

By Representative Pickens

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 definitions; creating s. 548.015,  
5           F.S.; authorizing the commission to require the  
6           posting of a bond or other form of security by  
7           concessionaires; amending s. 548.003, F.S.;  
8           requiring one member of the Florida State  
9           Boxing Commission to be a licensed physician;  
10          providing additional duties and  
11          responsibilities of the commission; requiring  
12          the commission to make recommendations with  
13          respect to unregulated and unsanctioned boxing  
14          competitions; amending s. 548.017, F.S.;  
15          providing requirements for ringside physicians;  
16          requiring concessionaires to be licensed;  
17          amending s. 548.021, F.S.; providing a criminal  
18          penalty for attempting to obtain a license by  
19          means of fraudulent information; creating s.  
20          548.024, F.S.; authorizing the commission to  
21          adopt rules providing for background  
22          investigations of applicants for licensure;  
23          providing for the submission of fingerprint  
24          cards; providing procedure for processing  
25          fingerprint cards; amending s. 548.028, F.S.;  
26          expanding provisions with respect to persons  
27          whom the commission may not license; amending  
28          s. 548.041, F.S.; providing requirements and  
29          restrictions with respect to age, condition,  
30          and suspension of boxers; providing for  
31          revocation of license under specified

1           circumstances; amending s. 548.043, F.S.;

2           providing requirements and procedure for the

3           weighing of participants in a boxing match;

4           amending s. 548.046, F.S.; revising provisions

5           with respect to physicians' attendance at

6           boxing matches; providing state insurance

7           coverage and sovereign immunity protection for

8           assigned physicians; authorizing blood tests of

9           participants prior to a match; providing for

10          cancellation of the match for a test showing

11          the presence of a communicable disease or for

12          failure to present blood test results, if

13          required; authorizing the commission to adopt

14          rules relating to blood tests; requiring the

15          provision of urine samples by participants

16          under specified circumstances; providing for

17          revocation of license for failure or refusal to

18          provide a required urine sample; providing

19          conditions with respect to forfeiture and

20          redistribution of purse upon failure or refusal

21          to provide a required urine sample; specifying

22          authority of physicians at boxing matches;

23          providing procedure in the event of injury of a

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

25          the minimum coverage amount of required

26          insurance for participants in boxing matches;

27          requiring promoters to pay any deductible for

28          such insurance policy; amending s. 548.05,

29          F.S.; providing additional requirements with

30          respect to contracts between managers and

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

1 placing specified restrictions on judges of  
2 boxing matches; providing requirements with  
3 respect to number and location of judges;  
4 amending s. 548.06, F.S., relating to payments  
5 to the state; revising components which  
6 constitute gross receipts; providing  
7 requirements with respect to the sale or  
8 extension of rights to a telecast of a match  
9 held in the state; requiring a written report;  
10 requiring concessionaires to file specified  
11 written reports; providing requirements with  
12 respect to written reports; amending s.  
13 548.074, F.S.; providing that the department  
14 shall have the power to administer oaths, take  
15 depositions, make inspections, serve subpoenas,  
16 and compel the attendance of witnesses and  
17 other evidence; amending s. 548.075, F.S.;  
18 authorizing the commission to adopt rules to  
19 permit the issuance of citations; providing an  
20 effective date.

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

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24 Section 1. Section 548.002, Florida Statutes, is  
25 amended to read:

26 548.002 Definitions.--As used in this act, the term:

27 (1) "Amateur" means a person who has never received  
28 nor competed for any purse or other article of value, either  
29 for the expenses of training or for participating in a match,  
30 other than a prize of \$50 in value or less.

31 (2) "Boxing" means to compete with the fists.

1           (3) "Commission" means the Florida State Boxing  
2 Commission.

3           (4) "Concessionaire" means any person or business  
4 entity not licensed as a promoter which receives revenues or  
5 other compensation from the sale of tickets or from the sale  
6 of souvenirs, programs, broadcast rights, or any other  
7 concessions in conjunction with the promotion of a match.

