

House Engrossed Senate Bill

~~defensive driving schools; fees.~~
(now: mixed martial arts; boxing; gaming)

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CHAPTER 245
SENATE BILL 1679

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 5-221, 5-222, 5-223, 5-224, 5-225, 5-228, 5-230, 5-231, 5-233, 5-234, 5-235.01, 5-236, 5-237 AND 5-238, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO BOXING AND MIXED MARTIAL ARTS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Heading change

3 A. The chapter heading of title 5, chapter 2, Arizona Revised
4 Statutes, is changed from "BOXING AND SPARRING" to "BOXING AND MIXED
5 MARTIAL ARTS".

6 B. The article heading of title 5, chapter 2, article 2, Arizona
7 Revised Statutes, is changed from "ARIZONA STATE BOXING COMMISSION" to
8 "ARIZONA STATE BOXING AND MIXED MARTIAL ARTS COMMISSION".

9 Sec. 2. Section 5-221, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
10 read:

11 5-221. Definitions

12 In this article, unless the context otherwise requires:

13 1. "Boxing":

14 (a) Means the act of attack and defense with the fists, using
15 padded gloves, that is practiced as a sport. ~~Where applicable, boxing~~

16 (b) Includes kickboxing, IF APPLICABLE.

17 2. "COMBATANT" MEANS ANY PERSON WHO PRACTICES THE SPORT OF UNARMED
18 COMBAT.

19 ~~3.~~ 3. "Commission" means the Arizona state boxing and mixed
20 martial arts commission.

21 ~~4.~~ 4. "Contest" means any boxing or mixed martial arts bout,
22 event, contest, match or exhibition between two ~~persons~~ COMBATANTS.

23 ~~5.~~ 5. "Department" means the department of gaming.

24 ~~6.~~ 6. "Director" means the director of the department ~~of gaming~~.

25 ~~7.~~ 7. "Executive director" means the executive director of the
26 commission.

27 ~~8.~~ 8. "Kickboxing" means a form of boxing, including muay thai
28 pursuant to rules and regulations of the United States muay thai
29 association or another muay thai sanctioning body that is approved by the
30 commission, in which blows are delivered with any part of the arm below
31 the shoulder, including the hand, and any part of the leg below the hip,
32 including the foot.

33 ~~9.~~ 9. "Mixed martial arts" means any form of competition or
34 contest, other than boxing or kickboxing, in which blows are delivered and
35 in which the ~~competitors~~ COMBATANTS use any combination of tactics,
36 including boxing, wrestling, striking, kicking, martial arts and
37 submission techniques.

38 ~~10.~~ 10. "Professional" means any person who competes for any money
39 prize or a prize that exceeds the value of ~~thirty-five dollars~~ \$35 or
40 teaches, ~~or~~ pursues or assists in the practice of boxing or mixed martial
41 arts as a means of obtaining a livelihood or pecuniary gain.

42 ~~11.~~ 11. "Tough man contest":

43 (a) Means any boxing match ~~consisting~~ THAT CONSISTS of ~~one minute~~
44 ONE-MINUTE rounds, ~~between~~ between two or more persons who use their hands,

1 wearing padded gloves that weigh at least twelve ounces, or their feet, or
2 both, in any manner. ~~Tough man contest~~

3 (b) Does not include kickboxing or any recognized martial arts
4 competition.

5 Sec. 3. Section 5-222, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
6 read:

7 5-222. Application of this chapter

8 A. This chapter does not apply to any amateur boxing or mixed
9 martial arts contest conducted by the following:

10 1. Any school, community college, college or university or an
11 association or organization composed exclusively of schools, community
12 colleges, colleges or universities ~~when~~ IF each ~~contestant~~ COMBATANT is a
13 student enrolled in a school, community college, college or university.
14 ~~As used in this section~~ FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS PARAGRAPH, "school,
15 community college, college or university" means every school, community
16 college, college or university and every other school, community college,
17 college or university determined by the state board of education,
18 community college districts as defined in section 15-1401 or the Arizona
19 board of regents to be maintained primarily for the giving of general
20 academic education.

21 2. A government unit or agency of the United States, this state or
22 a POLITICAL subdivision of this state or a unit of the United States armed
23 forces or the national guard if all ~~contestants~~ COMBATANTS are members of
24 that unit of the armed forces or the national guard.

