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3 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE
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7 H.P. 1355 House of Representatives, January 17, 1986

8 Submitted by the Department of Business, Occupational and Professional
Regulation pursuant to Joint Rule 24.

9 Reference to the Committee on Business and Commerce suggested and
ordered printed.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Brannigan of Portland.

Cosponsored by Representative Murray of Bangor, Senator Kerry of
York and Senator Bustin of Kennebec.

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12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SIX
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17 AN ACT Regulating Full-contact Karate known
18 as Kick-boxing.
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
21 follows:

22 Sec. 1. 8 MRSA §141, first ¶, as amended by PL
23 1983, c. 812, §54, is further amended to read:

24 The Maine Athletic Commission, established by Ti-
25 tle 5, section 12004, subsection 1, and in this chap-
26 ter called "the commission," shall consist of 5 mem-
27 bers appointed by the Commissioner of Business, Occu-
28 pational and Professional Regulation, with the ad-
29 vice and consent of the Governor. No member may re-
30 ceive any compensation or remuneration for promoting,
31 competing or otherwise engaging in boxing ~~or,~~
32 wrestling or full-contact karate, also known as
33 kick-boxing. Each member of the commission shall be
34 compensated as provided in Title 5, chapter 379.

35 Sec. 2. 8 MRSA §142, as enacted by PL 1983, c.
36 413, §2, is amended to read:

1 §142. Declaration of policy

2 It is declared to be the policy of the State,
3 that professional and amateur boxing and, professional
4 and exhibition wrestling and professional and ama-
5 teur full-contact karate, also known as kick-boxing,
6 in this State shall be supervised by the commission
7 in a manner designed to promote these sports in ac-
8 cordance with the public interest, insure the safety
9 of all participants and spectators and achieve uni-
10 formity in the rules governing participation in these
11 sports within the State.

12 Sec. 3. 8 MRSA §146, sub-§3 is enacted to read:

13 3. Full-contact karate also known as
14 kick-boxing. The commission shall have the sole di-
15 rection, control and jurisdiction over all
16 full-contact karate, also known as kick-boxing, con-
17 tests and exhibitions.

18 No full-contact karate, also known as kick-boxing,
19 contests or exhibitions, except as provided in this
20 chapter, may be held or conducted within this State,
21 unless the contest or exhibition is properly licensed
22 by the commission and conducted in accordance with
23 this chapter and the rules adopted pursuant to this
24 chapter, nor shall any closed circuit television
25 showing of such a contest or exhibition be conducted,
26 except under a license issued by the commission.

27 Sec. 4. 8 MRSA §147, sub-§1, ¶B-1 is enacted to
28 read:

29 B-1. In the exercise of its jurisdiction over
30 full-contact karate, also known as kick-boxing,
31 as set forth in section 146, subsection 3, the
32 commission may adopt rules governing, among oth-
33 ers, referees, judges, kick boxers, seconds, pro-
34 moters, managers, physicians, timekeepers and
35 knockdown timekeepers. These rules may include,
36 but not be limited to: Licensing requirements;
37 age limits and physical condition of partici-
38 pants; lengths of contests and rounds; specifica-
39 tions of the facilities and equipment used in
40 contests and uniforms of contestants and refer-
41 ees; scoring of decisions; standards of weight

1 and weighing of contestants; and the manner of
2 presentation of closed circuit events. Rules
3 governing amateur full-contact karate, also known
4 as kick-boxing, contests shall conform to
5 tournament regulations of the Amateur Athletic
6 Union or its successor in interest.

7 Sec. 5. 8 MRSA §147, sub-§1, ¶C, as amended by
8 PL 1985, c. 303, §2, is further amended to read:

9 C. The commission may adopt rules requiring
10 health and accident insurance providing coverage
11 in the event of injury or death for persons com-
12 peting in boxing events, wrestling events or
13 full-contact karate, also known as kick-boxing,
14 events subject to this chapter, or for both any
15 combination of those events. This insurance, if
16 required, shall comply with standards prescribed
17 by the Superintendent of Insurance.

18 Sec. 6. 8 MRSA §147, sub-§2, as enacted by PL
19 1983, c. 413, §2, is amended to read:

20 2. Officials. The officials at all boxing or
21 full-contact karate, also known as kick-boxing, con-
22 tests or exhibitions shall be selected or approved by
23 the commission. For purposes of this subsection, the
24 term "officials" includes referees, judges, physi-
25 cians, timekeepers and knockdown timekeepers.

26 Sec. 7. 8 MRSA §148, as amended by PL 1983, c.
27 553, §5, is further amended to read:

28 §148. Boxing and full-contact karate, also known as
29 kick-boxing, licenses

30 1. Persons to whom licenses may be issued. The
31 commission may issue, in its discretion, a license
32 for a term of one year from date of issuance to any
33 person, club, association or corporation, who or
34 which is properly qualified, to promote and conduct
35 boxing or full-contact karate, also known as
36 kick-boxing, contests and exhibitions in accordance
37 with this chapter and the rules adopted pursuant to
38 this chapter. All persons engaged in such ~~boxing~~
39 contests and exhibitions as boxers, kick boxers, sec-
40 onds, managers, timekeepers, knockdown timekeepers,

1 referees, judges and physicians shall be licensed by
2 the commission in a like manner. A closed circuit
3 boxing license may be issued by the commission to any
4 person who is properly qualified therefor, which will
5 entitle him to engage in the showing of boxing or
6 full-contact karate, also known as kick-boxing, con-
7 tests or exhibitions by closed circuit television.

