representative. If a participant
6 fails to arrive at the weigh-in at the scheduled time and
7 place, the opponent of the late-arriving participant will be
8 permitted to be weighed without the late-arriving participant
9 present. The participant who arrived at the weigh-in on time
10 shall not lose his right of observing the weighing in of his
11 opponent. The weigh-in shall occur no sooner than 4:00 p.m.
12 on the day preceding the date of the program of matches or at
13 such other time as designated by the commission or commission
14 representative.

15 Section 10. Section 548.046, Florida Statutes, is
16 amended to read:

17 548.046 Physician's attendance at match; examinations;
18 cancellation of match.--

19 (1) The commission, or the commission representative,
20 shall assign to each match at least one a physician who shall
21 observe the physical condition of the participants and advise
22 the commissioner or commission representative ~~deputy~~ in charge
23 and the referee of the participants' conditions before, ~~and~~
24 during, ~~and after~~ the match. The commission shall establish a
25 schedule of fees for the physician's services. The
26 physician's fee shall be paid by the promoter of the match
27 attended by the physician. The physician shall be considered
28 an agent of the commission in determining the state insurance
29 coverage and sovereign immunity protection applicability of
30 ss. 284.31 and 768.28.

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1 (2) In addition to any other required examination,
2 each participant shall be examined by the attending physician
3 at the time of weigh-in. If the physician determines that a
4 participant is physically or mentally unfit to proceed, the
5 physician shall notify any commissioner or the commission
6 representative who shall immediately cancel the match. The
7 examination shall conform to rules adopted by the commission
8 ~~based on the advice of the medical advisory council.~~ The
9 result of the examination shall be reported in a writing
10 signed by the physician and filed with the commission prior to
11 completion of the weigh-in.

12 (3)(a) In a match which is a sanctioned championship
13 title fight, or whenever the commission representative has
14 reason to believe that a participant has ingested or used a
15 prohibited drug or foreign substance, the commission
16 representative shall request and the participant shall
17 provide, under the supervision of the attending physician,
18 commission representative, or inspector, a sample or samples
19 of his or her urine taken not less than 1 hour before the
20 commencement of the match nor more than 1 hour after the
21 conclusion of the match. No participant shall use substances
22 or methods which could alter the integrity of the urine
23 sample. Urine samples shall be taken in accordance with the
24 protocol as agreed upon in writing between the commission and
25 the laboratory used for processing the urine samples.

26 (b) The commission may require urine samples, as
27 provided in paragraph (a), to be conducted randomly. In the
28 event one participant in a match is tested randomly, then the
29 other participant in the match shall be tested also.

30 (c) Failure or refusal to provide a urine sample
31 immediately upon request shall result in the revocation of the

1 participant's license. Any participant who has been adjudged
2 the loser of a match and who subsequently refuses to or is
3 unable to provide a urine sample shall forfeit his or her
4 share of the purse to the commission. Any participant who is
5 adjudged the winner of a match and who subsequently refuses to
6 or is unable to provide a urine sample shall forfeit the win
7 and shall not be allowed to engage in any future match in
8 Florida. A no decision result shall be entered into the
9 official record as the result of the match. The purse shall be
10 redistributed as though the participant found to be in
11 violation of this subsection had lost the match. If
12 redistribution of the purse is not necessary or after
13 redistribution of the purse is completed, the participant
14 found to be in violation of this subsection shall forfeit his
15 or her share of the purse to the commission.

16 (4) The attending physician or physicians shall
17 provide medical assistance at the facility, to the commission
18 representative, and medical advice to the referee during the
19 match, and shall be accorded the cooperation of all commission
20 representatives and licensees present for the purpose of
21 performing his or her medical duties. If, in the opinion of
22 the attending physician, the referee has received an injury
23 which prohibits the referee from continuing to officiate, the
24 physician shall notify the commission representative who shall
25 temporarily halt the match. The injured referee shall be
26 attended to by the physician until the referee is no longer in
27 danger or has been transferred to the care of another
28 qualified person. The commission representative shall then
29 direct the match to continue under the supervision of the
30 referee or under the supervision of another referee, if the
31 referee is unable to continue.