25 3. An amateur athletic program that is authorized by and sanctioned
26 under the rules, regulations and policies of a national governing body
27 that is recognized by the United States olympic committee in which all
28 ~~contestants~~ COMBATANTS are amateur ~~contestants~~ COMBATANTS.

29 4. Kickboxing events that are sanctioned by and conducted under the
30 direct supervision of the United States muay thai association or another
31 muay thai sanctioning body that is approved by the commission if all
32 ~~contestants~~ COMBATANTS are amateur ~~contestants~~ COMBATANTS.

33 5. Any bona fide private school whose primary purpose is
34 instruction and training in the martial arts, if:

35 (a) The contests held in conjunction with the instruction and
36 training are amateur.

37 (b) The contests are of a sparring nature with no official
38 decisions awarded.

39 (c) At least one ~~contestant~~ COMBATANT in each contest has been a
40 member in good standing of the sponsoring private school for at least
41 sixty continuous days before the contest.

42 (d) An admission fee or a mandatory donation or other form of
43 payment is not charged for attendance.

1 6. Any bona fide private school whose primary purpose is
2 instruction in karate, if the contests held in conjunction with the
3 instruction are amateur.

4 B. An amateur mixed martial arts ~~competitor~~ COMBATANT shall not be
5 licensed as a professional mixed martial arts ~~competitor~~ COMBATANT until
6 the person has completed five or more verified amateur contests that are
7 regulated by the commission or by a sanctioning body that is approved by
8 the commission. The five-contest requirement prescribed by this
9 subsection may be waived by the commission or by the executive director.

10 Sec. 4. Section 5-223, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
11 read:

12 5-223. Arizona state boxing and mixed martial arts
13 commission; appointment; terms; compensation;
14 conflict of interest; emergency ringside meetings

15 A. The Arizona state boxing and mixed martial arts commission ~~shall~~
16 ~~consist~~ CONSISTS of three members appointed by the governor pursuant to
17 section 38-211. The term of office of commissioners is three years. The
18 term of one member shall expire on the third Monday in January each year.

19 B. Two members of the commission constitute a quorum for conducting
20 business. A concurrence of two members is necessary to render a decision
21 by the commission. Emergency ringside meetings held immediately prior and
22 subsequent to a scheduled contest for the purpose of determining whether
23 ~~or not~~ there has been a violation of the rules and regulations of the
24 commission or ~~the provisions of~~ this chapter ~~shall be~~ ARE exempt from the
25 provisions of title 38, chapter 3, article 3.1.

26 C. The commissioners shall receive compensation as determined
27 pursuant to section 38-611 for each day they act in their official
28 capacity, not to exceed one hundred days each year.

29 D. A commissioner shall not during ~~his~~ THE COMMISSIONER'S term of
30 office promote, sponsor or have any financial interest in a ~~boxer~~
31 COMBATANT, a boxing contest or in the premises leased for a boxing
32 contest.

33 Sec. 5. Section 5-224, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
34 read:

35 5-224. Division of boxing and mixed martial arts regulation;
36 powers and duties

37 A. A division of boxing and mixed martial arts regulation is
38 established in the department to provide staff support for the Arizona
39 state boxing and mixed martial arts commission. Subject to title 41,
40 chapter 4, article 4, the director of the department shall appoint an
41 executive director to perform the duties prescribed in this article. The
42 resources for the Arizona state boxing and mixed martial arts commission
43 shall come from monies appropriated to the department from the racing
44 regulation fund established by section 5-113.01 or from other sources
45 prescribed in section 5-225, subsection D.

1 B. The commission shall obtain from a physician licensed to
2 practice in this state rules and standards for the physical examination of
3 ~~boxers~~ COMBATANTS and referees. A schedule of fees to be paid physicians
4 by the promoter or matchmaker for the examination shall be set by the
5 commission.

6 C. The commission may adopt and issue rules pursuant to title 41,
7 chapter 6 to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

8 D. The commission shall hold regular meetings at least quarterly
9 and in addition may hold special meetings. Except as provided in section
10 5-223, subsection B, all meetings of the commission shall be open to the
11 public and reasonable notice of the meetings shall be given pursuant to
12 title 38, chapter 3, article 3.1.