8 2. Application for license. Each applicant for
9 a promoter's license or a closed circuit boxing,
10 full-contact karate, also known as kick-boxing, or
11 wrestling license shall specify the location for
12 which the license is desired, and each promoter's li-
13 cense, when issued, shall be limited to that speci-
14 fied location. No license issued under this section,
15 other than a promoter's license or a closed circuit
16 event license, may be limited to a specified loca-
17 tion.

18 3. Fee for license. The commission may, in its
19 discretion, fix the fee for each promoter's license
20 at a figure between \$25 and \$50 for a license to pro-
21 mote amateur events and a figure between \$50 and \$100
22 for a license to promote professional events, depend-
23 ing upon the probable income of the licensee to be
24 derived from the conducting of the boxing contests
25 and exhibitions. The fee for a license for closed
26 circuit events shall be \$50. The commission may, by
27 rule, fix the fees for all other licenses issued un-
28 der this section at a figure between \$5 and \$25.
29 When application by a fraternal, charitable or patri-
30 otic organization for a license to promote and con-
31 duct amateur boxing or full-contact karate, also
32 known as kick-boxing, contests or exhibitions is made
33 to the commission, it may grant the license without
34 the requirement of the payment of a license fee.

35 4. Temporary license. Upon application being
36 made for any license under this section, any member
37 of the commission may, in his discretion, temporarily
38 issue or temporarily refuse to issue the license. In
39 the event that such a temporary license is issued,
40 the temporary license shall be valid only until the
41 next meeting of the commission at which a quorum is
42 present. No license, except such a temporary li-
43 cense, may be issued under this section, except by a
44 majority vote taken at a commission meeting at which

1 a quorum is present. All license applications shall
2 be considered in the first meeting of the commission
3 following the receipt of the application, at which a
4 quorum is present.

5 Sec. 8. 8 MRSA §150, first ¶, as amended by PL
6 1983, c. 553, §7, is further amended to read:

7 No foreign copromoter, meaning a promoter who has
8 no place of business within the State, may directly
9 or indirectly participate in the promotion of or re-
10 ceive any remuneration from or render any services in
11 connection with any boxing or full-contact karate,
12 also known as kick-boxing, contest or exhibition, or
13 any professional wrestling match, show or exhibition
14 held within the State, unless he first has been
15 granted a permit by the commission. No promoter may
16 be associated with any foreign copromoter in promot-
17 ing any boxing or full-contact karate, also known as
18 kick-boxing, contest or exhibition, unless the for-
19 eign copromoter has first secured a permit. Permits
20 for foreign copromoters shall be issued in the same
21 manner as provided in section 148, subsection 2, and
22 section 149, for licenses to promote amateur or pro-
23 fessional boxing, full-contact karate, also known as
24 kick-boxing, or wrestling, and the fees for these
25 permits shall be the same as those established by the
26 commission for these licenses.

27 Sec. 9. 8 MRSA §151, as enacted by PL 1983, c.
28 413, §2, is amended to read:

29 §151. Promoter's reports

30 The commission shall provide to each promoter a
31 printed report form, which shall be completed and re-
32 turned to the commission by registered letter mailed
33 within 48 hours of the conclusion of any boxing or
34 full-contact karate, also known as kick-boxing, con-
35 test or exhibition or any wrestling match, show or
36 exhibition held under this chapter. The completed
37 form shall contain the following:

38 1. Names of contestants. A list of the names of
39 the contestants;

1 2. Physician's statement. The signed statement
2 of a physician that he examined each of the contes-
3 tants within 10 hours of the contest and found them
4 to be in good physical condition, and, in the case of
5 any boxing or full-contact karate, also known as
6 kick-boxing, contest, further stating what he found
7 each contestant's weight to be; and

8 3. Promoter's statement. The signed statement
9 of the promoter setting forth the results of the con-
10 test, the name of the referee, the names of the
11 judges in the case of a boxing or full-contact
12 karate, also known as kick-boxing, contest or exhibi-
13 tion and the amount of the gross receipts.

14 Sec. 10. 8 M RSA §152, first ¶, as amended by PL
15 1985, c. 389, §2, is further amended to read:

16 The promoter or promoters of all boxing or
17 full-contact karate, also known as kick-boxing, con-
18 tests or exhibitions and all professional wrestling
19 matches, shows or exhibitions held under this chapter
20 shall pay to the Treasurer of State, for credit to
21 the Athletic Commission Fund, a tax of 5% of the
22 gross receipts from the contest or exhibition up to a
23 maximum tax of \$2,500. This section shall apply to
24 all boxing or full-contact karate, also known as
25 kick-boxing, contests or exhibitions which are shown
26 over closed circuit television.

27 Sec. 11. 8 M RSA §153, sub-§1, as enacted by PL
28 1983, c. 413, §2, is amended to read:

29 1. Boxing or full-contact karate, also known as
30 kick-boxing. In all boxing or full-contact karate,
31 also known as kick-boxing, contests or exhibitions
32 conducted under this chapter, there may be a decision
33 as to the winner by 2 judges and the referee, or by 3
34 judges, licensed under this chapter.

35 Sec. 12. 8 M RSA §155, sub-§1, as enacted by PL
36 1983, c. 413, §2, is amended to read:

37 1. Penalties. Any person, club, association or
38 corporation, or any member or officer of a club, as-
39 sociation or corporation who promotes, competes or
40 otherwise engages in a boxing or full-contact karate,

1 also known as kick-boxing, contest or exhibition or
2 wrestling match, show or exhibition without first ob-
3 taining a license as required by this chapter, or af-
4 ter the license has expired or has been suspended,
5 revoked or temporarily suspended or revoked, is
6 guilty of a Class E crime.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

8 This bill enlarges the Maine Athletic Commis-
9 sion's jurisdiction to include the sport of
10 full-contact karate also known as kick-boxing.

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