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To amend the Professional Boxing Safety Act of 1996 to establish requirements for unified boxing organizations, to further enhance the well-being of professional boxers, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 23, 2025

Mr. JACK (for himself and Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

FEBRUARY 25, 2026

Additional sponsors: Mr. McDOWELL, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. SCHMIDT, Mr. VAN DREW, Mr. HORSFORD, Ms. STEVENS, Mr. FIGURES, Mrs. MCIVER, Mr. AMODEI of Nevada, Mr. MCGARVEY, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, and Ms. TITUS

FEBRUARY 25, 2026

Reported from the Committee on Education and Workforce with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

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Committee on Energy and Commerce discharged; committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on July 23, 2025]

A BILL

To amend the Professional Boxing Safety Act of 1996 to establish requirements for unified boxing organizations, to further enhance the well-being of professional boxers, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
 2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 *This Act may be cited as the “Muhammad Ali Amer-*
 5 *ican Boxing Revival Act of 2026”.*

6 **SEC. 2. PURPOSES.**

7 *The purposes of this Act are—*

8 *(1) to provide increased choice and opportunity*
 9 *to professional boxers by allowing a professional boxer*
 10 *to choose to participate in the alternative system of-*
 11 *fered by a unified boxing organization; and*

12 *(2) to further enhance safety precautions that*
 13 *protect the well-being of professional boxers.*

14 **SEC. 3. UNIFIED BOXING ORGANIZATIONS.**

15 *(a) IN GENERAL.—The Professional Boxing Safety Act*
 16 *of 1996 (15 U.S.C. 6301 et seq.) is amended by adding at*
 17 *the end the following:*

18 **“SEC. 24. UNIFIED BOXING ORGANIZATIONS.**

19 *“(a) ALTERNATIVE SYSTEM FOR COMPLIANCE WITH*
 20 *THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS ACT.—A unified boxing or-*
 21 *ganization (in this section referred to as a ‘UBO’) shall*
 22 *be deemed to be in compliance with the requirements of this*
 23 *Act if the UBO meets the requirements of section 5 and*
 24 *the conditions of this section with respect to—*

1 “(1) each boxer under contract with the UBO;
2 and

3 “(2) each professional boxing match organized by
4 the UBO (in this section referred to as a ‘covered
5 match’).

6 “(b) SAFETY AND INDUSTRY STANDARDS; MEDICAL
7 EXAMINATIONS.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A condition of this section is
9 that a UBO meets the requirements of paragraphs (2)
10 and (3) of this subsection, in addition to the require-
11 ments of section 5.

12 “(2) SPECIAL RULE RELATING TO KNOCKOUTS.—
13 In the case of a boxer who suffers a knockout during
14 a covered match, a UBO shall require that (in addi-
15 tion to the examinations required for such boxer pur-
16 suant to section 5(a)(1)(B)(iii)) the boxer undergo the
17 applicable examinations described in section
18 5(a)(1)(B)(iii) relating to brain health prior to par-
19 ticipating in the boxer’s next covered match.

20 “(3) SUPPLEMENTAL PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS
21 FOR BOXERS WHO ARE 40 YEARS OF AGE OR
22 OLDER.—

23 “(A) IN GENERAL.—A UBO shall ensure
24 that a boxer who participates in a covered match
25 at the age of 40 or older undergoes (in addition

to the physical examinations required pursuant to section 5(a)(1)(B)(iii) and paragraph (2) of this subsection, as applicable) a supplemental physical examination conducted by a licensed physician that affirms the fitness of the boxer to safely participate in a covered match.

“(B) *ELEMENTS*.—A supplemental physical examination under subparagraph (A) shall include each of the following:

“(i) A chest X-ray.

“(ii) A comprehensive metabolic panel blood test.

“(iii) A urinalysis to measure the overall health condition of the boxer.

“(C) *FREQUENCY*.—The supplemental physical examination to be conducted under subparagraph (A) shall occur at least annually, except that the chest X-ray required under subparagraph (B)(i) shall occur at least once every 6 years.

