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To amend the Professional Boxing Safety Act of 1996 to establish the United States Boxing Commission to administer such Act, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KING of New York (for himself, Mr. PICKERING, and Mr. OSBORNE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the 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

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## A BILL

To amend the Professional Boxing Safety Act of 1996 to establish the United States Boxing Commission to administer such Act, 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; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the  
5 “Professional Boxing Amendments Act of 2005”.

6 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for  
7 this Act is as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
- Sec. 2. Amendment of Professional Boxing Safety Act of 1996.
- Sec. 3. Definitions.
- Sec. 4. Purposes.
- Sec. 5. United States Boxing Commission approval, or ABC or commission sanction, required for matches.
- Sec. 6. Safety standards.
- Sec. 7. Registration.
- Sec. 8. Review.
- Sec. 9. Reporting.
- Sec. 10. Contract requirements.
- Sec. 11. Coercive contracts.
- Sec. 12. Sanctioning organizations.
- Sec. 13. Required disclosures by sanctioning organizations.
- Sec. 14. Required disclosures by promoters and broadcasters.
- Sec. 15. Judges and referees.
- Sec. 16. Confidentiality.
- Sec. 17. Medical registry.
- Sec. 18. Conflicts of interest.
- Sec. 19. Enforcement.
- Sec. 20. Repeal of deadwood.
- Sec. 21. Recognition of tribal law.
- Sec. 22. Establishment of United States Boxing Commission.
- Sec. 23. Conforming amendments.
- Sec. 24. Study and report on definition of promoter.
- Sec. 25. Effective dates.

**1 SEC. 2. AMENDMENT OF PROFESSIONAL BOXING SAFETY**  
**2 ACT OF 1996.**

**3** Except as otherwise expressly provided, whenever in  
**4** this Act an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms  
**5** of an amendment to, or repeal of, a section or other provi-  
**6** sion, the reference shall be considered to be made to a  
**7** section or other provision of the Professional Boxing Safe-  
**8** ty Act of 1996 (15 U.S.C. 6301 et seq.).

**9 SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

**10** (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2 (15 U.S.C. 6301) is  
**11** amended to read as follows:

**12 “SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

**13** “In this Act:

1           “(1) COMMISSION.—The term ‘Commission’  
2 means the United States Boxing Commission.

3           “(2) BOUT AGREEMENT.—The term ‘bout  
4 agreement’ means a contract between a promoter  
5 and a boxer that requires the boxer to participate in  
6 a professional boxing match for a particular date.

7           “(3) BOXER.—The term ‘boxer’ means an indi-  
8 vidual who fights in a professional boxing match.

9           “(4) BOXING COMMISSION.—The term ‘boxing  
10 commission’ means an entity authorized under State  
11 or tribal law to regulate professional boxing  
12 matches.

13           “(5) BOXER REGISTRY.—The term ‘boxer reg-  
14 istry’ means any entity certified by the Commission  
15 for the purposes of maintaining records and identi-  
16 fication of boxers.

17           “(6) BOXING SERVICE PROVIDER.—The term  
18 ‘boxing service provider’ means a promoter, man-  
19 ager, sanctioning body, licensee, or matchmaker.

20           “(7) CONTRACT PROVISION.—The term ‘con-  
21 tract provision’ means any legal obligation between  
22 a boxer and a boxing service provider.

23           “(8) INDIAN LANDS; INDIAN TRIBE.—The  
24 terms ‘Indian lands’ and ‘Indian tribe’ have the  
25 meanings given those terms by paragraphs (4) and

1 (5), respectively, of section 4 of the Indian Gaming  
2 Regulatory Act (25 U.S.C. 2703).

3 “(9) LICENSEE.—The term ‘licensee’ means an  
4 individual who serves as a trainer, corner man, sec-  
5 ond, or cut man for a boxer.

6 “(10) MANAGER.—The term ‘manager’ means a  
7 person other than a promoter who, under contract,  
8 agreement, or other arrangement with a boxer, un-  
9 dertakes to control or administer, directly or indi-  
10 rectly, a boxing-related matter on behalf of that  
11 boxer, including a person who is a booking agent for  
12 a boxer.

13 “(11) MATCHMAKER.—The term ‘matchmaker’  
14 means a person that proposes, selects, and arranges  
15 for boxers to participate in a professional boxing  
16 match.

17 “(12) PHYSICIAN.—The term ‘physician’ means  
18 a doctor of medicine legally authorized to practice  
19 medicine by the State in which the physician per-  
20 forms such function or action and who has training  
21 and experience in dealing with sports injuries, par-  
22 ticularly head trauma.

23 “(13) PROFESSIONAL BOXING MATCH.—The  
24 term ‘professional boxing match’ means a boxing  
25 contest held in the United States between individ-

1 uals for financial compensation. The term ‘profes-  
2 sional boxing match’ does not include a boxing con-  
3 test that is regulated by a duly recognized amateur  
4 sports organization, as approved by the Commission.

5 “(14) PROMOTER.—The term ‘promoter’—

6 “(A) means the person primarily respon-  
7 sible for organizing, promoting, and producing  
8 a professional boxing match; but

9 “(B) does not include a hotel, casino, re-  
10 sort, or other commercial establishment hosting  
11 or sponsoring a professional boxing match un-  
12 less—

13 “(i) the hotel, casino, resort, or other  
14 commercial establishment is primarily re-  
15 sponsible for organizing, promoting, and  
16 producing the match; and

17 “(ii) there is no other person pri-  
18 marily responsible for organizing, pro-  
19 moting, and producing the match.

20 “(15) PROMOTIONAL AGREEMENT.—The term  
21 ‘promotional agreement’ means a contract, for the  
22 acquisition of rights relating to a boxer’s participa-  
23 tion in a professional boxing match or series of box-  
24 ing matches (including the right to sell, distribute,  
25 exhibit, or license the match or matches), with—

1           “(A) the boxer who is to participate in the  
2 match or matches; or

3           “(B) the nominee of a boxer who is to par-  
4 ticipate in the match or matches, or the nomi-  
5 nee is an entity that is owned, controlled or  
6 held in trust for the boxer unless that nominee  
7 or entity is a licensed promoter who is con-  
8 veying a portion of the rights previously ac-  
9 quired.