8           ~~(5)(4)~~ "Contest" means a boxing or kickboxing  
9 engagement in which the participants strive earnestly to win.

10          ~~(6)(5)~~ "Department" means the Department of Business  
11 and Professional Regulation.

12          ~~(7)(6)~~ "Exhibition" means a boxing or kickboxing  
13 engagement in which the participants show or display their  
14 skill without necessarily striving to win.

15          ~~(8)(7)~~ "Foreign copromoter" means a promoter who has  
16 no place of business within this state.

17          ~~(9)(8)~~ "Judge" means a person who has a vote in  
18 determining the winner of any contest.

19          ~~(10)(9)~~ "Kickboxing" means to compete with the fists,  
20 feet, legs, or any combination thereof, and includes  
21 "punchkick" and other similar competitions.

22          ~~(11)(10)~~ "Manager" means any person who, directly or  
23 indirectly, controls or administers the boxing or kickboxing  
24 affairs of any participant.

25          ~~(12)(11)~~ "Match" means any contest or exhibition.

26          ~~(13)(12)~~ "Matchmaker" means a person who brings  
27 together professionals or arranges matches for professionals.

28          ~~(14)(13)~~ "Physician" means an individual licensed to  
29 practice medicine and surgery in this state.

30          ~~(15)(14)~~ "Professional" means a person who has  
31 received or competed for any purse or other article of a value

1 greater than \$50, either for the expenses of training or for  
2 participating in any match.

3 (16)~~(15)~~ "Promoter" means any person, and includes any  
4 officer, director, employee, or stockholder of a corporate  
5 promoter, who produces, arranges, or stages any match  
6 involving a professional.

7 (17)~~(16)~~ "Purse" means the financial guarantee or  
8 other remuneration for which a professional is participating  
9 in a match and includes the professional's share of any  
10 payment received for radio broadcasting, television, and  
11 motion picture rights.

12 (18) "Second" or "cornerman" means a person who  
13 assists the fight participant between rounds and maintains the  
14 corner of the participant during the match.

15 (19)~~(17)~~ "Secretary" means the Secretary of Business  
16 and Professional Regulation.

17 Section 2. Section 548.015, Florida Statutes, is  
18 created to read:

19 548.015 Concessionaires; security.--The commission may  
20 require that before any license is issued or renewed to a  
21 concessionaire, or before the holding of a match, the  
22 concessionaire must file a surety bond, a cash deposit, or  
23 some other form of security with the commission in such  
24 reasonable amount as the commission determines.

25 Section 3. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 548.003,  
26 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

27 548.003 Florida State Boxing Commission; organization;  
28 meetings; accountability of commission members; compensation  
29 and travel expenses; association membership and  
30 participation.--

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

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

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

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

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

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

6           (e) Duties and responsibilities of all licensees under  
7 this chapter;

8           (f) Procedures for hearings and resolution of  
9 disputes;

10          (g) Qualifications for appointment of referees and  
11 judges;

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

17          (i) Designation and duties of a knockdown timekeeper;  
18 and

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

22           Section 4. The Florida State Boxing Commission shall  
23 conduct a review and analysis of boxing competitions not  
24 currently regulated or sanctioned, and shall provide  
25 recommendations to the department and the Legislature  
26 regarding any rules or legislation necessary to achieve  
27 effective regulation.

28           Section 5. Section 548.017, Florida Statutes, is  
29 amended to read:

30           548.017 Boxers, managers, and other persons required  
31 to have licenses.--

1           (1) A professional participant, manager, trainer,  
2 second, timekeeper, referee, judge, announcer, physician,  
3 matchmaker, concessionaire, or booking agent or representative  
4 of a booking agent shall be licensed before directly or  
5 indirectly acting in such capacity in connection with any  
6 match involving a professional. A physician must be licensed  
7 pursuant to chapter 458 or chapter 459, must maintain an  
8 unencumbered license in good standing, and must demonstrate  
9 satisfactory medical training or experience in boxing, or a  
10 combination of both, to the executive director prior to  
11 working as the ringside physician.