“(c) *PROVISION OF MEDICAL CARE DURING MATCHES*.—

“(1) *AMBULANCES*.—A condition of this section is that a UBO provides (in addition to the ambulance required to be provided by such UBO pursuant to sec-

1 *tion 5(a)(2)) for at least 1 additional ambulance to*
 2 *be continuously present on site of a covered match.*

3 *“(2) RINGSIDE PRESENCE.—*

4 *“(A) IN GENERAL.—A condition of this sec-*
 5 *tion is that a UBO provides (in addition to the*
 6 *licensed physician required to be provided by*
 7 *such UBO pursuant to section 5(a)(3)) for at*
 8 *least 1 additional licensed physician to be con-*
 9 *tinuously present at ringside during a covered*
 10 *match.*

11 *“(B) CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT.—Be-*
 12 *ginning on the date that is 2 years after the date*
 13 *of enactment of the Muhammad Ali American*
 14 *Boxing Revival Act of 2026, each physician re-*
 15 *quired to be provided by a UBO shall have a cer-*
 16 *tification obtained through a certification pro-*
 17 *gram administered by the Association of Boxing*
 18 *Commissions in partnership with the Association*
 19 *of Ring-side Physicians (or any successor orga-*
 20 *nization).*

21 *“(d) SUPPORT SERVICES FOR BOXERS UNDER CON-*
 22 *TRACT WITH A UBO.—A condition of this section is that,*
 23 *during the period in which a boxer is under contract with*
 24 *a UBO, the UBO shall ensure such boxer has each of the*
 25 *following:*

1 “(1) *EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES FOR TRAINING*
 2 *AND REHABILITATION.*—*The boxer has access to*
 3 *equipment and facilities that are operated by the*
 4 *UBO for training and rehabilitation.*

5 “(2) *INSURANCE POLICY.*—*In addition to the*
 6 *health insurance provided to the boxer pursuant to*
 7 *section 5(a)(4), the boxer has in effect an insurance*
 8 *policy that provides medical coverage for any injury*
 9 *sustained by the boxer during the period of training*
 10 *for a covered match.*

11 “(3) *MEDICAL COORDINATOR.*—*A medical coor-*
 12 *dinator is assigned to the boxer to assist the boxer*
 13 *with satisfying medical and licensing requirements*
 14 *related to the participation of the boxer in a covered*
 15 *match.*

16 “(e) *COMPREHENSIVE ANTI-DOPING PROGRAM.*—

17 “(1) *REQUIREMENT.*—

18 “(A) *IN GENERAL.*—*A condition of this sec-*
 19 *tion is that a UBO has in effect a comprehensive*
 20 *anti-doping program that includes the testing*
 21 *and requirements related to such testing under*
 22 *this subsection.*

23 “(B) *LIST OF PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES*
 24 *AND PENALTIES.*—*A UBO shall, on an annual*
 25 *basis, publish, and make available to the public,*

1 *a list that identifies, with respect to the pre-*
 2 *ceding year—*

3 *“(i) each substance tested for under the*
 4 *comprehensive anti-doping program of the*
 5 *UBO; and*

6 *“(ii) each penalty imposed on a boxer*
 7 *under paragraph (6).*

8 *“(2) IN-COMPETITION TESTING.—*

9 *“(A) IN GENERAL.—The UBO shall ensure*
 10 *that testing is conducted, in accordance with*
 11 *paragraph (5), for at least half the boxers par-*
 12 *ticipating in each covered match organized by*
 13 *such UBO for an event.*

14 *“(B) TIMING.—Testing required under sub-*
 15 *paragraph (A) shall—*

16 *“(i) occur during the period beginning*
 17 *on the date of a weigh-in for a covered*
 18 *match and ending on the date of the match;*
 19 *and*

20 *“(ii) determine whether a boxer is*
 21 *positive or negative for each substance pro-*
 22 *hibited by—*

23 *“(I) the boxing commission of the*
 24 *State in which the match is held; or*

1 “(II) in the case of a covered
2 match held within a reservation (as de-
3 fined by section 21), the tribal organi-
4 zation (as defined by section 21 and
5 that meets the requirements of section
6 21) regulating the match.

