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(b) Such individual receives a share of the boat's, or the boats' in the case of a fishing operation involving more than one boat, catch of fish or other forms of aquatic animal life or a share of the proceeds from the sale of such catch; and

(c) The amount of such individual's share depends on the amount of the boat's, or the boats' in the case of a fishing operation involving more than one boat, catch of fish or other forms of aquatic animal life, but only if the operating crew of such boat, or each boat from which the individual receives a share in the case of a fishing operation involving more than one boat, is normally made up of fewer than 7 individuals;

(33) Services performed by a member or leader of a musical group, band or orchestra or an entertainer when the services are performed under terms of a contract entered into by the leader or an agent of the musical group, band, orchestra or entertainer with an employing unit for whom the services are being performed, provided the leader or agent is not an employer by reason of subsection 9 or of section 1222, subsection 3; and

(34) Services performed in the delivery or distribution of periodicals to the ultimate consumer by an individual who is compensated by receiving or retaining a commission or profit on the sale of the periodical; and

(35) Services performed by a homemaker in the knitted outerwear industry as those terms are defined, on the effective date of this subparagraph, in the 29 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 530, Section 530.1.

Effective September 19, 1985.

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## CHAPTER 303

S.P. 613 - L.D. 1606

AN ACT to Provide Protections to Boxers.

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

Sec. 1. 8 MRSA §146, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1983, c. 553, §4, is further amended to read:

1. Boxing. The commission shall have the sole direction, control and jurisdiction over all boxing contests and exhibitions, except that it shall have no jurisdiction over any amateur intercollegiate, interscholastic or intramural boxing contest or exhibition conducted under the direct auspices of a school, college or university, except as provided in section 147-A.

No boxing contests or exhibitions, except as provided in this chapter, may be held or conducted within this State unless the contest or exhibition is properly licensed by the commission and conducted in accordance with this chapter and the rules adopted pursuant to this chapter, nor shall any closed circuit television showing of a boxing contest or exhibition be conducted, except under a license issued by the commission.

Sec. 2. 8 MRSA §147, sub-§1, ¶C, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 413, §2, is amended to read:

C. The commission may adopt rules requiring health and accident insurance providing coverage in the event of injury or death for persons competing in boxing events subject to this chapter or for persons competing in or wrestling events subject to this chapter, or for both. This insurance, if required, shall comply with standards prescribed by the Superintendent of Insurance.

Sec. 3. 8 MRSA §§147-A and 147-B, are enacted to read:

§147-A. Headgear required; safety equipment

1. Headgear. No amateur boxing contests, exhibitions or sparring may take place in this State, unless the boxers wear protective headgear approved by the commission.

2. Other safety equipment. No amateur or professional boxing contests, exhibitions or sparring may take place in this State, unless the following safety equipment is used:

A. Plastic safety mats;

B. Padded corner posts; and

C. Such other safety equipment as the commission may consider necessary for the protection of the health and safety of boxers.

3. Penalty. Any person, club, association, corporation or any member or officer of a club, association or corporation who promotes, competes or otherwise engages in a boxing contest, exhibition or in sparring without complying with subsections 1 and 2, commits a civil violation for which a forfeiture of not more than \$500 may be adjudged. The imposition of such a forfeiture shall in no way limit the commission's right to impose disciplinary sanctions pursuant to section 154 or the State's ability to impose penalties under section 155.

#### §147-B. Head injuries

1. Examination. Any boxer who is rendered unconscious or suffers serious head injury during any boxing contest or exhibition, as determined by the attending ring physician, shall:

A. Be examined immediately by the attending ring physician;

B. Undergo neurological and neuropsychological examinations by a neurologist or neurosurgeon, including, but not limited to, a computed tomography or medically equivalent procedure; and

C. Not participate in any boxing contest or exhibition until the commission is presented with a written certification of a licensed physician that the boxer is fit to take part in competitive boxing.

2. Results of examination. The results of any examination conducted under subsection 1 and any subsequent physician certification shall become part of the boxer's permanent medical record, as maintained by the commission and shall be used by the commission to determine whether the boxer should be permitted to participate in any future boxing contest or exhibition.

3. Responsibility for examination. The sole responsibility for any examination required by subsection 1, paragraph B, shall rest with the boxer. Neither the commission, any member of the commission, nor the ringside physician shall be responsible financially or otherwise for the examination.