13 E. The commission shall:

14 1. Make and maintain a record of the acts of the division,
15 including the issuance, denial, renewal, suspension or revocation of
16 licenses.

17 2. Keep records of the commission open to public inspection at all
18 reasonable times.

19 F. The commission may enter into intergovernmental agreements with
20 Indian tribes, tribal councils or tribal organizations to provide for the
21 regulation of boxing and mixed martial arts contests on Indian
22 reservations. This chapter does not diminish the authority of the
23 department.

24 Sec. 6. Section 5-225, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
25 read:

26 5-225. Regulation of boxing contests, tough man contests and
27 mixed martial arts; fees

28 A. All boxing contests are subject to ~~the provisions of~~ this
29 chapter and to rules adopted pursuant to this chapter. The commission,
30 ~~shall~~ for every contest that is subject to regulation by the commission,
31 SHALL:

32 1. Direct a person authorized by the commission or by the executive
33 director to be present.

34 2. Direct the person authorized to report results, including
35 suspensions, to a national registry.

36 B. All tough man contests, including amateur tough man contests,
37 are subject to ~~the provisions of~~ this chapter. Every ~~contestant~~ COMBATANT
38 in a tough man contest shall wear headgear approved by the commission.

39 C. Mixed martial arts, including amateur mixed martial arts, are
40 subject to ~~the provisions of~~ this chapter and to rules adopted pursuant to
41 this chapter, including rules adopted for boxing that are not inconsistent
42 with specific mixed martial arts contest provisions and rules.
43 ~~Contestants~~ COMBATANTS in mixed martial arts shall not strike other
44 ~~contestants~~ COMBATANTS in the spinal column or in the back of the head.
45 The commission ~~shall~~ MAY use rules for mixed martial arts that are

1 consistent with the mixed martial arts unified rules adopted by ~~the New~~
2 ~~Jersey state athletic control board under New Jersey administrative code~~
3 ~~title 13, chapter 46, subchapter 24A, except that a cage may have one~~
4 ~~entry door and have a vinyl or rubberized floor covering if approved by a~~
5 ~~representative of the commission~~ A BOXING COMMISSION OR ANY ALTERNATIVE
6 RULES OF MIXED MARTIAL ARTS APPROVED BY ANOTHER JURISDICTION WITHIN THE
7 UNITED STATES. ~~Nothing in~~ This subsection ~~prevents~~ DOES NOT PREVENT a
8 promoter of a mixed martial arts event in this state from adopting more
9 restrictive rules for that particular event than would otherwise be
10 allowed. In addition to ~~the~~ ANY applicable provisions of the mixed
11 martial arts ~~unified~~ rules adopted by the COMMISSION ~~New Jersey state~~
12 ~~athletic control board under New Jersey administrative code title 13,~~
13 ~~chapter 46, subchapter 24A,~~ amateur mixed martial arts bouts shall consist
14 of three rounds of three minutes per round and the amateur ~~contestants~~
15 COMBATANTS shall not strike with elbows to the head of a grounded
16 opponent, use twisting leg submissions, use linear kicks to the knee joint
17 or use foot stomps. Amateur mixed martial arts bouts shall be clearly
18 designated as such in all promotional materials and at the event.

19 D. The commission may establish a uniform nonrefundable fee for
20 mixed martial arts and boxing events in an amount determined by the
21 commission that shall be paid to the commission by a promoter when
22 submitting an event application. In determining the amount of the fee,
23 the executive director may consider factors, including whether the event
24 is televised, whether the event will be transmitted on pay-per-view, the
25 amount of time likely to be expended in processing the event application
26 and the complexity of the application. The commission may establish a
27 nonrefundable fee that shall be paid to the commission by a promoter if
28 the promoter submits a request to change a previously approved event date.
29 Monies that are derived from the fees charged pursuant to this subsection
30 and monies derived from intergovernmental tribal agreements shall be
31 available to the commission for the administration and regulation of mixed
32 martial arts and boxing, and those monies are exempt from the provisions
33 of section 35-190 relating to lapsing of appropriations.