1 Section 11. Section 548.049, Florida Statutes, is
2 amended to read:

3 548.049 Medical, surgical, and hospital insurance;
4 life insurance.--

5 (1) The commission shall, by rule, require
6 participants to be covered by not less than ~~\$20,000~~\$2,500 of
7 insurance for medical, surgical, and hospital care required as
8 a result of injuries sustained while engaged in matches. The
9 insured shall be the beneficiary of such policies. Any
10 deductible associated with the insurance policy shall be paid
11 by the promoter and shall not be paid by or charged to the
12 participant.

13 (2) The commission may also require participants to be
14 covered by not less than ~~\$20,000~~\$5,000 of life insurance
15 covering deaths caused by injuries received while engaged in
16 matches.

17 Section 12. Subsection (1) of section 548.05, Florida
18 Statutes, is amended to read:

19 548.05 Control of contracts.--

20 (1) The commission shall adopt rules governing the
21 form and content of contracts executed in this state between
22 managers between promoters, foreign copromoters, and
23 professionals. All such contracts shall be in writing and
24 shall contain all provisions specifically worded as required
25 by rules of the commission. Contracts which do not contain all
26 provisions specifically worded as required by rules of the
27 commission shall be deemed to contain such provisions. A copy
28 of all such contracts shall be filed with the commission
29 within 7 calendar days of execution.

30 Section 13. Subsections (6) through (11) are added to
31 section 548.057, Florida Statutes, to read:

1 548.057 ~~Attendance of~~ Referee and judges; attendance
2 at match; scoring; seconds.--

3 (6) No judge licensed in this state shall act as a
4 judge at any match in a state, territory, commonwealth, or
5 Native American Reservation that is not regulated by a state
6 boxing commission unless the match is supervised by a state
7 boxing commission or a Native American commission properly
8 constituted under federal law.

9 (7) No judge shall also serve as a supervisor or on
10 the ratings committee or recommend boxers to the ratings
11 committee for a sanctioning body.

12 (8) Any person whose application for a judge's license
13 has been denied shall not be permitted to reapply for a
14 judge's license for a period of 6 months. Any person whose
15 application for a judge's license has been denied on three
16 occasions shall not be permitted to reapply.

17 (9) The number of judges shall be assigned in
18 accordance with rules of the commission. The number of
19 unofficial judges at each event shall be limited to three by
20 the commission.

21 (10) The judges shall be located in seats designated
22 for them by the commission representative.

23 (11) In the event that sufficient judges are not
24 available, a referee shall be selected to act as a judge for
25 that specific program of matches.

26 Section 14. Section 548.06, Florida Statutes, is
27 amended to read:

28 548.06 Payments to state for matches held within the
29 state; exemptions.--

30 (1) A promoter holding a match within the state shall,
31 within 72 hours after the match, file with the commission a

1 written report which includes the number of tickets sold, the
2 amount of gross receipts, and any other facts the commission
3 may require. For the purposes of this chapter, total gross
4 receipts include:

5 (a) The gross price charged for the sale or lease of
6 broadcasting, television, and motion picture rights without
7 any deductions for commissions, brokerage fees, distribution
8 fees, advertising, or other expenses or charges;

9 (b) The portion of the receipts from the sale of
10 souvenirs, programs, and other concessions received by the
11 promoter; and

12 (c) The face value of all tickets sold and
13 complimentary tickets issued.

14 (2) The written report shall be accompanied by a tax
15 payment in the amount of 5 percent of the total gross receipts
16 exclusive of any federal taxes, except that the tax payment
17 derived from the gross price charged for the sale or lease of
18 broadcasting, television, and motion picture rights shall not
19 exceed \$40,000 for any single event.

20 (3)(a) Any promoter who willfully makes a false and
21 fraudulent report under this section is guilty of perjury and,
22 upon conviction, is subject to punishment as provided by law.
23 Such penalty shall be in addition to any other penalties
24 imposed by this chapter.

25 (b) Any promoter who willfully fails, neglects, or
26 refuses to make a report or to pay the taxes as prescribed or
27 who refuses to allow the commission to examine the books,
28 papers, and records of any promotion is guilty of a
29 misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s.
30 775.082 or s. 775.083.

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1 (4) This section does not apply to the sale of tickets
2 sold for the viewing of matches via closed circuit telecast.