12           (2) A violation of this section is a misdemeanor of  
13 the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s.  
14 775.083.

15           Section 6. Section 548.021, Florida Statutes, is  
16 amended to read:

17           548.021 Applications for licenses and permits.--

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

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

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

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

25           (2)~~(4)~~ Pursuant to the federal Personal Responsibility  
26 and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, each party is  
27 required to provide his or her social security number in  
28 accordance with this section. Disclosure of social security  
29 numbers obtained through this requirement shall be limited to  
30 the purpose of administration of the Title IV-D program for  
31 child support enforcement.



1           (3) Any person who seeks to obtain a license by  
2 knowingly making false or fraudulent representations in any  
3 application or who otherwise knowingly makes false statements  
4 concerning her or his medical history, boxing record, or other  
5 personal information commits a misdemeanor of the second  
6 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

7           Section 7. Section 548.024, Florida Statutes, is  
8 created to read:

9           548.024 Background investigation of applicants for  
10 licensure.--

11           (1) The commission is authorized to adopt rules  
12 pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 which provide for  
13 background investigations of applicants for licensure under  
14 this chapter for the purpose of ensuring the accuracy of the  
15 information provided in the application; ensuring that there  
16 are no active or pending criminal or civil indictments against  
17 the applicant; and ensuring satisfaction of all other  
18 requirements of this chapter. The background investigation may  
19 include, but is not limited to, the criminal and financial  
20 history of the applicant.

21           (2) If the commission requires a background criminal  
22 history investigation of any applicant, it shall require the  
23 applicant to submit to the department a fingerprint card for  
24 this purpose. The fingerprint card shall be forwarded to the  
25 Division of Criminal Justice Information Systems within the  
26 Department of Law Enforcement and the Federal Bureau of  
27 Investigation for purposes of processing the fingerprint card  
28 to determine if the applicant has a criminal history record.  
29 The information obtained by the processing of the fingerprint  
30 card by the Department of Law Enforcement and the Federal  
31 Bureau of Investigation shall be sent to the department for

1 the purpose of determining if the applicant is statutorily  
2 qualified for licensure.

3 Section 8. Section 548.028, Florida Statutes, is  
4 amended to read:

5 548.028 Refusal to issue license.--The commission  
6 shall not issue a license to:

7 (1) Any person or business entity that ~~who in any~~  
8 ~~jurisdiction~~ has been convicted of any act, or that has a  
9 trustee, partner, officer, director, or owner that has been  
10 convicted of any act, that ~~which~~ would constitute a violation  
11 of this chapter or ~~which~~ would constitute any of the grounds  
12 set forth in this chapter for suspension or revocation of a  
13 license or against whom such charges are pending before any  
14 regulatory body; or

15 (2) Any person or business entity that ~~who~~ has been  
16 named in ~~an~~ information or indictment, or that has a  
17 trustee, partner, officer, director, or owner that has been  
18 named in an information or indictment, for any act ~~that~~ ~~which~~  
19 would constitute a violation of this chapter or a ground for  
20 suspension or revocation of a license.

21 Section 9. Section 548.041, Florida Statutes, is  
22 amended to read:

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

25 548.041 Age, condition, and suspension of boxers.--

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

29 (a) Is under the age of 18;  
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1           (b) Has participated in a match in this state which  
2 was not sanctioned by the commission or by a Native American  
3 commission properly constituted under federal law; or

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

6           (2)(a) A participant losing by knockout as a result of  
7 being counted out in any jurisdiction shall be automatically  
8 suspended for a period of time as determined by the attending  
9 physician or commission representative, or 60 calendar days  
10 after the date of the knockout, whichever is longer. A  
11 participant shall not engage in any match, contact exhibition,  
12 or contact sparring for training purposes during the  
13 suspension period. After the suspension period and before  
14 engaging in any match, contact exhibition, or contact sparring  
15 for training purposes, the participant shall be examined by a  
16 physician. The participant shall advise the physician of the  
17 previous knockout or technical draw and shall provide medical  
18 records or his or her permission for the physician to consult  
19 with the physician who was the treating physician at the time  
20 of the previous knockout or technical draw. The results of  
21 this examination shall be filed with the commission before any  
22 further matches are approved for the participant.

