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A bill to be entitled
 An act relating to pugilistic exhibitions; amending s.
 548.006, F.S.; requiring any amateur boxing, kickboxing,
 or mixed martial arts match held in this state to be
 sanctioned by a sanctioning body approved by the Florida
 State Boxing Commission; amending s. 548.007, F.S.,
 relating to applicability of ch. 548, F.S., to amateur
 matches and certain other matches or events, to conform;
 amending s. 548.008, F.S.; increasing the penalties for
 participating in or promoting a professional or amateur
 toughman or badman match; providing for construction of
 the act in pari materia with laws enacted during the 2003
 Regular Session or the 2003 Special Session A of the
 Legislature; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (4) is added to section 548.006,
 Florida Statutes, to read:

548.006 Power of commission to control pugilistic contests
 and exhibitions; certification of competitiveness of mixed
 martial arts and kickboxing matches.--

(4) Any amateur boxing, kickboxing, or mixed martial arts
 match held in this state must be sanctioned by a sanctioning
 body approved by the commission.

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

548.007 Applicability of act to amateur matches and
 certain other matches or events.--With the exception of ss.
548.006(4) and ~~s.~~ 548.008, ss. 548.001-548.079 do not apply to:



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

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

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

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

39 (5) Any official Olympic event.

40 Section 3. Subsection (2) of section 548.008, Florida
 41 Statutes, is amended to read:

42 548.008 Toughman and badman competition prohibited.--

43 (2) Any person participating in or promoting a
 44 professional or amateur toughman or badman match commits ~~is~~
 45 ~~guilty of a felony misdemeanor~~ of the third ~~second~~ degree,
 46 punishable as provided in s. 775.082, ~~or~~ s. 775.083, or s.
 47 775.084.

48 Section 4. If any law amended by this act was also amended
 49 by a law enacted at the 2003 Regular Session or the 2003 Special
 50 Session A of the Legislature, such laws shall be construed as if
 51 they had been enacted at the same session of the Legislature,
 52 and full effect shall be given to each if possible.

53 Section 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.