3 Section 15. Section 548.061, Florida Statutes, is
4 amended to read:

5 548.061 Payments to the state;closed circuit
6 television.--Each promoter ~~person or club~~ that holds or shows
7 any boxing ~~or sparring~~ matches on a closed circuit telecast
8 viewed within this state, whether originating within this
9 state or another state, shall file a written report, under
10 oath, which states the exact number of tickets sold for the
11 showing within the state, the amount of gross receipts for the
12 showing within this state, and any other information the
13 commission requires and shall, within 72 hours after the
14 telecast, pay a tax of 5 percent of its total gross receipts
15 from the sale of tickets for the showing within the state.

16 Section 16. Section 548.074, Florida Statutes, is
17 amended to read:

18 548.074 Power to administer oaths, take depositions,
19 and issue subpoenas.--For the purpose of any investigation or
20 proceeding conducted pursuant to this chapter, the department
21 shall have the power to administer oaths, take depositions,
22 make inspections when authorized by statute, issue subpoenas
23 which shall be supported by affidavit, serve subpoenas and
24 other process, and compel the attendance of witnesses and the
25 production of books, papers, documents, and other evidence.
26 The department shall exercise this power on its own initiative
27 or whenever requested by the commission. Challenges to, and
28 enforcement of, subpoenas and orders shall be handled as
29 provided in s. 120.569.~~In addition to the powers of subpoena~~
30 ~~in chapter 120, each member of the commission may issue~~
31 ~~subpoenas requiring the attendance and testimony of, or the~~

1 ~~production of books and papers by, any person whom the~~
2 ~~commission believes to have information or documents of~~
3 ~~importance to any commission investigation.~~

4 Section 17. Section 548.075, Florida Statutes, is
5 amended to read:

6 548.075 Administrative fines; citations.--

7 (1) The commission may impose a fine of not more than
8 \$5,000 for any violation of this chapter in lieu of or in
9 addition to any other punishment provided for such violation.

10 (2) The commission may adopt rules pursuant to ss.
11 120.54 and 120.536(1) to permit the issuance of citations for
12 any violation of this chapter in lieu of or in addition to any
13 other punishment provided for such violation.

14 Section 18. Section 548.045, Florida Statutes, is
15 repealed.

16 Section 19. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
17 law.

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HOUSE SUMMARY

Revises various provisions relating to the Florida State Boxing Commission. Defines "second" or "cornerman" for purposes of the act. Requires one member of the Florida State Boxing Commission to be a licensed physician. Provides additional duties and responsibilities of the commission. Increases, from a second degree misdemeanor to a third degree felony, the penalty for participating in or promoting a toughman or badman competition. Provides for certification of violations with respect to toughman or badman competitions. Provides requirements for ringside physicians. Provides a second degree misdemeanor penalty for attempting to obtain a license by means of false or fraudulent representations or false statements. Authorizes the commission to adopt rules which provide for background investigations of applicants for licensure. Authorizes the commission to require submission of fingerprint cards and provides procedure for processing such cards. Expands provisions with respect to persons whom the commission will not license. Provides requirements and restrictions with respect to age, condition, and suspension of boxers. Provides for revocation of license of any participant who intentionally strikes, touches, or threatens to touch any official. Provides requirements and procedure for the weighing of participants in a boxing match. Revises provisions with respect to physicians' attendance at boxing matches. Requires the provision of urine samples by participants under specified circumstances. Provides for revocation of license for failure or refusal to provide a required urine sample. Provides conditions with respect to forfeiture and redistribution of purse upon failure or refusal to provide a required urine sample. Specifies authority of physicians at boxing matches. Provides procedure in the event of injury of a referee. Increases, from \$2,500 to \$20,000, the minimum coverage amount of required insurance for participants in boxing matches and requires promoters to pay any deductible for such insurance policy. Increases, from \$5,000 to \$20,000, the minimum coverage amount for life insurance covering death while engaged in a boxing match which the department is authorized to require of participants. Provides additional requirements with respect to contracts between managers and professionals. Places specified restrictions on judges of boxing matches. Provides requirements with respect to number and location of judges. Provides that required reports and tax payments on total gross receipts of matches apply only to matches held within the state. Requires promoters holding or showing boxing matches on a closed circuit telecast viewed within the state to file required reports and remit gross receipts tax payments for such showings. Provides that the department shall have the power to administer oaths, take depositions, make inspections, serve subpoenas, and compel the attendance of witnesses and other evidence. Authorizes the commission to adopt rules to permit the issuance of citations. Eliminates the medical advisory council.