23           (b) A participant losing by technical knockout,  
24 technical draw, or disqualification shall be automatically  
25 suspended for a period of time to be determined by the  
26 physician or commission representative, or 30 calendar days  
27 after the date of the technical knockout, technical draw, or  
28 disqualification, whichever is longer. A participant shall not  
29 engage in any match, contact exhibition, or contact sparring  
30 for training purposes during the suspension period without the  
31 approval of the physician. After the suspension period and

1 before engaging in any match, contact exhibition, or contact  
2 sparring for training purposes, the participant shall be  
3 examined by a physician. The participant shall advise the  
4 physician of the previous knockout or technical draw and shall  
5 provide medical records or his or her permission for the  
6 physician to consult with the physician who was the treating  
7 physician at the time of the previous knockout or technical  
8 draw. The results of this examination shall be filed with the  
9 commission before any further matches are approved for the  
10 participant. In the case of a disqualification, the commission  
11 representative shall determine whether a medical clearance  
12 shall be required following suspension.

13 (c) Any participant who has been suspended by any  
14 state as a result of a recent knockout or series of  
15 consecutive losses, an injury, requirement for a medical  
16 procedure, physician denial of certification, failure of a  
17 drug test, the use of aliases, or the falsifying or attempting  
18 to falsify official identification cards or documents shall  
19 not be permitted to participate in this state until such time  
20 as the state in which the participant is suspended removes his  
21 or her name from the suspension list or until the requirements  
22 of such suspension have been fulfilled and proof of such has  
23 been provided to this state. If a participant has been  
24 suspended in another state for any reason other than those  
25 stated in this paragraph, the participant may be permitted to  
26 participate if the state in which the participant is suspended  
27 is notified and consulted with by this state before the  
28 granting of approval to participate or the participant appeals  
29 to the Association of Boxing Commissions and the association  
30 determines that the suspension of such participant was without  
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1 sufficient grounds, for an improper purpose, or not related to  
2 the health and safety of the participant.

3 (d) Any participant who fails to appear at a match or  
4 fails to appear at a match at the designated time for which  
5 the participant or the participant's manager has contracted  
6 and does not provide a valid reason or, in the case of  
7 physical disability, furnish a physician's certificate shall  
8 be suspended for a period to be determined by the commission  
9 or shall be fined, or both, as determined by the commission.

10 (e) The license of any participant shall be revoked  
11 and shall not be reinstated if such participant intentionally  
12 strikes, strikes at, touches in any way, or threatens to touch  
13 in any way any official.

14 Section 10. Subsection (4) is added to section  
15 548.043, Florida Statutes, to read:

16 548.043 Weights and classes, limitations; gloves.--

17 (4) Participants in a match shall be weighed on the  
18 same scale at a time and place to be determined by the  
19 commission or a commission representative. The weigh-in shall  
20 be conducted in the presence of the opponent of the  
21 participant and a commission representative. If a participant  
22 fails to arrive at the weigh-in at the scheduled time and  
23 place, the opponent of the late-arriving participant will be  
24 permitted to be weighed without the late-arriving participant  
25 present. The participant who arrived at the weigh-in on time  
26 shall not lose his or her right of observing the weighing in  
27 of his or her opponent. The weigh-in shall occur no sooner  
28 than 4 p.m. on the day preceding the date of the program of  
29 matches or at such other time as designated by the commission  
30 or commission representative.