7 “(3) NO-NOTICE TESTING.—In addition to the
8 testing required under paragraph (2), during the pe-
9 riod in which a boxer is under contract with a UBO,
10 the UBO may conduct testing, with no advance notice
11 to the boxer and in accordance with paragraph (5),
12 to determine whether such boxer is positive or nega-
13 tive for each substance prohibited by the UBO.

14 “(4) SUBSTANCES PROHIBITED BY UBO.—The
15 UBO shall prohibit any substance described in section
16 7(a)(2)(C)(ii), except that the UBO may elect to not
17 test a boxer participating in a covered match for any
18 substance that is not prohibited by the boxing com-
19 mission of the State in which the match is being held
20 or the tribal organization described in paragraph
21 (2)(B)(ii)(II) that is regulating the match.

22 “(5) ADMINISTRATION OF TESTS.—An inde-
23 pendent third-party shall conduct the testing under
24 paragraphs (2) and (3), which shall include—

25 “(A) carrying out each such test;

1 “(B) *determining the result of each such*
2 *test; and*

3 “(C) *reporting a positive result of such a*
4 *test to—*

5 “(i) *the UBO concerned;*

6 “(ii) *the boxing commission of the*
7 *State in which a covered match is held or*
8 *the tribal organization regulating the*
9 *match; and*

10 “(iii) *the Association of Boxing Com-*
11 *missions.*

12 “(6) *PENALTIES.—*

13 “(A) *IN GENERAL.—A UBO shall imple-*
14 *ment any penalty decided—*

15 “(i) *with respect to a positive test re-*
16 *sult related to the testing conducted under*
17 *paragraph (2), by—*

18 “(I) *the boxing commission of the*
19 *State in which a covered match is held*
20 *or the tribal organization regulating*
21 *the match; or*

22 “(II) *the Association of Boxing*
23 *Commissions; and*

24 “(ii) *with respect to a positive test re-*
25 *sult related to the testing conducted under*

1 paragraph (3), by the independent third-
2 party conducting such testing.

3 “(B) *ASSESSMENT FOR PENALTIES.*—In im-
4 posing a penalty on a boxer for whom the inde-
5 pendent third-party reports a positive test result
6 under paragraph (2) or (3), the boxing commis-
7 sion, the Association of Boxing Commissions, or
8 the independent third-party described in sub-
9 paragraph (A) shall consider—

10 “(i) the seriousness of the positive test
11 result in relation to the participation of the
12 boxer in a covered match; and

13 “(ii) the degree to which the boxer is at
14 fault for the positive test result.

15 “(7) *CONTRACT REQUIREMENT.*—A UBO shall
16 include in any contract entered into between the UBO
17 and a boxer regarding participation in covered
18 matches such terms and conditions as may be nec-
19 essary to require the boxer to submit to testing under
20 this subsection during the period of the contract.

21 “(f) *REQUIRED CONTRACT PROVISIONS.*—In addition
22 to the requirements described in subsection (e)(7), a contract
23 between a UBO and a boxer shall meet each of the following
24 requirements:

1 “(1) *During the 30-day period ending on the last*
2 *day of such contract, the boxer may not be prohibited*
3 *from communicating with another UBO or a pro-*
4 *moter.*

5 “(2) *Such contract shall—*

6 “(A) *specify the minimum payment that*
7 *such boxer will receive for participating in a*
8 *round of a boxing match, which shall be at least*
9 *\$200 per round; and*

10 “(B)(i) *arrange that such boxer fight in a*
11 *minimum of 1 boxing match every 6 months; or*

12 “(ii) *ensure that such boxer is paid an*
13 *amount that is not less than 10 times the min-*
14 *imum payment for such boxer for 1 round as*
15 *specified pursuant to subparagraph (A), except*
16 *that this clause shall not apply if an injury pre-*
17 *vents the boxer from fighting and the boxer is*
18 *collecting insurance for such injury pursuant to*
19 *subsection (d)(2), or the boxer refuses or is other-*
20 *wise unable to fight for reasons beyond the con-*
21 *trol of the UBO, including inability of the boxer*
22 *to travel or the boxer’s failure to maintain rel-*
23 *evant licensure.*

24 “(3) *Such contract may not exceed 6 years.*

25 “(g) *BOXING CONDUCT POLICY.—*

1 “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—A condition of this section is
2 that a UBO implements and ensures compliance with
3 a comprehensive boxing conduct policy that prohibits
4 a boxer, or any covered individual, who is directly in-
5 volved with or participates in a covered match
6 from—

7 “(A) placing a bet or wager, directly or
8 through a third party, on the match; and

9 “(B) sharing non-public information with a
10 third party that is material to the performance
11 of a boxer participating in the match or the out-
12 come of the match for the purpose of assisting the
13 third party in placing a bet or wager on the
14 match.