10          “(16) STATE.—The term ‘State’ means each of  
11 the 50 States, Puerto Rico, the District of Columbia,  
12 and any territory or possession of the United States,  
13 including the Virgin Islands.

14          “(17) SANCTIONING ORGANIZATION.—The term  
15 ‘sanctioning organization’ means an organization,  
16 other than a boxing commission, that sanctions pro-  
17 fessional boxing matches, ranks professional boxers,  
18 or charges a sanctioning fee for professional boxing  
19 matches in the United States—

20           “(A) between boxers who are residents of  
21 different States; or

22           “(B) that are advertised, otherwise pro-  
23 moted, or broadcast (including closed circuit  
24 television) in interstate commerce.

1           “(18) SUSPENSION.—The term ‘suspension’ in-  
2           cludes within its meaning the temporary revocation  
3           of a boxing license.

4           “(19) TRIBAL ORGANIZATION.—The term ‘trib-  
5           al organization’ has the same meaning as in section  
6           4(l) of the Indian Self-Determination and Education  
7           Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450b(l)).”.

8           (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 21 (15  
9           U.S.C. 6312) is amended to read as follows:

10   **“SEC. 21. PROFESSIONAL BOXING MATCHES CONDUCTED**  
11                           **ON INDIAN LANDS.**

12           “(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other pro-  
13           vision of law, a tribal organization may establish a boxing  
14           commission to regulate professional boxing matches held  
15           on Indian land under the jurisdiction of that tribal organi-  
16           zation.

17           “(b) STANDARDS AND LICENSING.—A tribal organi-  
18           zation that establishes a boxing commission shall, by tribal  
19           ordinance or resolution, establish and provide for the im-  
20           plementation of health and safety standards, licensing re-  
21           quirements, and other requirements relating to the con-  
22           duct of professional boxing matches that are at least as  
23           restrictive as—

1           “(1) the otherwise applicable requirements of  
2           the State in which the Indian land on which the pro-  
3           fessional boxing match is held is located; or

4           “(2) the guidelines established by the United  
5           States Boxing Commission.

6           “(c) APPLICATION OF ACT TO BOXING MATCHES ON  
7   TRIBAL LANDS.—The provisions of this Act apply to pro-  
8   fessional boxing matches held on tribal lands to the same  
9   extent and in the same way as they apply to professional  
10   boxing matches held in any State.”.

11   **SEC. 4. PURPOSES.**

12           Section 3(2) (15 U.S.C. 6302(2)) is amended by  
13   striking “State”.

14   **SEC. 5. UNITED STATES BOXING COMMISSION APPROVAL,**  
15                   **OR ABC OR COMMISSION SANCTION, RE-**  
16                   **QUIRED FOR MATCHES.**

17           (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 4 (15 U.S.C. 6303) is  
18   amended to read as follows:

19   **“SEC. 4. APPROVAL OR SANCTION REQUIREMENT.**

20           “(a) IN GENERAL.—No person may arrange, pro-  
21   mote, organize, produce, or fight in a professional boxing  
22   match within the United States unless the match—

23           “(1) is approved by the Commission; and

24           “(2) is held in a State, or on tribal land of a  
25   tribal organization, that regulates professional box-



1       ing matches in accordance with standards and cri-  
2       teria established by the Commission.

3       “(b) APPROVAL PRESUMED.—

4               “(1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of subsection  
5       (a), the Commission shall be presumed to have ap-  
6       proved any match other than—

7               “(A) a match with respect to which the  
8       Commission has been informed of an alleged  
9       violation of this Act and with respect to which  
10      it has notified the supervising boxing commis-  
11      sion that it does not approve;

12              “(B) a match advertised to the public as a  
13      championship match;

14              “(C) a match scheduled for 10 rounds or  
15      more; or

16              “(D) a match in which 1 of the boxers  
17      has—

18                      “(i) suffered 10 consecutive defeats in  
19                      professional boxing matches; or

20                      “(ii) has been knocked out 5 consecu-  
21                      tive times in professional boxing matches.

22       “(2) DELEGATION OF APPROVAL AUTHORITY.—

23      Notwithstanding paragraph (1), the Commission  
24      shall be presumed to have approved a match de-

1 scribed in subparagraph (B), (C), or (D) of para-  
2 graph (1) if—

3 “(A) the Commission has delegated in  
4 writing its approval authority with respect to  
5 that match to a boxing commission; and

6 “(B) the boxing commission has approved  
7 the match.

8 “(3) KNOCKED-OUT DEFINED.—Except as may  
9 be otherwise provided by the Commission by rule, in  
10 paragraph (1)(D)(ii), the term ‘knocked out’ means  
11 knocked down and unable to continue after a count  
12 of 10 by the referee or stopped from continuing be-  
13 cause of a technical knockout.”.

14 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 19 (15  
15 U.S.C. 6310) is repealed.

16 **SEC. 6. SAFETY STANDARDS.**

17 Section 5 (15 U.S.C. 6304) is amended—

18 (1) by striking “requirements or an alternative  
19 requirement in effect under regulations of a boxing  
20 commission that provides equivalent protection of  
21 the health and safety of boxers:” and inserting “re-  
22 quirements:”;

23 (2) by adding at the end of paragraph (1) “The  
24 examination shall include testing for infectious dis-

1       eases in accordance with standards established by  
2       the Commission.”;

3           (3) by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the  
4       following:

5           “(2) An ambulance continuously present on  
6       site.”;

7           (4) by redesignating paragraphs (3) and (4) as  
8       paragraphs (4) and (5), respectively, and inserting  
9       after paragraph (2) the following:

10          “(3) Emergency medical personnel with appro-  
11       priate resuscitation equipment continuously present  
12       on site.”; and

13          (5) in paragraph (5) (as so redesignated), by  
14       striking “match.” and inserting “match in an  
15       amount prescribed by the Commission.”.