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1           Section 11. Section 548.046, Florida Statutes, is  
2 amended to read:

3           548.046 Physician's attendance at match; examinations;  
4 cancellation of match.--

5           (1) The commission, or the commission representative,  
6 shall assign to each match at least one ~~a~~ physician who shall  
7 observe the physical condition of the participants and advise  
8 the commissioner or commission representative ~~deputy~~ in charge  
9 and the referee of the participants' conditions before, ~~and~~  
10 during, and after the match. The commission shall establish a  
11 schedule of fees for the physician's services. The  
12 physician's fee shall be paid by the promoter of the match  
13 attended by the physician. The physician shall be considered  
14 an agent of the commission in determining the state insurance  
15 coverage and sovereign immunity protection applicability of  
16 ss. 284.31 and 768.28.

17           (2)(a) In addition to any other required examination,  
18 each participant shall be examined by the attending physician  
19 at the time of weigh-in. If the physician determines that a  
20 participant is physically or mentally unfit to proceed, the  
21 physician shall notify any commissioner or the commission  
22 representative who shall immediately cancel the match. The  
23 examination shall conform to rules adopted by the commission  
24 ~~based on the advice of the medical advisory council.~~ The  
25 result of the examination shall be reported in a writing  
26 signed by the physician and filed with the commission prior to  
27 completion of the weigh-in.

28           (b) The commission may require, by rule, each  
29 participant to present to the commission representative at the  
30 time of the weigh-in an original copy of blood test results  
31 which demonstrate whether the participant is free from any

1 communicable disease. If required by the commission and the  
2 blood test results are not presented as required by commission  
3 rule or reveal the participant has a communicable disease, the  
4 commission representative shall immediately cancel the match.  
5 The commission may adopt, by rule, protocols and procedures  
6 for the blood tests and the cancellation of a match, a list of  
7 communicable diseases covered by this paragraph, and a time  
8 period within which the blood test must be taken prior to the  
9 match.

10 (3)(a) In a match that is a sanctioned championship  
11 title fight, or whenever the commission representative has  
12 reason to believe that a participant has ingested or used a  
13 prohibited drug or foreign substance, the commission  
14 representative shall request and the participant shall  
15 provide, under the supervision of the attending physician,  
16 commission representative, or inspector, a sample or samples  
17 of his or her urine taken not less than 1 hour before the  
18 commencement of the match or more than 1 hour after the  
19 conclusion of the match. No participant shall use substances  
20 or methods which could alter the integrity of the urine  
21 sample. Urine samples shall be taken in accordance with the  
22 protocol as agreed upon in writing between the commission and  
23 the laboratory used for processing the urine samples.

24 (b) The commission may require urine samples, as  
25 provided in paragraph (a), to be done randomly. If one  
26 participant in a match is tested randomly, the other  
27 participant in the match shall be tested also.

28 (c) Failure or refusal to provide a urine sample  
29 immediately upon request shall result in the revocation of the  
30 participant's license. Any participant who has been adjudged  
31 the loser of a match and who subsequently refuses to or is

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

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

30 Section 12. Section 548.049, Florida Statutes, is  
31 amended to read:



1           548.049 Medical, surgical, and hospital insurance;  
2 life insurance.--

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

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

15           Section 13. Subsection (1) of section 548.05, Florida  
16 Statutes, is amended to read:

17           548.05 Control of contracts.--

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

28           Section 14. Subsections (6) through (11) are added to  
29 section 548.057, Florida Statutes, to read:

30           548.057 Attendance of referee and judges at match;  
31 scoring; seconds.--

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

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

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

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

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

21       (11) If sufficient judges are not available, a referee  
22 shall be selected to act as a judge for that specific program  
23 of matches.