15 “(2) *COMPLIANCE.*—A UBO shall implement
16 and ensure compliance with procedures for moni-
17 toring and enforcing compliance with the boxing con-
18 duct policy implemented under paragraph (1).

19 “(3) *COVERED INDIVIDUAL DEFINED.*—In this
20 subsection, the term ‘covered individual’ means, with
21 respect to a boxer who participates in a covered
22 match, any of the following:

23 “(A) An adult living in the same household
24 as the boxer.

1 “(B) *A coach, manager, or athletic trainer*
2 *of the boxer.*

3 “(C) *A physician or other medical profes-*
4 *sional who provides services to the boxer.*

5 “(D) *An employee, officer, or director of the*
6 *UBO concerned.*

7 “(E) *An agent of any such person who is*
8 *directly involved with or participates in a cov-*
9 *ered match.*

10 “(h) *CONFLICTS OF INTEREST.—A condition of this*
11 *section is that a UBO implements prohibitions against the*
12 *officers or employees of the UBO, or any representative of*
13 *the UBO, engaging in any of the following:*

14 “(1) *Any direct or indirect financial interest in*
15 *the management of a boxer in relation to the partici-*
16 *pation of the boxer in a covered match.*

17 “(2) *Employment of, or making a payment to,*
18 *a manager who represents a boxer who participates*
19 *in a covered match, except—*

20 “(A) *when the boxer acts as the boxer’s own*
21 *manager; or*

22 “(B) *for any consideration paid by the*
23 *UBO to the manager under the contract between*
24 *the manager and the boxer.*

1 “(3) *Receiving or requesting from a boxer the*
2 *payment of a fee related to—*

3 “(A) *the ranking of the boxer; and*

4 “(B) *the participation of the boxer in a cov-*
5 *ered match—*

6 “(i) *including any fee related to a*
7 *boxer participating in a covered match in*
8 *which the boxer will be challenging a cham-*
9 *pion or defending a championship, includ-*
10 *ing any award; and*

11 “(ii) *excluding any cost related to a*
12 *boxer reimbursing a UBO for reasonable ex-*
13 *penses incurred by the UBO on behalf of the*
14 *boxer in relation to the participation of the*
15 *boxer in a covered match, including any*
16 *medical expense and travel expense.*

17 “(i) *BOXING COMMISSIONS.—*

18 “(1) *PROHIBITION.—A condition of this section*
19 *is that a covered match may not be held—*

20 “(A) *in a State without a boxing commis-*
21 *sion; or*

22 “(B) *within a reservation (as defined by*
23 *section 21) under the jurisdiction of a tribal or-*
24 *ganization (as defined by section 21) that does*
25 *not meet the requirements of section 21.*

1 “(2) *JUDGES AND REFEREES.*—A condition of
 2 this section is that a UBO meets the requirements of
 3 section 16.

4 “(j) *FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY.*—

5 “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—Subject to paragraph (2), a
 6 condition of this section is that a UBO is financially
 7 responsible for the costs of meeting the requirements
 8 of section 5 and the conditions of this section.

9 “(2) *COST OF ANY DEDUCTIBLE.*— The cost of
 10 any deductible for any health insurance required to be
 11 provided by the UBO for a boxer shall be the finan-
 12 cial responsibility of the boxer.