34 E. Weigh-ins for all contests shall not be more than ~~twenty-four~~
35 ~~hours~~ ONE CALENDAR DAY before the scheduled time of the event or less than
36 three hours before the scheduled time of the event. A representative of
37 the commission shall attend and supervise all weigh-ins. ~~The weigh-in~~
38 ~~period shall be one hour.~~

39 Sec. 7. Section 5-228, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
40 read:

41 5-228. Persons required to procure licenses; requirements;
42 background information; fee; bond; examination
43 results

44 A. All referees, judges, matchmakers, promoters, trainers, ring
45 announcers, timekeepers, ringside physicians, inspectors, mixed martial

1 arts ~~contestants~~ COMBATANTS, boxers, managers and seconds are required to
2 be licensed by the commission. The commission shall not ~~permit~~ ALLOW any
3 of these persons to participate in ~~the~~ holding ~~of~~ any contest unless the
4 person has first procured a license.

5 B. Before participating in ~~the~~ holding ~~of~~ any boxing or mixed
6 martial arts contest, a corporation, its officers and directors and any
7 person ~~holding~~ THAT HOLDS twenty-five ~~per cent~~ PERCENT or more of the
8 ownership of the corporation shall obtain a license from the
9 commission. Such a corporation must be authorized to do business under
10 the laws of this state.

11 C. The commission shall require referees, judges, matchmakers,
12 promoters and managers to furnish fingerprints and background information
13 pursuant to section 41-1750, subsection G before licensure. The
14 commission shall charge a fee for fingerprints and background information
15 in an amount determined by the commission. The commission may require
16 referees, judges, matchmakers, promoters and managers to furnish
17 fingerprints and background information pursuant to section 41-1750,
18 subsection G before license renewal if the commission determines the
19 fingerprints and background information are necessary. The fee may
20 include a reasonable charge for expenses incurred by the commission or the
21 department of public safety. For such purpose, the commission and the
22 department of public safety may enter into an intergovernmental agreement
23 pursuant to title 11, chapter 7, article 3. The fee shall be credited
24 pursuant to sections 35-148 and 41-1750.

25 D. Before the commission issues a license to a promoter, matchmaker
26 or corporation, the applicant shall:

27 1. Provide the commission with a copy of any agreement between any
28 ~~contestant~~ COMBATANT and the applicant that binds the applicant to pay the
29 ~~contestant~~ COMBATANT a certain fixed fee or percentage of the gate
30 receipts.

31 2. Show on the application the owner or owners of the applicant
32 entity and the ~~per cent~~ PERCENTAGE interest if they hold twenty-five ~~per~~
33 ~~cent~~ PERCENT or more interest in the applicant.

34 3. Provide the commission with a copy of the latest financial
35 statement of the entity.

36 4. Provide the commission with a copy of the insurance contract
37 required by this chapter.

38 E. Before the commission issues a license to a promoter, the
39 applicant shall deposit with the department a cash bond or surety bond in
40 an amount set by the commission. The bond shall be executed in favor of
41 this state and shall be conditioned on the faithful performance by the
42 promoter of the promoter's obligations pursuant to this chapter and the
43 rules adopted pursuant to this chapter.

44 F. Before the commission issues a license to a ~~boxer or a mixed~~
45 ~~martial arts contestant~~ REFEREE OR COMBATANT, the applicant shall submit

1 to the commission the results of a current medical examination performed
2 by a physician licensed ~~pursuant to title 32, chapter 13 or 17~~ IN THE
3 UNITED STATES on forms furnished or approved by the commission. In
4 addition to the medical examination, the following information must be
5 submitted:

6 1. The results of an ophthalmological examination that is recorded
7 on forms furnished or approved by the commission.

8 2. FOR COMBATANTS, negative test results for the human
9 immunodeficiency virus, the hepatitis B surface antigen and the hepatitis
10 C antibody.

11 3. For ~~persons over the age of thirty-six~~ COMBATANTS WHO ARE AT
12 LEAST THIRTY-EIGHT years OF AGE, the results of a stress test that is
13 administered by a physician licensed ~~pursuant to title 32, chapter 13~~
14 ~~or 17~~ IN THE UNITED STATES AND THAT IS accompanied by a clearance letter
15 and the results of an electrocardiogram that demonstrates normal
16 cardiovascular function. These results shall be completed within
17 twenty-four months before the person submits the license application.