24       Section 15. Subsection (1) of section 548.06, Florida  
25 Statutes, is amended, subsections (2) and (3) of said section  
26 are renumbered as subsections (5) and (6), respectively, and  
27 new subsections (2), (3), and (4) are added to said section,  
28 to read:

29       548.06 Payments to state; exemptions.--

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

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

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

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

11 (c) The face value of all tickets sold and  
12 complimentary tickets issued, provided, or given; and-

13 (d) The face value of any seat or seating issued,  
14 provided, or given in exchange for advertising, sponsorships,  
15 or anything of value to the promotion of an event.

16 (2) Where the rights to telecast a match or matches  
17 held in this state under the supervision of the Florida State  
18 Boxing Commission are in whole owned by, sold to, acquired by,  
19 or held by any person who intends to or subsequently sells or,  
20 in some other manner, extends such rights in part to another,  
21 such person is deemed to be a promoter and must be licensed as  
22 such in this state. Such person shall, within 72 hours after  
23 the sale, transfer, or extension of such rights in whole or in  
24 part, file with the commission a written report that includes  
25 the number of tickets sold, the amount of gross receipts, and  
26 any other facts the commission may require.

27 (3) A concessionaire shall, within 72 hours after the  
28 match, file with the commission a written report that includes  
29 the number of tickets sold, the amount of gross receipts, and  
30 any other facts the commission may require.

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1       (4) Any written report required to be filed with the  
2 commission under this section shall be postmarked within 72  
3 hours after the conclusion of the match, and an additional 5  
4 days shall be allowed for mailing.

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

7           548.074 Power to administer oaths, take depositions,  
8 and issue subpoenas.--For the purpose of any investigation or  
9 proceeding conducted pursuant to this chapter, the department  
10 shall have the power to administer oaths, take depositions,  
11 make inspections when authorized by statute, issue subpoenas  
12 which shall be supported by affidavit, serve subpoenas and  
13 other process, and compel the attendance of witnesses and the  
14 production of books, papers, documents, and other evidence.  
15 The department shall exercise this power on its own initiative  
16 or whenever requested by the commission. Challenges to, and  
17 enforcement of, subpoenas and orders shall be handled as  
18 provided in s. 120.569.~~In addition to the powers of subpoena~~  
19 ~~in chapter 120, each member of the commission may issue~~  
20 ~~subpoenas requiring the attendance and testimony of, or the~~  
21 ~~production of books and papers by, any person whom the~~  
22 ~~commission believes to have information or documents of~~  
23 ~~importance to any commission investigation.~~

24           Section 17. Section 548.075, Florida Statutes, is  
25 amended to read:

26           548.075 Administrative fines; citations.--

27           (1) The commission may impose a fine of not more than  
28 \$5,000 for any violation of this chapter in lieu of or in  
29 addition to any other punishment provided for such violation.

30           (2) The commission may adopt rules pursuant to ss.  
31 120.536(1) and 120.54 to permit the issuance of citations for

1 any violation of this chapter in lieu of or in addition to any  
2 other punishment provided for such violation.

3           Section 18. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
4 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. Authorizes the commission to require the posting of a bond or other form of security by concessionaires. Requires one member of the Florida State Boxing Commission to be a licensed physician. Provides additional duties and responsibilities of the commission. Requires the commission to make recommendations with respect to unregulated and unsanctioned boxing competitions. Provides requirements for ringside physicians. Requires licensing of concessionaires. 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. Provides for submission of fingerprint cards and provides procedure for processing such cards. Expands provisions with respect to persons whom the commission may 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. Authorizes blood tests of participants prior to a match. Provides for cancellation of a match for failure to present blood tests if required or if a blood test indicates the presence of a communicable disease. Authorizes the commission to adopt rules relating to blood tests. 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. Amends provisions relating to payments to the state, to revise components which constitute gross receipts. Provides requirements with respect to the sale or extension of rights to a telecast of a match held in the state, which include the filing of a written report. Requires concessionaires to file specified written reports. Provides that the department

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2 depositions, make inspections, serve subpoenas, and  
3 compel the attendance of witnesses and other evidence.  
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