13 “(k) *FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION FILING.*—

14 “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—A condition of this section is
 15 that, on the date in which a UBO intends to claim
 16 status as a UBO for purposes of this section, the UBO
 17 submits to the Federal Trade Commission and to the
 18 Association of Boxing Commissions information re-
 19 garding the UBO, including the following:

20 “(A) *The State in which the UBO is incor-*
 21 *porated.*

22 “(B) *The business address of the UBO.*

23 “(C) *The website of the UBO.*

24 “(2) *FORMAT; UPDATES.*—To meet the condition
 25 of this subsection, the UBO shall—

1 “(A) provide the information described in
2 paragraph (1) in—

3 “(i) writing; and

4 “(ii) for any document greater than 2
5 pages in length, electronic form; and

6 “(B) promptly notify the Federal Trade
7 Commission of any material change in the infor-
8 mation submitted.

9 “(3) *FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION TO MAKE IN-*
10 *FORMATION AVAILABLE TO PUBLIC.—The Federal*
11 *Trade Commission—*

12 “(A) shall make information received under
13 this subsection available to the public; and

14 “(B) may assess the UBO a fee to offset the
15 costs the Commission incurs in processing the in-
16 formation and in making the information avail-
17 able to the public.

18 “(4) *INTERNET ALTERNATIVE.—In lieu of sub-*
19 *mitting the information described in paragraph (1) to*
20 *the Federal Trade Commission, a UBO may provide*
21 *the information to the public by maintaining a*
22 *website on the internet that meets the following re-*
23 *quirements:*

24 “(A) Is readily accessible by the general
25 public using generally available search engines.

1 “(B) *For full access to the information, does*
 2 *not require a password or payment of a fee.*

3 “(C) *Contains the information described in*
 4 *paragraph (1) in a format that is easy to search*
 5 *and use.*

6 “(D) *Is updated when there is a material*
 7 *change in the information.*

8 “(l) *RELATIONSHIP WITH STATE LAW.—Nothing in*
 9 *this section shall prohibit a State from adopting or enforce-*
 10 *ing supplemental laws or regulations not inconsistent with*
 11 *this section, or criminal, civil, or administrative fines for*
 12 *violations of such laws or regulations.”.*

13 (b) *ENFORCEMENT.—Section 18(b) of the Professional*
 14 *Boxing Safety Act of 1996 (15 U.S.C. 6309(b)) is amended*
 15 *by adding at the end the following:*

16 “(5) *UNIFIED BOXING ORGANIZATIONS.—Any of-*
 17 *ficer or employee of a unified boxing organization*
 18 *who willfully and knowingly violates, or coerces or*
 19 *causes any other person to violate, section 24 shall,*
 20 *upon conviction, be imprisoned for not more than 1*
 21 *year or fined not more than \$20,000, or both.”.*

22 (c) *DEFINITIONS.—Section 2 of the Professional Box-*
 23 *ing Safety Act of 1996 (15 U.S.C. 6301) is amended—*

24 (1) *by striking paragraph (7) and inserting the*
 25 *following:*

1 “(7) *PHYSICIAN*.—The term ‘physician’ means a
2 *doctor of medicine, with a degree of Doctor of Medi-*
3 *cine or Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine, who is legally*
4 *authorized to practice medicine by the State in which*
5 *the physician performs such function or action.”; and*

6 (2) *by adding at the end the following:*

7 “(16) *UNIFIED BOXING ORGANIZATION*.—The
8 *term ‘unified boxing organization’ or ‘UBO’ means*
9 *an association, a league, or a centralized industry or-*
10 *ganization in the private sector that—*

11 “(A) *organizes a professional boxing match*
12 *in a system in which a boxer under contract*
13 *with such association, league, or centralized in-*
14 *dustry organization competes against another*
15 *such boxer pursuant to unified rules; and*

16 “(B) *without reliance on a sanctioning or-*
17 *ganization operating independently of such asso-*
18 *ciation, league, or centralized industry organiza-*
19 *tion, implements a system for title belts and*
20 *ranking for boxers under contract with such as-*
21 *sociation, league, or centralized industry organi-*
22 *zation.”.*

1 **SEC. 4. BOXING INDUSTRY STANDARDS.**

2 (a) *BOXER SAFETY AND INDUSTRY STANDARDS.*—Sec-
3 *tion 5 of the Professional Boxing Safety Act of 1996 (15*
4 *U.S.C. 6304) is amended—*