18 4. For ~~persons over~~ COMBATANTS WHO ARE AT LEAST forty years of age,
19 if recommended by an examining physician, the results of a brain magnetic
20 resonance imaging scan.

21 5. For female ~~contestants~~ COMBATANTS, a pregnancy test that
22 demonstrates a negative result. A pregnancy test that demonstrates a
23 negative result shall also be submitted to the commission by a female
24 ~~contestant~~ COMBATANT before each weigh-in.

25 6. Any other examination or testing ordered by the commission.

26 G. ~~Unless otherwise prescribed in subsection F of this section, the~~
27 ~~medical examinations and tests prescribed in subsection F of this section~~
28 ~~must be completed after December 15 of the year before the year that the~~
29 ~~license is issued or before December 15 of the same year that the license~~
30 ~~is issued.~~ All medical examinations and tests, license applications,
31 national identification card applications, photographs and any other
32 required documents must be completed and received by the commission staff
33 ~~no~~ NOT later than 4:30 p.m. on the day that begins forty-eight hours
34 before the scheduled event. An exception to the ~~forty-eight hour~~
35 FORTY-EIGHT-HOUR requirement prescribed in this subsection may be granted
36 by the executive director if a person is a late substitute or is traveling
37 from outside this state and demonstrates good cause for not meeting the
38 ~~forty-eight hour~~ FORTY-EIGHT-HOUR requirement.

39 Sec. 8. Section 5-230, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
40 read:

41 5-230. License fees; expiration; renewal; medical
42 examinations

43 A. The commission may establish and issue annual licenses and may
44 establish and collect fees for those licenses.

1 B. A license expires ~~December 31 at midnight in the year of its~~
2 ~~issuance~~ AT MIDNIGHT THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF
3 ISSUANCE and may be renewed on filing an application for renewal of a
4 license with the commission and payment of the license fee prescribed in
5 subsection A OF THIS SECTION. The application for renewal of a license
6 shall be on a form provided by the commission. There is a ~~thirty day~~
7 THIRTY-DAY grace period during which a license may be renewed if a late
8 filing penalty fee equal to the license fee is submitted with the regular
9 license fee. A licensee that files late shall not conduct any activity
10 regulated by this chapter until the commission has renewed the
11 license. If the licensee fails to apply to the commission within the
12 ~~thirty day~~ THIRTY-DAY grace period, the licensee must apply for a new
13 license pursuant to subsection A OF THIS SECTION.

14 C. THE RESULTS OF ALL COMBATANT MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS EXPIRE THREE
15 HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE DAYS AFTER THE DATE THE MEDICAL EXAMINATION IS
16 PERFORMED. THE COMMISSION MAY GRANT A GRACE PERIOD OF UP TO FIFTEEN DAYS
17 TO ALIGN WITH THE LICENSING PERIOD.

18 Sec. 9. Section 5-231, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
19 read:

20 5-231. Financial interest in combatant prohibited

21 A person shall not have, either directly or indirectly, any
22 financial ownership interest in a ~~boxer~~ COMBATANT competing on premises
23 owned or leased by the person, or in which the person is otherwise
24 interested.

25 Sec. 10. Section 5-233, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
26 read:

27 5-233. Combatants and referees; physical examination;
28 attendance of physician; payment of fees; insurance

29 A. All boxers, mixed martial arts ~~contestants~~ COMBATANTS and
30 referees shall be examined by a physician licensed pursuant to title 32,
31 chapter 13 or 17 before entering the ring, and the examining physician
32 shall immediately file with the commission a written report of the
33 examination. The physician's report of the examination shall include
34 specific mention as to the condition of the boxer's or mixed martial arts
35 ~~contestant's~~ COMBATANT'S heart and general physical condition. The
36 physician's report may include specific mention as to the condition of the
37 boxer's or mixed martial arts ~~contestant's~~ COMBATANT'S nerves and brain as
38 required by the commission. The cost of the examination is payable by the
39 person conducting the contest or exhibition. All boxers and mixed martial
40 arts ~~contestants~~ COMBATANTS shall receive a post-bout physical examination
41 from a physician licensed pursuant to title 32, chapter 13 or 17 and may
42 be suspended from participation in additional contests for a period of
43 time based on the evaluation by the examining physician.