16   **SEC. 7. REGISTRATION.**

17       Section 6 (15 U.S.C. 6305) is amended—

18          (1) in subsection (a)(2) by striking “any State”  
19       and inserting “any State or Indian tribe”;

20          (2) in subsection (c)—

21            (A) by striking the first sentence and in-  
22       serting “A boxing commission shall, in accord-  
23       ance with requirements established by the Com-  
24       mission, make a health and safety disclosure to

1 a boxer when issuing an identification card to  
2 that boxer.”;

3 (B) by striking “disclosure should” and in-  
4 serting “disclosure shall, at a minimum,”; and  
5 (3) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(d) COPY OF REGISTRATION AND IDENTIFICATION  
7 CARDS TO BE SENT TO COMMISSION.—A boxing commis-  
8 sion shall furnish a copy of each registration received  
9 under subsection (a), and each identification card issued  
10 under subsection (b), to the Commission.”.

11 **SEC. 8. REVIEW.**

12 Section 7 (15 U.S.C. 6306) is amended—

13 (1) in subsection (a)(2), by striking “that, ex-  
14 cept as provided in subsection (b), no” and inserting  
15 “that no”;

16 (2) by striking paragraphs (3) and (4) of sub-  
17 section (a) and inserting the following:

18 “(3) Procedures to review a summary suspen-  
19 sion when a hearing before the boxing commission is  
20 requested by a boxer, licensee, manager, match-  
21 maker, promoter, or other boxing service provider  
22 which provides an opportunity for that person to  
23 present evidence.”;

24 (3) by striking subsection (b); and

25 (4) by striking “(a) PROCEDURES.—”.

1 **SEC. 9. REPORTING.**

2 Section 8 (15 U.S.C. 6307) is amended—

3 (1) by striking “48 business hours” and insert-  
4 ing “2 business days”; and

5 (2) by striking “each boxer registry.” and in-  
6 serting “the Commission.”.

7 **SEC. 10. CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS.**

8 Section 9 (15 U.S.C. 6307a) is amended to read as  
9 follows:

10 **“SEC. 9. CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS.**

11 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Commission, in consultation  
12 with the Association of Boxing Commissions, shall develop  
13 guidelines for minimum contractual provisions that shall  
14 be included in each bout agreement, boxer-manager con-  
15 tract, and promotional agreement. Each boxing commis-  
16 sion shall ensure that these minimal contractual provisions  
17 are present in any such agreement or contract submitted  
18 to it.

19 **“(b) FILING AND APPROVAL REQUIREMENTS.—**

20 **“(1) COMMISSION.—**A manager or promoter  
21 shall submit a copy of each boxer-manager contract  
22 and each promotional agreement between that man-  
23 ager or promoter and a boxer to the Commission,  
24 and, if requested, to the boxing commission with ju-  
25 risdiction over the bout.

1           “(2) BOXING COMMISSION.—A boxing commis-  
 2           sion may not approve a professional boxing match  
 3           unless a copy of the bout agreement related to that  
 4           match has been filed with it and approved by it.

5           “(c) BOND OR OTHER SURETY.—A boxing commis-  
 6           sion may not approve a professional boxing match unless  
 7           the promoter of that match has posted a surety bond,  
 8           cashier’s check, letter of credit, cash, or other security  
 9           with the boxing commission in an amount acceptable to  
 10          the boxing commission.”.

11   **SEC. 11. COERCIVE CONTRACTS.**

12          Section 10 (15 U.S.C. 6307b) is amended—

13               (1) by striking paragraph (3) of subsection (a);  
 14               (2) in the heading of subsection (b), by insert-  
 15               ing “OR ELIMINATION” after “MANDATORY” ; and  
 16               (3) in subsection (b), by inserting “or elimi-  
 17               nation” after “mandatory”.

18   **SEC. 12. SANCTIONING ORGANIZATIONS.**

19          (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 11 (15 U.S.C. 6307c) is  
 20          amended to read as follows:

21   **“SEC. 11. SANCTIONING ORGANIZATIONS.**

22          “(a) OBJECTIVE CRITERIA.—Within 1 year after the  
 23          date of enactment of the Professional Boxing Amendments  
 24          Act of 2005, the Commission shall develop guidelines for  
 25          objective and consistent written criteria for the rating of

1 professional boxers based on the athletic merits and pro-  
2 fessional record of the boxers. Within 90 days after the  
3 Commission's promulgation of the guidelines, each sanc-  
4 tioning organization shall adopt the guidelines and follow  
5 them.

6 “(b) NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE IN RATING.—A  
7 sanctioning organization shall, with respect to a change  
8 in the rating of a boxer previously rated by such organiza-  
9 tion in the top 10 boxers—

10 “(1) post a copy, within 7 days after the  
11 change, on its Internet website or home page, if any,  
12 including an explanation of the change, for a period  
13 of not less than 30 days;

14 “(2) provide a copy of the rating change and a  
15 thorough explanation in writing under penalty of  
16 perjury to the boxer and the Commission;

17 “(3) provide the boxer an opportunity to appeal  
18 the ratings change to the sanctioning organization;  
19 and

20 “(4) apply the objective criteria for ratings re-  
21 quired under subsection (a) in considering any such  
22 appeal.

23 “(c) CHALLENGE OF RATING.—If, after disposing  
24 with an appeal under subsection (b)(3), a sanctioning or-  
25 ganization receives a petition from a boxer challenging

1 that organization’s rating of the boxer, it shall (except to  
2 the extent otherwise required by the Commission), within  
3 7 days after receiving the petition—

4 “(1) provide to the boxer a written explanation  
5 under penalty of perjury of the organization’s rating  
6 criteria, its rating of the boxer, and the rationale or  
7 basis for its rating (including a response to any spe-  
8 cific questions submitted by the boxer); and

9 “(2) submit a copy of its explanation to the As-  
10 sociation of Boxing Commissions and the Commis-  
11 sion for their review.”.

