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Professional Boxing Amendments Act of 2002

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Professional Boxing Amendments Act of 2002 - (Sec. 3) Amends the Professional Boxing Safety Act of 1996 (the Act) to authorize a tribal organization to establish a boxing commission to regulate professional boxing matches held on Indian land. Requires a tribal organization, if it does not so establish a commission, to execute a contract with the Association of Boxing Commissions (ABC) or an ABC member to regulate such matches. Requires health and safety standards and licensing requirements for matches to be at least as restrictive as: (1) standards and requirements in the State in which the Indian land is located; or (2) the guidelines established by the United States Boxing Administration (USBA) (established in this Act).

(Sec. 5) Prohibits any person from arranging, promoting, organizing, producing, or fighting in a match within the United States unless the match is: (1) approved by the USBA; and (2) supervised by the ABC or an ABC member.

(Sec. 6) Repeals provisions allowing the use of alternative requirements for the protection of the health and safety of boxers during matches. Requires: (1) pre-fight boxer physical examinations to include testing for infectious diseases; and (2) the continuous on-site presence during any match of both an ambulance and emergency medical personnel with appropriate resuscitation equipment.

(Sec. 7) Provides for boxing registration with the appropriate boxing commission of an Indian tribe.

Requires (current law urges) a boxing commission to make a health and safety disclosure to a boxer when issuing an identification card. Requires a copy of each boxer registration to be furnished to the USBA.

(Sec. 8) Requires each boxing commission to establish procedures for review of a summary suspension when a hearing is requested which provides an opportunity for a person to present evidence. Repeals procedures for allowing a boxer under suspension in a State to participate in a match outside that State.

(Sec. 10) Requires the USBA (currently the ABC) to develop guidelines for boxing contracting requirements and for rating professional boxers. Provides for notification of a change in rating.

(Sec. 13) Requires the sanctioning organization for a match and its promoter to provide to the boxing commission of a State or Indian land disclosures of charges, fees, and contractual agreements within seven days of a match of 10 rounds or more.

(Sec. 15) Prohibits a promoter from arranging a championship match or a match scheduled for 10 rounds or more unless all participating judges and referees have been licensed by the USBA. Prohibits a sanctioning organization from attempting to influence the judge and referee selection process. Authorizes the assignment of nonresident judges and referees. Requires all participating judges and referees to disclose all consideration received for participation.

(Sec. 16) Directs the USBA to establish and maintain a medical registry of comprehensive medical records and medical denials or suspensions for every licensed boxer.

(Sec. 17) Includes USBA officers and employees under conflict-of-interest provisions and requirements for enforcement of the Act.

(Sec. 19) Repeals requirements for certain studies concerning boxer pensions and health and safety issues.

(Sec. 21) Establishes the USBA within the Department of Labor to protect the health, safety, and general interests of boxers and to ensure uniformity, fairness, and integrity in professional boxing. Provides for the licensing and registration

of boxing personnel, including managers, promoters, and sanctioning organizations. Requires the USBA to establish and maintain a national computerized registry of such personnel. Authorizes the USBA to suspend or revoke boxer licenses or registrations for misconduct, medical reasons, or as otherwise appropriate. Requires annual USBA reports to specified congressional committees on its activities. Authorizes appropriations.

(Sec. 22) Requires the USBA to study and report to Congress on whether a change in glove weight or design would better protect the health and safety of boxers or reduce serious or fatal injuries.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 17, 2002:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Hollings with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 107-323.
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- **Sep 19, 2002:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **May 22, 2002:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 22, 2002:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (text of measure as introduced: CR S4721-4725)
- **Apr 25, 2002:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S3436-3437)