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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to pugilistic exhibitions; providing a popular name; 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; providing restrictions on such approval; 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; establishing a commission to study the possibility of creating an oversight committee responsible for the approval of sanctioning bodies required under ch. 548, F.S.; providing for membership, organization, and meetings; authorizing per diem and reimbursement for travel expenses in the conduct of official business; requiring a report; providing for termination of the commission upon submission of the report; providing for construction of the act in pari materia with laws enacted during the 2003 Regular Session or any 2003 special session of the Legislature; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. This act shall be known by the popular name the "Stacy Young Act."

Section 2. Subsection (4) is added to section 548.006, Florida Statutes, to read:



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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. The commission may not approve any sanctioning body whose sanctioning requirements are less stringent than those of USA Boxing.

Section 3. 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 ~~ss. 548.008~~, ss. 548.001-548.079 do not apply to:

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

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

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

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

(5) Any official Olympic event.

Section 4. Subsection (2) of section 548.008, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

548.008 Toughman and badman competition prohibited.--

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



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61 Section 5. There is established a commission to study the
62 possibility of creating an oversight committee responsible for
63 the approval of sanctioning bodies required under chapter 548,
64 Florida Statutes. The commission shall consist of 11 members, of
65 whom the Governor shall appoint four members, the President of
66 the Senate shall appoint three members, and the Speaker of the
67 House of Representatives shall appoint three members. The chair
68 of the Florida State Boxing Commission shall be an ex officio,
69 voting member and the chair of the study commission. The
70 appointees should be broadly representative of the leading
71 combative competition organizations and governing bodies, such
72 as USA Boxing, Golden Gloves, International Kickboxing
73 Federation, International Sport Combat Federation, and the
74 Olympic Committee. The commission shall meet as soon as possible
75 after the effective date of this act to organize and conduct its
76 business and may meet subsequently at the call of the chair. Six
77 members shall constitute a quorum and the concurrence of four
78 members is necessary for official action. Members of the
79 commission may receive per diem and be reimbursed for travel
80 expenses as provided in s. 112.061, Florida Statutes, in the
81 conduct of official business. The commission shall report its
82 findings by February 2, 2004, to the Governor, the President of
83 the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives and
84 shall expire upon the submission of its report.

85 Section 6. If any law amended by this act was also amended
86 by a law enacted at the 2003 Regular Session or any 2003 special
87 session of the Legislature, such laws shall be construed as if
88 they had been enacted at the same session of the Legislature,
89 and full effect shall be given to each if possible.

90 Section 7. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.