44 B. Every person holding or sponsoring any contest shall have in
45 attendance at every contest regulated by the commission at least one

1 physician who is licensed pursuant to title 32, chapter 13 or 17 and who
2 is assigned by the commission or the executive director. The commission
3 may establish a schedule of fees to be paid to each physician by the
4 person or by the promoter.

5 C. The commission shall:

6 1. Require insurance coverage for a ~~boxer~~ COMBATANT to provide for
7 medical, surgical and hospital care for injuries sustained in the ring in
8 an amount of ~~twenty thousand dollars~~ \$20,000 with ~~twenty-five dollars~~ \$25
9 deductible and payable to the ~~boxer~~ COMBATANT as beneficiary. INSURANCE
10 COVERAGE REQUIRED PURSUANT TO THIS PARAGRAPH IS THE PRIMARY INSURANCE AND
11 SHALL BE EXHAUSTED BEFORE A COMBATANT USES ANY OTHER FORM OF INSURANCE.

12 2. Require life insurance for a ~~boxer~~ COMBATANT in the amount of
13 ~~fifty thousand dollars~~ \$50,000 payable in case of accidental death
14 resulting from injuries sustained in the ring.

15 D. The cost of the insurance required by this section and any
16 deductible amount ~~that exceeds twenty-five dollars~~ OF MORE THAN \$25 is
17 payable by the promoter.

18 Sec. 11. Section 5-234, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
19 read:

20 5-234. Attendance by peace officers; duty of chief of police
21 or sheriff; private security

22 If a ~~boxing~~ contest is held within the corporate limits of a city or
23 town, the PROMOTER SHALL REQUEST THAT THE chief of police ~~shall~~ assign not
24 less than one officer to attend the contest, and if a ~~boxing~~ contest is
25 held outside the corporate limits of a city or town, THE PROMOTER SHALL
26 REQUEST THAT the county sheriff ~~shall~~ assign not less than one of ~~his~~ THE
27 SHERIFF'S deputies to attend. The officer or deputy shall be charged with
28 the duty of preventing disturbances amounting to breach of the peace by
29 spectators. The cost of providing such officer or deputy shall be paid by
30 the promoter. IF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS OR SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES ARE NOT
31 AVAILABLE TO ATTEND THE CONTEST, THE COMMISSION MAY GRANT THE PROMOTER
32 PERMISSION TO USE PRIVATE SECURITY SERVICES TO ATTEND THE CONTEST.

33 Sec. 12. Section 5-235.01, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
34 read:

35 5-235.01. Disciplinary action; grounds; civil penalty;
36 emergency suspension; injunction

37 A. The commission may take any one or a combination of the
38 following disciplinary actions:

- 39 1. Revoke a license.
- 40 2. Suspend a license.
- 41 3. Impose a civil penalty in an amount of not ~~to exceed one~~
42 ~~thousand dollars~~ MORE THAN \$1,000 per violation of this chapter.

43 B. The commission may take disciplinary action or refuse to issue
44 or renew a license for any of the following causes:

1 1. Committing an act involving dishonesty, fraud or deceit with the
2 intent to substantially benefit oneself or another or substantially injure
3 another.

4 2. Advertising by means of known false, misleading, deceptive or
5 fraudulent statements through any communication medium.

6 3. Violating this chapter or any rule adopted pursuant to this
7 chapter.

8 4. Making oral or written false statements to the commission.

9 5. Failing to complete the license application as prescribed by the
10 commission.

11 C. The commission may conduct tests for the use of alcohol and
12 drugs determined by the commission to impair ~~contestants~~ COMBATANTS.
13 Notwithstanding any other provision of this article, the commission may
14 immediately suspend the license OF, immediately revoke the license OF or
15 immediately impose a civil penalty OF not ~~to exceed five hundred dollars,~~
16 ~~or any combination of these actions,~~ MORE THAN \$500 against A COMBATANT,
17 OR ANY COMBINATION OF THESE ACTIONS, ~~a contestant who~~ IF THE COMBATANT
18 tests positive for alcohol and drugs, ~~who~~ refuses or fails to take a test
19 for alcohol and drugs under rules adopted by the commission or ~~who~~ refuses
20 or fails to take a test for alcohol and drugs after a test is requested by
21 the commission or the executive director. All civil penalties assessed
22 pursuant to this subsection shall be deposited, pursuant to sections
23 35-146 and 35-147, in the state general fund. The rules adopted pursuant
24 to this subsection may include appropriate definitions for drugs
25 determined by the commission to impair ~~contestants~~ COMBATANTS.