5 (1) *in the section heading, by inserting “AND*
6 *INDUSTRY” after “SAFETY”;*

7 (2) *in the matter preceding paragraph (1)—*

8 (A) *by striking “No person” and inserting*
9 *the following:*

10 “(a) *HEALTH AND SAFETY OF BOXERS.*—No person”;
11 *and*

12 (B) *by inserting “, at a minimum,” after*
13 *“that provides”;*

14 (3) *in subsection (a), as so designated—*

15 (A) *by amending paragraph (1) to read as*
16 *follows:*

17 “(1) *PHYSICAL EXAMINATION.*—

18 “(A) *IN GENERAL.*—A physical examina-
19 *tion of each boxer by a physician certifying*
20 *whether or not the boxer is physically fit to safe-*
21 *ly compete, copies of which shall be provided to*
22 *the boxing commission by such physician.*

23 “(B) *MINIMAL MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS.*—

24 “(i) *IN GENERAL.*—A physician may
25 *certify as required under subparagraph (A)*
26 *only if the examinations described in clause*

1 (iii) are conducted, which examinations
2 shall be valid only for the amount of time
3 prior to a match indicated in such table.

4 “(ii) *VALIDITY*.—No examination shall
5 be valid unless it is conducted by a physi-
6 cian, in person, and includes a written
7 opinion that the result of such examination
8 does not contraindicate that a boxer is able
9 to compete safely.

10 “(iii) *REQUIRED EXAMINATIONS*.—The
11 examinations described in this clause are
12 those set forth in the following table:

<i>“Required examinations</i>	<i>Validity</i>
<i>Complete physical examination, including blood work</i>	<i>1 year</i>
<i>Dilated eye examination</i>	<i>1 year</i>
<i>Heart examinations (Electrocardiogram, and for a boxer aged 40 years or older, a stress test)</i>	<i>1 year</i>
<i>Antibody tests (Negative Human Immunodeficiency Virus antibody, Hepatitis B antigen, and Hepatitis C antibody)</i>	<i>6 months</i>
<i>Brain health examinations (For a boxer aged 40 years or older, a magnetic resonance image (MRI) scan and a magnetic resonance angiography (MRA) of the brain; for a boxer under age 40, an MRI of the brain or neurologic examination conducted by a neurologist)</i>	<i>1 year</i>
<i>In the case of a female fighter, a pregnancy test</i>	<i>14 days”;</i>

13 (B) in paragraph (2)—

14 (i) by striking “Except” and inserting
15 “*AMBULANCE; EQUIPMENT*.—*Except*”; and
16 (ii) by striking “an ambulance or med-
17 ical personnel” and inserting “an ambu-
18 lance and medical personnel”;

1 (C) by amending paragraph (3) to read as
2 *follows:*

3 “(3) *PHYSICIAN.*—A physician continuously
4 present at ringside who, beginning on the date that
5 is 2 years after the date of enactment of the Muham-
6 mad Ali American Boxing Revival Act of 2026, shall
7 have a certification obtained through a certification
8 program administered by the Association of Boxing
9 Commissions in partnership with the Association of
10 Ring-side Physicians, or any successor organiza-
11 tion.”; and

12 (D) by amending paragraph (4) to read as
13 *follows:*

14 “(4) *INSURANCE.*—For each boxer, health insur-
15 ance that—

16 “(A) provides a minimum of \$50,000 in
17 medical coverage for any injuries sustained in
18 the match and \$15,000 in accidental death cov-
19 erage for any fatality arising from such match;
20 and

21 “(B) with respect to any premium, is not
22 the financial responsibility of the boxer.”;

23 (4) by adding after subsection (a), as designated
24 by paragraph (2) of this subsection, the following:

1 “(b) *MINIMUM PAYMENT TO BOXERS.*—A promoter or
 2 *unified boxing organization shall pay a minimum of \$200*
 3 *to each boxer for each round in a match in which the boxer*
 4 *participates.”; and*

5 (5) *by adding at the end the following:*

6 “(c) *SIMPLIFICATION OF TITLES.*—

7 “(1) *SINGULAR TITLES.*—A sanctioning organi-
 8 *zation or unified boxing organization shall award*
 9 *only 1 championship title for each weight class.*

