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### **An Act to Regulate Professional Boxing.**

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Submitted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 19, 2001. Referred to the Committee on Business and Economic Development pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative RICHARDSON of Brunswick.

Cosponsored by Representative MICHAUD of Fort Kent, Senator: YOUNGBLOOD of Penobscot.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

2           Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §12004-A, sub-§44, as amended by PL 2001, c.  
4 166, §1, is repealed.

6           Sec. 2. 32 MRSA c. 115, as amended, is repealed.

8           Sec. 3. 32 MRSA c. 115-A is enacted to read:

10                                   **CHAPTER 115-A**

12                                   **PROFESSIONAL BOXING**

14           **§13521. General provisions**

16           The Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation  
18 shall regulate professional boxing matches. For the purposes of  
20 this chapter, "professional boxing matches" means boxing contests  
22 held between individuals for financial compensation but does not  
include boxing contests regulated by an amateur sports  
organization.

24           **§13522. Compliance with federal law**

26           The Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation is  
28 the State's boxing commission for the purposes of the  
30 Professional Boxing Safety Act of 1996, 15 United States Code,  
32 Sections 6301 to 6313 and shall ensure that safety standards,  
34 registration procedures and other regulations required by federal  
law are sufficient to protect the health and safety of boxers.  
The commissioner may contract with other states, other state  
agencies or the Association of Boxing Commissions, or a successor  
organization recognized by the commissioner, in order to carry  
out the purposes of this chapter.

36           **§13523. Rulemaking; limitation**

38           The Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation  
40 may adopt rules to carry out the purposes of the federal  
42 Professional Boxing Safety Act and this chapter. The  
44 commissioner may not impose rules substantially more stringent  
than necessary to protect boxers' health and safety and to fully  
comply with federal requirements. Rules adopted pursuant to this  
section are routine technical rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter  
375, subchapter II-A.

48                                   **SUMMARY**

50           This bill repeals the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32,

2 chapter 115, which governs the Maine Athletic Commission and  
3 establishes an alternative form of regulation under which the  
4 Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation acts as the  
5 State's boxing commission for the purposes of the federal  
6 Professional Boxing Safety Act of 1996, 15 United States Code,  
7 Sections 6301 to 6313. This bill authorizes the commissioner to  
8 contract with other states, other state agencies and the  
9 Association of Boxing Commissions, or its successor organization,  
10 to carry out the purposes of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title  
11 32, chapter 115-A enacted in this bill, including the  
12 registration of professional boxers and the supervision of  
professional boxing events in this State.