26 D. In case of emergency, a member of the commission, on ~~his~~ THE
27 MEMBER'S own motion or on the verified complaint of any person charging a
28 violation of this chapter or of the rules ~~promulgated~~ ADOPTED by the
29 commission, may suspend for a period of not to exceed ten days any license
30 until final determination by the commission, if in ~~his~~ THE MEMBER'S
31 opinion the action is necessary to protect the public welfare and the best
32 interests of boxing.

33 E. The commission, the attorney general or a county attorney may
34 apply to the superior court in the county in which acts or practices of
35 any person that constitute a violation of this chapter or the rules
36 adopted pursuant to this chapter are alleged to have occurred for an order
37 enjoining those acts or practices.

38 Sec. 13. Section 5-236, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
39 read:

40 5-236. Violations; classification

41 A. A person is guilty of a class ~~2~~ 1 misdemeanor and may be
42 subject to license revocation, denial or suspension if the person:-

43 ~~1. Conducts, holds, sponsors, sanctions or gives boxing or other~~
44 ~~contests that are subject to regulation by the commission or participates~~
45 ~~in any contest that is subject to regulation by the commission without~~

1 ~~first having procured an appropriate license or approval as prescribed in~~
2 ~~this article.~~

3 ~~2. Violates any provision of this chapter or any rule or regulation~~
4 ~~adopted pursuant to this chapter.~~

5 CONDUCTS, HOLDS, SPONSORS, SANCTIONS OR GIVES BOXING OR OTHER CONTESTS
6 THAT ARE SUBJECT TO REGULATION BY THE COMMISSION WITHOUT FIRST PROCURING
7 AN APPROPRIATE LICENSE OR APPROVAL AS PRESCRIBED IN THIS ARTICLE.

8 B. A PERSON IS GUILTY OF A CLASS 2 MISDEMEANOR AND MAY BE SUBJECT
9 TO LICENSE REVOCATION, DENIAL OR SUSPENSION IF THE PERSON DOES EITHER OF
10 THE FOLLOWING:

11 1. PARTICIPATES IN ANY CONTEST THAT IS SUBJECT TO REGULATION BY THE
12 COMMISSION WITHOUT FIRST PROCURING AN APPROPRIATE LICENSE OR APPROVAL AS
13 PRESCRIBED IN THIS ARTICLE.

14 2. VIOLATES THIS CHAPTER OR ANY RULE OR REGULATION ADOPTED PURSUANT
15 TO THIS CHAPTER.

16 Sec. 14. Section 5-237, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
17 read:

18 5-237. Selection of referees

19 The commission shall select and assign referees. The matchmaker may
20 protest the assignment of a referee and REQUEST A REFEREE
21 REASSIGNMENT. In such AN event the commission shall ~~furnish a list of all~~
22 ~~licensed referees within the state to the protesting matchmaker. The~~
23 ~~protesting matchmaker shall have the right to select another referee from~~
24 ~~such list~~ MAKE A REASONABLE EFFORT TO GRANT THE REQUEST FOR REFEREE
25 REASSIGNMENT.

26 Sec. 15. Section 5-238, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
27 read:

28 5-238. Sham contest; withholding a purse

29 A. The commission may withhold all or part of a purse or other
30 monies payable to any ~~contestant~~ COMBATANT, manager or second if in the
31 judgment of the commission a ~~boxing contestant~~ COMBATANT is participating
32 in a sham or fake ~~boxing~~ contest or is otherwise not competing honestly or
33 to the best of the ~~contestant's~~ COMBATANT'S ability.

34 B. If the commission withholds a purse or part of a purse or other
35 monies, the commission shall give notice to all interested parties and
36 hold a hearing ~~upon~~ ON the matter within ten days.

37 C. If the commission determines that a ~~contestant~~ COMBATANT,
38 manager or second is not entitled to a purse, part of a purse or other
39 monies, the promoter shall turn such monies over to the director to be
40 applied pursuant to section 5-226, subsection C.

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