12 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 18(e) (15  
13 U.S.C. 6309(e)) is amended—

14 (1) in the subsection heading, by striking  
15 “FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION” and inserting  
16 “UNITED STATES BOXING COMMISSION”; and

17 (2) in paragraph (1), by striking “Federal  
18 Trade Commission” and inserting “United States  
19 Boxing Commission”.

20 **SEC. 13. REQUIRED DISCLOSURES BY SANCTIONING ORGA-**  
21 **NIZATIONS.**

22 Section 12 (15 U.S.C. 6307d) is amended—

23 (1) by striking the matter preceding paragraph  
24 (1) and inserting “Within 7 days after a professional  
25 boxing match of 10 rounds or more, the sanctioning



1 organization, if any, for that match shall provide to  
 2 the Commission, and, if requested, to the boxing  
 3 commission in the State or on Indian land respon-  
 4 sible for regulating the match, a written statement  
 5 of—”;

6 (2) in paragraph (1), by striking “will assess”  
 7 and inserting “has assessed, or will assess,”; and

8 (3) in paragraph (2), by striking “will receive”  
 9 and inserting “has received, or will receive,”.

10 **SEC. 14. REQUIRED DISCLOSURES BY PROMOTERS AND**  
 11 **BROADCASTERS.**

12 Section 13 (15 U.S.C. 6307e) is amended—

13 (1) in the section heading by inserting “**AND**  
 14 **BROADCASTERS**” after “**PROMOTERS**”;

15 (2) by striking so much of subsection (a) as  
 16 precedes paragraph (1) and inserting the following:

17 “(a) DISCLOSURES TO BOXING COMMISSIONS AND  
 18 THE COMMISSION.—Within 7 days after a professional  
 19 boxing match of 10 rounds or more, the promoter of any  
 20 boxer participating in that match shall provide to the  
 21 Commission, and, if requested, to the boxing commission  
 22 in the State or on Indian land responsible for regulating  
 23 the match—”;

1           (3) in subsection (a)(1), by striking “writing,”  
2           and inserting “writing, other than a bout agreement  
3           previously provided to the commission,”;

4           (4) in subsection (a)(3)(A), by striking “all  
5           fees, charges, and expenses that will be” and insert-  
6           ing “a written statement of all fees, charges, and ex-  
7           penses that have been, or will be,”;

8           (5) in subsection (a)(3)(B), by inserting “a  
9           written statement of” before “all”;

10          (6) in subsection (a)(3)(C), by inserting “a  
11          statement of” before “any”;

12          (7) in subsection (b), by striking “A promoter  
13          shall” and all that follows through “it promotes—”  
14          and inserting “Within 7 days after a professional  
15          boxing match of 10 rounds or more, the promoter of  
16          the match shall provide to each boxer participating  
17          in the bout or match with whom the promoter has  
18          a bout or promotional agreement a statement  
19          of—”;

20          (8) in subsection (b)(1), by striking “match;”  
21          and inserting “match, and that the promoter has  
22          paid, or agreed to pay, to any other person in con-  
23          nection with the match;” and

24          (9) by adding at the end the following:

25          “(d) REQUIRED DISCLOSURES BY BROADCASTERS.—

1           “(1) IN GENERAL.—A broadcaster that owns  
2           the television broadcast rights for a professional box-  
3           ing match of 10 rounds or more shall, within 7 days  
4           after that match, provide to the Commission—

5                   “(A) a statement of any advance, guar-  
6                   antee, or license fee paid or owed by the broad-  
7                   caster to a promoter in connection with that  
8                   match;

9                   “(B) a copy of any contract executed by or  
10                  on behalf of the broadcaster with—

11                          “(i) a boxer who participated in that  
12                          match; or

13                          “(ii) the boxer’s manager, promoter,  
14                          promotional company, or other representa-  
15                          tive or the owner or representative of the  
16                          site of the match; and

17                   “(C) a list identifying sources of income  
18                  received from the broadcast of the match.

19           “(2) COPY TO BOXING COMMISSION.—Upon re-  
20           quest from the boxing commission in the State or  
21           Indian land responsible for regulating a match to  
22           which paragraph (1) applies, a broadcaster shall  
23           provide the information described in paragraph (1)  
24           to that boxing commission.

1           “(3) CONFIDENTIALITY.—The information pro-  
 2       vided to the Commission or to a boxing commission  
 3       pursuant to this subsection shall be confidential and  
 4       not revealed by the Commission or a boxing commis-  
 5       sion, except that the Commission may publish an  
 6       analysis of the data in aggregate form or in a man-  
 7       ner which does not disclose confidential information  
 8       about identifiable broadcasters.

9           “(4) TELEVISION BROADCAST RIGHTS.—In  
 10      paragraph (1), the term ‘television broadcast rights’  
 11      means the right to broadcast the match, or any part  
 12      thereof, via a broadcast station, cable service, or  
 13      multichannel video programming distributor as such  
 14      terms are defined in section 3(5), 602(6), and  
 15      602(13) of the Communications Act of 1934 (47  
 16      U.S.C. 153(5), 602(6), and 602(13), respectively).”.

17 **SEC. 15. MEDICAL REGISTRY.**

18      Section 14 (15 U.S.C. 6307f) is amended to read as  
 19      follows:

20 **“SEC. 14. MEDICAL REGISTRY.**

21      “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall establish  
 22      and maintain, or certify a third party entity to establish  
 23      and maintain, a medical registry that contains comprehen-  
 24      sive medical records and medical denials or suspensions  
 25      for every licensed boxer.

1       “(b) CONTENT; SUBMISSION.—The Commission shall  
2 determine—

3               “(1) the nature of medical records and medical  
4 suspensions of a boxer that are to be forwarded to  
5 the medical registry; and

6               “(2) the time within which the medical records  
7 and medical suspensions are to be submitted to the  
8 medical registry.

9       “(c) CONFIDENTIALITY.—The Commission shall es-  
10 tablish confidentiality standards for the disclosure of per-  
11 sonally identifiable information to boxing commissions  
12 that will—

13               “(1) protect the health and safety of boxers by  
14 making relevant information available to the boxing  
15 commissions for use but not public disclosure; and

16               “(2) ensure that the privacy of the boxers is  
17 protected.”.

