
SENATE BILL 6186

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By Senators Prentice and Prince; by request of Department of Licensing

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1 AN ACT Relating to professional athletics; amending RCW 67.08.002,
2 67.08.030, 67.08.100, 67.08.120, and 67.08.180; prescribing penalties;
3 and providing an effective date.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 67.08.002 and 1993 c 278 s 8 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in
8 this section apply throughout this chapter.

9 (1) "Boxing" includes, but is not limited to, (~~sumo, judo, and~~
10 ~~karate~~) kick boxing and martial arts in addition to fisticuffs, but
11 does not include professional wrestling. "Martial arts" include, but
12 are not limited to, sumo, judo, and karate.

13 (2) "Department" means the department of licensing.

14 (3) "Director" means the director of the department of licensing.

15 (4) "Promoter" means any person and, in the case of a corporation,
16 an officer, director, employee, or shareholder thereof, who produces,
17 arranges, or stages any professional wrestling exhibition or boxing
18 contest.

1 (5) "Wrestling exhibition" or "wrestling show" means a form of
2 sports entertainment in which the participants display their skills in
3 a struggle against each other in the ring and either the outcome may be
4 predetermined or the participants do not necessarily strive to win, or
5 both.

6 (6) "Closed circuit telecast promoter" means a person or, in the
7 case of a corporation, an officer, director, employee, or shareholder
8 thereof, who exhibits a simultaneous telecast of a live, current, or
9 spontaneous boxing or sparring match, or wrestling exhibition or show
10 on a closed circuit telecast viewed within this state.

11 (7) "Tough man/rough man contest or competition" means any event
12 that utilizes primarily unlicensed or untrained participants who engage
13 in unsanctioned activities that do not comply with this chapter.

14 **Sec. 2.** RCW 67.08.030 and 1993 c 278 s 13 are each amended to read
15 as follows:

16 (1) Every boxing promoter, as a condition for receiving a license,
17 shall file a good and sufficient bond in the sum of ten thousand
18 dollars with the department, conditioned upon the faithful performance
19 by such licensee of the provisions of this chapter, the payment of the
20 taxes, officials, and contracts as provided for herein and the
21 observance of all rules ((and regulations)) of the department, which
22 bond shall be subject to the approval of the attorney general.

23 (2) Every promoter of a wrestling exhibition ((or closed circuit
24 telecast)) as a condition of receiving a license as provided for under
25 this chapter shall file a good and sufficient bond in the sum of one
26 thousand dollars with the department in cities of less than one hundred
27 fifty thousand inhabitants and of two thousand five hundred dollars in
28 cities of more than one hundred fifty thousand inhabitants conditioned
29 upon the faithful performance by such licensee of the provisions of
30 this chapter, the payment of the taxes and officials provided for
31 herein and the observance of all rules ((and regulations)) of the
32 department, which bond shall be subject to the approval of the attorney
33 general.

34 (3) In lieu of the bonding requirement of subsection (2) of this
35 section, a promoter of a wrestling exhibition who so chooses may, as a
36 condition of receiving a license as provided for under this chapter,
37 file a single good and sufficient bond in the sum of ten thousand
38 dollars conditioned upon the faithful performance by the licensee of

1 the provisions of this chapter, the payment of the taxes and officials
2 provided for under this chapter, and the observance of all rules of the
3 department, as to all wrestling exhibitions of the promoter wherever
4 located within the state during the license period. This bond is
5 subject to the approval of the attorney general.

6 (4) Boxing promoters must obtain medical insurance to cover any
7 injuries incurred by participants at the time of the event.