10 “(2) *INTERIM TITLES.*—A sanctioning organiza-
 11 *tion or unified boxing organization may not award*
 12 *an interim championship title except in the case of*
 13 *an injury or illness to a reigning titleholder, refusal*
 14 *or inability by the reigning title holder to defend his*
 15 *title, or for reasons beyond the control of the boxer,*
 16 *including inability to travel.”.*

17 (b) *REVIEW.*—Section 7 of the *Professional Boxing*
 18 *Safety Act of 1996 (15 U.S.C. 6306) is amended—*

19 (1) *subsection (a) is amended by adding at the*
 20 *end the following:*

21 “(5) *Procedures to ensure that—*

22 “(A) *drug tests shall be administered—*

23 “(i) *for any title bout; and*

1 “(ii) at random for all other bouts,
2 provided that tests are administered for not
3 less than 50 percent of such other bouts; and

4 “(B) such drug tests shall screen, at a min-
5 imum, for any substance listed on the most cur-
6 rent edition of ‘The World Anti-Doping Code,
7 The Prohibited List International Standard’ of
8 the World Anti-Doping Agency, except that a
9 boxing commission may elect not to screen for
10 such a substance if the use of such substance is
11 not prohibited by the State in which the match
12 is being held or the tribal organization (as de-
13 fined in section 21) that is regulating the
14 match.”; and

15 (2) by adding at the end the following:

16 “(c) *CONSISTENT STANDARDS.*—It is the sense of Con-
17 gress that—

18 “(1) uneven development of standards and prac-
19 tices by boxing commissions (including tribal organi-
20 zations in compliance with section 21) has enabled
21 matches that would not have been authorized by box-
22 ing commissions with robust standards and practices,
23 and that boxers have been seriously injured or killed
24 as a result;

1 “(2) the Association of Boxing Commissions (in
2 this subsection referred to as the ‘ABC’), in partner-
3 ship with the Association of Ringside Physicians, is
4 well-positioned to identify policies and practices most
5 conducive to boxer safety and wellbeing; and

6 “(3) the ABC should, accordingly, publish and
7 maintain—

8 “(A) a model legislative and regulatory code
9 for professional boxing, derived from—

10 “(i) State policies that are most protec-
11 tive of boxers’ safety, health, wellbeing, and
12 economic opportunity;

13 “(ii) rigorous sporting authority guide-
14 lines, such as the USA Boxing protocols for
15 medical suspension; and

16 “(iii) expert consensus statements from
17 the Association of Ringside Physicians and
18 other sports medicine organizations;

19 “(B) best practices recommendations for
20 oversight of professional boxing and implementa-
21 tion of legal duties by boxing commissions; and

22 “(C) an annual report card of boxing com-
23 mission conformance with such model codes and
24 best practices.”.

1 (c) *JUDGES AND REFEREES.*—Section 16 of the Profes-
 2 sional Boxing Safety Act of 1996 (15 U.S.C. 6307h) is
 3 amended to read as follows:

4 **“SEC. 16. JUDGES AND REFEREES.**

5 *“No person may arrange, promote, organize, produce,*
 6 *or fight in a professional boxing match unless all referees*
 7 *and judges participating in the match have been certified*
 8 *and approved by—*

9 *“(1) the boxing commission responsible for regu-*
 10 *lating the match in the State where the match is held;*
 11 *or*

12 *“(2) the Association of Boxing Commissions.”.*

13 (d) *CONFLICTS OF INTEREST.*—Section 17(c)(2)(A) of
 14 the Professional Boxing Safety Act of 1996 (15 U.S.C.
 15 6308(c)(2)(A)) is amended by striking “or reasonable ex-
 16 penses in connection therewith”.

17 (e) *TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.*—Paragraphs (1) and (3)
 18 of section 21(a) of the Professional Boxing Safety Act of
 19 1996 (15 U.S.C. 6312(a)) are amended by striking “25
 20 U.S.C. 450b” and inserting “25 U.S.C. 5304”.

21 **SEC. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE AND APPLICATION.**

22 *The amendments made by this Act shall take effect on*
 23 *the date of enactment of this Act, and shall apply with re-*
 24 *spect to boxing matches that take place on or after the date*
 25 *that is 30 days after such date of enactment.*

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