18 **SEC. 16. CONFIDENTIALITY.**

19       Section 15 is amended by striking subsection (a) and  
20 inserting the following:

21       “(a) IN GENERAL.—Except to the extent required in  
22 a legal, administrative, or judicial proceeding, a boxing  
23 commission, an Attorney General, or the Commission may  
24 not disclose to the public any matter furnished by a pro-  
25 moter under section 111.”.

1 **SEC. 17. JUDGES AND REFEREES.**

2 Section 16 (15 U.S.C. 6307h) is amended—

3 (1) by inserting “(a) LICENSING AND ASSIGN-  
4 MENT REQUIREMENT.—” before “No person”;

5 (2) by striking “certified and approved” and in-  
6 serting “selected”;

7 (3) by inserting “or Indian lands” after  
8 “State”; and

9 (4) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(b) CHAMPIONSHIP AND 10-ROUND BOUTS.—In ad-  
11 dition to the requirements of subsection (a), no person  
12 may arrange, promote, organize, produce, or fight in a  
13 professional boxing match advertised to the public as a  
14 championship match or in a professional boxing match  
15 scheduled for 10 rounds or more unless all referees and  
16 judges participating in the match have been licensed by  
17 the Commission.

18 “(c) ROLE OF SANCTIONING ORGANIZATION.—A  
19 sanctioning organization may provide a list of judges and  
20 referees deemed qualified by that organization to a boxing  
21 commission, but the boxing commission shall select, li-  
22 cense, and appoint the judges and referees participating  
23 in the match.

24 “(d) ASSIGNMENT OF NONRESIDENT JUDGES AND  
25 REFEREES.—A boxing commission may assign judges and

1 referees who reside outside that commission’s State or In-  
 2 dian land.

3 “(e) REQUIRED DISCLOSURE.—A judge or referee  
 4 shall provide to the boxing commission responsible for reg-  
 5 ulating a professional boxing match in a State or on In-  
 6 dian land a statement of all consideration, including reim-  
 7 bursement for expenses, that the judge or referee has re-  
 8 ceived, or will receive, from any source for participation  
 9 in the match. If the match is scheduled for 10 rounds or  
 10 more, the judge or referee shall also provide such a state-  
 11 ment to the Commission.”.

12 **SEC. 18. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST.**

13 Section 17 (15 U.S.C. 6308) is amended—

14 (1) in subsection (a)—

15 (A) by striking “enforces State boxing  
 16 laws,” and inserting “implements State or trib-  
 17 al boxing laws, no officer or employee of the  
 18 Commission,”;

19 (B) by striking “belong to,” and inserting  
 20 “hold office in,”; and

21 (C) by striking “the prohibition set forth”  
 22 and all that follows through “described in sec-  
 23 tion 4”; and

24 (2) by striking subsection (b) and inserting the  
 25 following:

1 “(b) BOXERS.—A boxer may not own or control, di-  
 2 rectly or indirectly, an entity that promotes the boxer’s  
 3 bouts if that entity is responsible for—

4 “(1) executing a bout agreement or promotional  
 5 agreement with the boxer’s opponent; or

6 “(2) providing any payment or other compensa-  
 7 tion to—

8 “(A) the boxer’s opponent for participation  
 9 in a bout with the boxer;

10 “(B) the boxing commission that will regu-  
 11 late the bout; or

12 “(C) ring officials who officiate at the  
 13 bout.”.

14 **SEC. 19. ENFORCEMENT.**

15 Section 18 (15 U.S.C. 6309) is amended—

16 (1) in the heading of subsection (a), by striking  
 17 “(a) INJUNCTIONS.—” and inserting “(a) ACTIONS  
 18 BY ATTORNEY GENERAL.—”;

19 (2) in subsection (b)(3), by striking “enforces  
 20 State boxing laws” and inserting “implements State  
 21 or tribal boxing laws, any officer or employee of the  
 22 Commission,”;

23 (3) in subsection (c), by inserting “has engaged  
 24 in or” after “organization”;



1 (4) in subsection (c)(3), by striking “subsection  
 2 (b)” and inserting “subsection (b), a civil penalty,  
 3 or”; and

4 (5) in subsection (d), by striking “boxer” and  
 5 inserting “person”.

6 **SEC. 20. REPEAL.**

7 Section 20 (15 U.S.C. 6311) is repealed.

8 **SEC. 21. RECOGNITION OF TRIBAL LAW.**

9 Section 22 (15 U.S.C. 6313) is amended—

10 (1) in the section heading, by inserting “**OR**  
 11 **TRIBAL**” after “**STATE**”; and

12 (2) by inserting “or Indian tribe” after  
 13 “State”.

14 **SEC. 22. ESTABLISHMENT OF UNITED STATES BOXING COM-**  
 15 **MISSION.**

16 The Act is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
 17 lowing:

18 **“TITLE II—UNITED STATES**  
 19 **BOXING COMMISSION**

20 **“SEC. 201. PURPOSE.**

21 “The purpose of this title is to protect the health,  
 22 safety, and welfare of boxers and to ensure fairness in the  
 23 sport of professional boxing.

1 **“SEC. 202. UNITED STATES BOXING COMMISSION.**

2       “(a) IN GENERAL.—The United States Boxing Com-  
3 mission is established as a commission within the Depart-  
4 ment of Commerce.

5       “(b) MEMBERS.—

6           “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall con-  
7 sist of 3 members appointed by the President, by  
8 and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

9           “(2) QUALIFICATIONS.—

10           “(A) IN GENERAL.—Each member of the  
11 Commission shall be a citizen of the United  
12 States who—

13           “(i) has extensive experience in pro-  
14 fessional boxing activities or in a field di-  
15 rectly related to professional sports;

16           “(ii) is of outstanding character and  
17 recognized integrity; and

18           “(iii) is selected on the basis of train-  
19 ing, experience, and qualifications and  
20 without regard to political party affiliation.