8 **Sec. 3.** RCW 67.08.100 and 1993 c 278 s 20 are each amended to read
9 as follows:

10 (1) The department may grant annual licenses upon application in
11 compliance with the rules ~~((and regulations))~~ prescribed by the
12 director, and the payment of the fees, the amount of which is to be set
13 by the director in accordance with RCW 43.24.086, prescribed to
14 promoters, managers, referees, boxers, ~~((wrestlers, and))~~ seconds,
15 wrestling participants, matchmakers, physicians, inspectors, judges,
16 timekeepers, and announcers: PROVIDED, That the provisions of this
17 section shall not apply to contestants or participants in strictly
18 amateur contests and/or fraternal organizations and/or veterans'
19 organizations chartered by congress or the defense department or any
20 bona fide athletic club which is a member of the Pacific northwest
21 association of the amateur athletic union of the United States or any
22 recognized amateur sanctioning body, holding and promoting athletic
23 contests and where all funds are used primarily for the benefit of
24 their members. Also, upon request of the department, a promoter,
25 contestant, or participant shall provide sufficient information to
26 reasonably determine whether the provisions of this chapter apply.

27 (2) The department may grant licenses to promoters upon application
28 in compliance with the rules adopted by the department, and the payment
29 of a license fee.

30 (3) The department may grant licenses to closed circuit telecast
31 promoters upon application in compliance with the rules adopted by the
32 department, and the payment of a license fee for each closed circuit
33 telecast license location.

34 (4) Any such license may be revoked by the department for any
35 ~~((cause which it shall deem sufficient))~~ violations of this chapter.

36 ~~((+3))~~ (5) No person shall participate or serve in any of the
37 above capacities unless licensed as provided in this chapter.

1 (~~(4)~~) (6) The referee for any boxing contest shall be designated
2 by the department from among such licensed referees.

3 (~~(5)~~) (7) The referee for any wrestling exhibition or show shall
4 be provided by the promoter and shall be licensed as a wrestling
5 participant by the department.

6 **Sec. 4.** RCW 67.08.120 and 1993 c 278 s 22 are each amended to read
7 as follows:

8 Any contestant or licensee who shall participate in any sham or
9 fake boxing contest, match, event, or exhibition and any licensee or
10 participant who violates any rule (~~(or regulation)~~) of the department
11 shall be penalized in the following manner: For the first offense he
12 or she shall be (~~restrained~~) fined and/or suspended by order of the
13 department for a period of not less than three months from
14 participating in any contest held under the provisions of this
15 chapter(~~(7)~~). Such fine and/or suspension (~~(to)~~) shall take effect
16 immediately after the occurrence of the offense(~~(7)~~). Assessed fines
17 shall not exceed five hundred dollars for each violation of any of the
18 provisions of this chapter or any rule of the department. For any
19 second offense such contestant shall be forever suspended from
20 participation in any contest held under the provisions of this chapter.

21 **Sec. 5.** RCW 67.08.180 and 1989 c 127 s 4 are each amended to read
22 as follows:

23 (1) It is unlawful for any promoter or person associated with or
24 employed by any promoter to destroy any ticket or ticket stub, whether
25 sold or unsold, within three months after the date of any exhibition
26 (~~(or)~~) show, or event.

27 (2) It is unlawful for any wrestler to deliberately cut himself or
28 herself or otherwise mutilate himself or herself while participating in
29 a wrestling exhibition or event.

30 (3) The department shall revoke the license of any licensee
31 convicted under chapter 69.50 RCW (~~(shall have his or her license~~
32 ~~revoked)~~).

33 (4) The department shall suspend or revoke the license of any
34 licensee testing positive for illegal use of a controlled substance as
35 defined in RCW 69.50.101, and shall deny the application of any
36 applicant testing positive for a controlled substance as defined in RCW
37 69.50.101.

1 (5) The striking of any person that is not a licensed participant
2 at a wrestling exhibition or show shall constitute grounds for
3 suspension, fine, and/or revocation(~~(, or both)~~).

4 (6) Tough man/rough man contests or competitions as defined in RCW
5 67.08.002 are prohibited.

6 (a) Any licensee participating in a tough man/rough man contest or
7 competition shall be penalized in the manner stated in RCW 67.08.120.

8 (b) Any person promoting a tough man/rough man contest or
9 competition in this state is guilty of a misdemeanor.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** If any provision of this act or its
11 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
12 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other
13 persons or circumstances is not affected.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** This act shall take effect July 1, 1994.

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