

HR 1065

United States Boxing Commission Act

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		Mar 2, 2005

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 24, 2005
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Reported by	May 25, 2005
Judiciary Committee	House	Reported By	Sep 30, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Sports and Recreation

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 HRES 553	Procedurally related	Nov 16, 2005: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
109 S 148	Related bill	May 31, 2005: Referred to the Subcommittee on Workforce Protections.

United States Boxing Commission Act - (Sec. 3) Establishes the United States Boxing Commission to: (1) protect the general interests of boxers; (2) ensure uniformity, fairness, and integrity in professional boxing; (3) oversee all professional boxing matches in the United States; (4) work with state and tribal boxing commissions to improve the status and standards of professional boxing; (5) ensure that professional boxing laws are vigorously, effectively, and fairly enforced; and (6) review state boxing commission regulations and provide assistance in meeting the Commission's minimum standards.

Prohibits the Commission from: (1) promoting boxing events; (2) ranking professional boxers; or (3) providing technical assistance to, or authorizing the use of the name of the Commission by, boxing commissions that do not comply with Commission requirements.

(Sec. 5) Prohibits any person from competing in a professional boxing match or serving as a boxing manager, boxing promoter, matchmaker, judge, referee, or sanctioning organization for a professional boxing match without a license.

Requires the Commission to: (1) establish application procedures, forms, and fees for licenses; (2) establish and publish appropriate standards for such licenses; and (3) issue a license to any person meeting Commission standards. Provides for renewable licenses for four-year terms for a boxer and two-year terms for any other person. Allows the Commission to issue licenses through boxing commissions.

Authorizes the Commission to charge reasonable licensing fees, while ensuring that: (1) club boxing is not affected; (2) sanctioning organizations and promoters pay the largest portion of the fees; and (3) boxers pay as small a portion of the fees as possible.

(Sec. 6) Requires the Commission to establish and maintain a unified national computerized registry for the collection, storage, and retrieval of information prescribed by the Commission.

(Sec. 7) Requires the Commission to consult with the Association of Boxing Commissions: (1) before prescribing any regulation or establishing any standard; and (2) at least annually regarding professional boxing matters.

(Sec. 8) Authorizes the Commission to suspend or revoke any license if: (1) a license holder has violated this Act; (2) a standard prescribed by the Commission under this Act is not being met; (3) bribery, collusion, intentional losing, racketeering, extortion, or the use of unlawful threats, coercion, or intimidation have occurred in connection with a license; or (4) suspension or revocation is in the public interest. Outlines the Commission's investigative authority.

Prohibits a person from being excused from testifying at a hearing or producing required documents on the ground that such testimony or evidence may tend to incriminate that person or subject the person to a penalty or forfeiture.

Allows the Commission or the Executive Director of the Commission to bring an action in the appropriate court to enjoin an act or practice that violates this Act. Authorizes the Commission to: (1) intervene in any civil action relating to professional boxing filed in a federal court; and (2) file a brief in any action on behalf of the public interest in any case relating to professional boxing.

Requires all Commission hearings to be public.

(Sec. 9) Provides that this Act does not prohibit any boxing commission from: (1) exercising any of its functions to the extent not inconsistent with this Act; or (2) enforcing local requirements that exceed the Commission's minimum

requirements.

(Sec. 10) Allows employees of other agencies to be detailed to the Commission upon the Commission's request.

(Sec. 11) Requires the Commission to study and report to Congress on the health and safety of boxing, including: (1) the risks of serious injury and the nature of potential injuries; (2) the long-term effect of boxing on the health of boxers; (3) the availability of health insurance for boxers; (4) the extent to which differences in equipment affect the risks of potential injury; and (5) the effectiveness of safety standards.

Requires the Commission to study how the term "promoter" should be defined.

(Sec. 12) Sets forth reporting requirements.

(Sec. 13) Terminates this Act 12 years after enactment.

(Sec. 14) Authorizes appropriations.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 16, 2005:** Rule H. Res. 553 passed House.
- **Nov 16, 2005:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 553. (consideration: CR H10345-10356; text of measure as reported in House: CR H10350-10353)
- **Nov 16, 2005:** Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 1065 with 1 hour of general debate. Previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervening motions except motion to recommit with or without instructions. Measure will be considered read. Specified amendments are in order.
- **Nov 16, 2005:** House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union pursuant to H. Res. 553 and Rule XVIII.
- **Nov 16, 2005:** The Speaker designated the Honorable Michael K. Simpson to act as Chairman of the Committee.
- **Nov 16, 2005:** GENERAL DEBATE - The Committee of the Whole proceeded with one hour of general debate on H.R. 1065.
- **Nov 16, 2005:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 553, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Stearns amendment.
- **Nov 16, 2005:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 553, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Schakowsky amendment.
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- **Nov 16, 2005:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 553, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Sodrel amendment, as modified.
- **Nov 16, 2005:** The House rose from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union to report H.R. 1065.
- **Nov 16, 2005:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule. (consideration: CR H10355)
- **Nov 16, 2005:** The House adopted the amendment in the nature of a substitute as agreed to by the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.
- **Nov 16, 2005:** Failed of passage/not agreed to in House: On passage Failed by the Yeas and Nays: 190 - 233 (Roll no. 592).
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- **Nov 16, 2005:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Nov 15, 2005:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 553 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 1065 with 1 hour of general debate. Previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervening motions except motion to recommit with or without instructions. Measure will be considered read. Specified amendments are in order.
- **Sep 30, 2005:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 109-209, Part II.
- **Sep 30, 2005:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 109-209, Part II.
- **Sep 30, 2005:** Committee on Education and the Workforce discharged.
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- **Sep 30, 2005:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 134.
- **Sep 29, 2005:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Sep 29, 2005:** Ordered to be Reported Without Recommendation (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jul 28, 2005:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Energy and Commerce. H. Rept. 109-209, Part I.
- **Jul 28, 2005:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Energy and Commerce. H. Rept. 109-209, Part I.
- **Jul 28, 2005:** Referred sequentially to the House Committee on the Judiciary for a period ending not later than Sept. 30, 2005 for consideration of such provisions of the bill and the amendment as fall within the jurisdiction of that committee pursuant to clause 1(l), rule X.
- **Jul 28, 2005:** House Committee on Education and the Workforce Granted an extension for further consideration ending not later than Sept. 30, 2005.
- **Jun 29, 2005:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 29, 2005:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 25 - 16.
- **May 25, 2005:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 25, 2005:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Mar 24, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Workforce Protections.
- **Mar 14, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection.

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