21           “(B) SPECIFIC QUALIFICATIONS FOR CER-  
22 TAIN MEMBERS.—At least 1 member of the  
23 Commission shall be a former member of a local  
24 boxing authority. If practicable, at least 1 mem-  
25 ber of the Commission shall be a physician or

1 other health care professional duly licensed as  
2 such.

3 “(C) DISINTERESTED PERSONS.—No  
4 member of the Commission may, while serving  
5 as a member of the Commission—

6 “(i) be engaged as a professional  
7 boxer, boxing promoter, agent, fight man-  
8 ager, matchmaker, referee, judge, or in any  
9 other capacity in the conduct of the busi-  
10 ness of professional boxing;

11 “(ii) have any pecuniary interest in  
12 the earnings of any boxer or the proceeds  
13 or outcome of any boxing match; or

14 “(iii) serve as a member of a boxing  
15 commission.

16 “(3) BIPARTISAN MEMBERSHIP.—Not more  
17 than 2 members of the Commission may be members  
18 of the same political party.

19 “(4) GEOGRAPHIC BALANCE.—Not more than 2  
20 members of the Commission may be residents of the  
21 same geographic region of the United States when  
22 appointed to the Commission. For purposes of the  
23 preceding sentence, the area of the United States  
24 east of the Mississippi River is a geographic region,

1 and the area of the United States west of the Mis-  
2 sissippi River is a geographic region.

3 “(5) TERMS.—

4 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term of a mem-  
5 ber of the Commission shall be 3 years.

6 “(B) REAPPOINTMENT.—Members of the  
7 Commission may be reappointed to the Com-  
8 mission.

9 “(C) MIDTERM VACANCIES.—A member of  
10 the Commission appointed to fill a vacancy in  
11 the Commission occurring before the expiration  
12 of the term for which the member’s predecessor  
13 was appointed shall be appointed for the re-  
14 mainder of that unexpired term.

15 “(D) CONTINUATION PENDING REPLACE-  
16 MENT.—A member of the Commission may  
17 serve after the expiration of that member’s  
18 term until a successor has taken office.

19 “(6) REMOVAL.—A member of the Commission  
20 may be removed by the President only for cause.

21 “(c) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.—

22 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall em-  
23 ploy an Executive Director to perform the adminis-  
24 trative functions of the Commission under this Act,

1       and such other functions and duties of the Commis-  
2       sion as the Commission shall specify.

3           “(2) DISCHARGE OF FUNCTIONS.—Subject to  
4       the authority, direction, and control of the Commis-  
5       sion the Executive Director shall carry out the func-  
6       tions and duties of the Commission under this Act.

7           “(d) GENERAL COUNSEL.—The Commission shall  
8       employ a General Counsel to provide legal counsel and ad-  
9       vice to the Executive Director and the Commission in the  
10      performance of its functions under this Act, and to carry  
11      out such other functions and duties as the Commission  
12      shall specify.

13          “(e) STAFF.—The Commission shall employ such ad-  
14      ditional staff as the Commission considers appropriate to  
15      assist the Executive Director and the General Counsel in  
16      carrying out the functions and duties of the Commission  
17      under this Act.

18          “(f) COMPENSATION.—

19           “(1) MEMBERS OF COMMISSION.—

20           “(A) IN GENERAL.—Each member of the  
21      Commission shall be compensated at a rate  
22      equal to the daily equivalent of the annual rate  
23      of basic pay prescribed for level IV of the Exec-  
24      utive Schedule under section 5315 of title 5,  
25      United States Code, for each day (including

1 travel time) during which such member is en-  
2 gaged in the performance of the duties of the  
3 Commission.

4 “(B) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—The members  
5 of the Commission shall be allowed travel ex-  
6 penses, including per diem in lieu of subsist-  
7 ence, at rates authorized for employees of agen-  
8 cies under subchapter I of chapter 57 of title 5,  
9 United States Code, while away from their  
10 homes or regular places of business in the per-  
11 formance of services for the Commission.

12 “(2) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND STAFF.—The  
13 Commission shall fix the compensation of the Execu-  
14 tive Director, the General Counsel, and other per-  
15 sonnel of the Commission. The rate of pay for the  
16 Executive Director, the General Counsel, and other  
17 personnel may not exceed the rate payable for level  
18 V of the Executive Schedule under section 5316 of  
19 title 5, United States Code.

20 **“SEC. 203. FUNCTIONS.**

21 “(a) PRIMARY FUNCTIONS.—The primary functions  
22 of the Commission are—

23 “(1) to protect the health, safety, and general  
24 interests of boxers consistent with the provisions of  
25 this Act; and

1           “(2) to ensure uniformity, fairness, and integ-  
2           rity in professional boxing.

3           “(b) SPECIFIC FUNCTIONS.—The Commission  
4 shall—

5           “(1) administer title I of this Act;

6           “(2) promulgate uniform standards for profes-  
7           sional boxing in consultation with the Association of  
8           Boxing Commissions;

9           “(3) except as otherwise determined by the  
10          Commission, oversee all professional boxing matches  
11          in the United States;

12          “(4) work with the boxing commissions of the  
13          several States and tribal organizations—

14               “(A) to improve the safety, integrity, and  
15               professionalism of professional boxing in the  
16               United States;

17               “(B) to enhance physical, medical, finan-  
18               cial, and other safeguards established for the  
19               protection of professional boxers; and

20               “(C) to improve the status and standards  
21               of professional boxing in the United States;

22          “(5) ensure, in cooperation with the Attorney  
23          General (who shall represent the Commission in any  
24          judicial proceeding under this Act), the chief law en-  
25          forcement officer of the several States, and other ap-

1       appropriate officers and agencies of Federal, State,  
2       and local government, that Federal and State laws  
3       applicable to professional boxing matches in the  
4       United States are vigorously, effectively, and fairly  
5       enforced;

6               “(6) review boxing commission regulations for  
7       professional boxing and provide assistance to such  
8       authorities in meeting minimum standards pre-  
9       scribed by the Commission under this title;

10              “(7) serve as the coordinating body for all ef-  
11       forts in the United States to establish and maintain  
12       uniform minimum health and safety standards for  
13       professional boxing;

14              “(8) if the Commission determines it to be ap-  
15       propriate, publish a newspaper, magazine, or other  
16       publication and establish and maintain a website  
17       consistent with the purposes of the Commission;

18              “(9) procure the temporary and intermittent  
19       services of experts and consultants to the extent au-  
20       thorized by section 3109(b) of title 5, United States  
21       Code, at rates the Commission determines to be rea-  
22       sonable; and

23              “(10) promulgate rules, regulations, and guid-  
24       ance, and take any other action necessary and prop-



1 er to accomplish the purposes of, and consistent  
2 with, the provisions of this title.

3 “(c) PROHIBITIONS.—The Commission may not—

4 “(1) promote boxing events or rank professional  
5 boxers; or

6 “(2) provide technical assistance to, or author-  
7 ize the use of the name of the Commission by, box-  
8 ing commissions that do not comply with require-  
9 ments of the Commission.

10 “(d) USE OF NAME.—The Commission shall have the  
11 exclusive right to use the name ‘United States Boxing  
12 Commission’. Any person who, without the permission of  
13 the Commission, uses that name or any other exclusive  
14 name, trademark, emblem, symbol, or insignia of the Com-  
15 mission for the purpose of inducing the sale or exchange  
16 of any goods or services, or to promote any exhibition, per-  
17 formance, or sporting event, shall be subject to suit in a  
18 civil action by the Commission for the remedies provided  
19 in the Act of July 5, 1946 (commonly known as the  
20 ‘Trademark Act of 1946’; 15 U.S.C. 1051 et seq.).

21 **“SEC. 204. LICENSING AND REGISTRATION OF BOXING PER-**  
22 **SONNEL.**

23 “(a) LICENSING.—

24 “(1) REQUIREMENT FOR LICENSE.—No person  
25 may compete in a professional boxing match or serve

1 as a boxing manager, boxing promoter, or sanc-  
2 tioning organization for a professional boxing match  
3 except as provided in a license granted to that per-  
4 son under this subsection.

5 “(2) APPLICATION AND TERM.—

6 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Commission  
7 shall—

8 “(i) establish application procedures,  
9 forms, and fees;

10 “(ii) establish and publish appropriate  
11 standards for licenses granted under this  
12 section; and

13 “(iii) issue a license to any person  
14 who, as determined by the Commission,  
15 meets the standards established by the  
16 Commission under this title.

17 “(B) DURATION.—A license issued under  
18 this section shall be for a renewable—

19 “(i) 4-year term for a boxer; and

20 “(ii) 2-year term for any other person.

21 “(C) PROCEDURE.—The Commission may  
22 issue a license under this paragraph through  
23 boxing commissions or in a manner determined  
24 by the Commission.

25 “(b) LICENSING FEES.—

1           “(1) AUTHORITY.—The Commission may pre-  
 2       scribe and charge reasonable fees for the licensing of  
 3       persons under this title. The Commission may set,  
 4       charge, and adjust varying fees on the basis of clas-  
 5       sifications of persons, functions, and events deter-  
 6       mined appropriate by the Commission.

7           “(2) LIMITATIONS.—In setting and charging  
 8       fees under paragraph (1), the Commission shall en-  
 9       sure that, to the maximum extent practicable—

10               “(A) club boxing is not adversely effected;

11               “(B) sanctioning organizations and pro-  
 12       motors pay comparatively the largest portion of  
 13       the fees; and

14               “(C) boxers pay as small a portion of the  
 15       fees as is possible.

16           “(3) COLLECTION.—Fees established under this  
 17       subsection may be collected through boxing commis-  
 18       sions or by any other means determined appropriate  
 19       by the Commission.

20   **“SEC. 205. NATIONAL REGISTRY OF BOXING PERSONNEL.**

21       “(a) REQUIREMENT FOR REGISTRY.—The Commis-  
 22       sion shall establish and maintain (or authorize a third  
 23       party to establish and maintain) a unified national com-  
 24       puterized registry for the collection, storage, and retrieval  
 25       of information related to the performance of its duties.

1       “(b) CONTENTS.—The information in the registry  
2 shall include the following:

3               “(1) BOXERS.—A list of professional boxers  
4 and data in the medical registry established under  
5 section 114 of this Act, which the Commission shall  
6 secure from disclosure in accordance with the con-  
7 fidentiality requirements of section 114(c).

8               “(2) OTHER PERSONNEL.—Information (perti-  
9 nent to the sport of professional boxing) on boxing  
10 promoters, boxing matchmakers, boxing managers,  
11 trainers, cut men, referees, boxing judges, physi-  
12 cians, and any other personnel determined by the  
13 Commission as performing a professional activity for  
14 professional boxing matches.

15 **“SEC. 206. CONSULTATION REQUIREMENTS.**

16       “The Commission shall consult with the Association  
17 of Boxing Commissions—

18               “(1) before prescribing any regulation or estab-  
19 lishing any standard under the provisions of this  
20 title; and

21               “(2) not less than once each year regarding  
22 matters relating to professional boxing.

23 **“SEC. 207. MISCONDUCT.**

24       “(a) SUSPENSION AND REVOCATION OF LICENSE OR  
25 REGISTRATION.—

1           “(1) AUTHORITY.—The Commission may, after  
2       notice and opportunity for a hearing, suspend or re-  
3       voke any license issued under this title if the Com-  
4       mission finds that—

5           “(A) the license holder has violated any  
6       provision of this Act;

7           “(B) there are reasonable grounds for be-  
8       lief that a standard prescribed by the Commis-  
9       sion under this title is not being met, or that  
10      bribery, collusion, intentional losing, racket-  
11      eering, extortion, or the use of unlawful threats,  
12      coercion, or intimidation have occurred in con-  
13      nection with a license; or

14          “(C) the suspension or revocation is nec-  
15      essary for the protection of health and safety or  
16      is otherwise in the public interest.

17          “(2) PERIOD OF SUSPENSION.—

18          “(A) IN GENERAL.—A suspension of a li-  
19      cense under this section shall be effective for a  
20      period determined appropriate by the Commis-  
21      sion except as provided in subparagraph (B).

22          “(B) SUSPENSION FOR MEDICAL REA-  
23      SONS.—In the case of a suspension or denial of  
24      the license of a boxer for medical reasons by the  
25      Commission, the Commission may terminate

1 the suspension or denial at any time that a phy-  
2 sician certifies that the boxer is fit to partici-  
3 pate in a professional boxing match. The Com-  
4 mission shall prescribe the standards and proce-  
5 dures for accepting certifications under this  
6 subparagraph.

7 “(3) PERIOD OF REVOCATION.—In the case of  
8 a revocation of the license of a boxer, the revocation  
9 shall be for a period of not less than 1 year.

10 “(b) INVESTIGATIONS AND INJUNCTIONS.—

11 “(1) AUTHORITY.—The Commission may—

12 “(A) conduct any investigation that it con-  
13 siders necessary to determine whether any per-  
14 son has violated, or is about to violate, any pro-  
15 vision of this Act or any regulation prescribed  
16 under this Act;

17 “(B) require or permit any person to file  
18 with it a statement in writing, under oath or  
19 otherwise as the Commission shall determine,  
20 as to all the facts and circumstances concerning  
21 the matter to be investigated;

22 “(C) in its discretion, publish information  
23 concerning any violations; and

24 “(D) investigate any facts, conditions,  
25 practices, or matters to aid in the enforcement

1 of the provisions of this Act, in the prescribing  
2 of regulations under this Act, or in securing in-  
3 formation to serve as a basis for recommending  
4 legislation concerning the matters to which this  
5 Act relates.

6 “(2) POWERS.—

7 “(A) IN GENERAL.—For the purpose of  
8 any investigation under paragraph (1) or any  
9 other proceeding under this title—

10 “(i) any officer designated by the  
11 Commission may administer oaths and af-  
12 firmations, subpoena or otherwise compel  
13 the attendance of witnesses, take evidence,  
14 and require the production of any books,  
15 papers, correspondence, memoranda, or  
16 other records the Commission considers  
17 relevant or material to the inquiry; and

18 “(ii) the provisions of sections 6002  
19 and 6004 of title 18, United States Code,  
20 shall apply.

21 “(B) WITNESSES AND EVIDENCE.—The  
22 attendance of witnesses and the production of  
23 any documents under subparagraph (A) may be  
24 required from any place in the United States,

1 including Indian land, at any designated place  
2 of hearing.

3 “(3) ENFORCEMENT OF SUBPOENAS.—

4 “(A) CIVIL ACTION.—In case of contumacy  
5 by, or refusal to obey a subpoena issued to, any  
6 person, the Commission may file an action in  
7 any district court of the United States within  
8 the jurisdiction of which an investigation or  
9 proceeding is carried out, or where that person  
10 resides or carries on business, to enforce the at-  
11 tendance and testimony of witnesses and the  
12 production of books, papers, correspondence,  
13 memorandums, and other records. The court  
14 may issue an order requiring the person to ap-  
15 pear before the Commission to produce records,  
16 if so ordered, or to give testimony concerning  
17 the matter under investigation or in question.

18 “(B) FAILURE TO OBEY.—Any failure to  
19 obey an order issued by a court under subpara-  
20 graph (A) may be punished as contempt of that  
21 court.

22 “(C) PROCESS.—All process in any con-  
23 tempt case under subparagraph (A) may be  
24 served in the judicial district in which the per-



1 son is an inhabitant or in which the person may  
2 be found.

3 “(4) EVIDENCE OF CRIMINAL MISCONDUCT.—

4 “(A) IN GENERAL.—No person may be ex-  
5 cused from attending and testifying or from  
6 producing books, papers, contracts, agreements,  
7 and other records and documents before the  
8 Commission, in obedience to the subpoena of  
9 the Commission, or in any cause or proceeding  
10 instituted by the Commission, on the ground  
11 that the testimony or evidence, documentary or  
12 otherwise, required of that person may tend to  
13 incriminate the person or subject the person to  
14 a penalty or forfeiture.

15 “(B) LIMITED IMMUNITY.—No individual  
16 may be prosecuted or subject to any penalty or  
17 forfeiture for, or on account of, any transaction,  
18 matter, or thing concerning the matter about  
19 which that individual is compelled, after having  
20 claimed a privilege against self-incrimination, to  
21 testify or produce evidence, documentary or  
22 otherwise, except that the individual so testi-  
23 fying shall not be exempt from prosecution and  
24 punishment for perjury committed in so testi-  
25 fying.

1           “(5) INJUNCTIVE RELIEF.—If the Commission  
2           determines that any person is engaged or about to  
3           engage in any act or practice that constitutes a vio-  
4           lation of any provision of this Act, or of any regula-  
5           tion prescribed under this Act, the Commission may  
6           bring an action in the appropriate district court of  
7           the United States, the United States District Court  
8           for the District of Columbia, or the United States  
9           courts of any territory or other place subject to the  
10          jurisdiction of the United States, to enjoin the act  
11          or practice, and upon a proper showing, the court  
12          shall grant without bond a permanent or temporary  
13          injunction or restraining order.

14          “(6) MANDAMUS.—Upon application of the  
15          Commission, the district courts of the United States,  
16          the United States District Court for the District of  
17          Columbia, and the United States courts of any terri-  
18          tory or other place subject to the jurisdiction of the  
19          United States, shall have jurisdiction to issue writs  
20          of mandamus commanding any person to comply  
21          with the provisions of this Act or any order of the  
22          Commission.

23          “(c) INTERVENTION IN CIVIL ACTIONS.—

24                 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Commission, on behalf  
25          of the public interest, may intervene of right as pro-

1 vided under rule 24(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil  
2 Procedure in any civil action relating to professional  
3 boxing filed in a district court of the United States.

4 “(2) AMICUS FILING.—The Commission may  
5 file a brief in any action filed in a court of the  
6 United States on behalf of the public interest in any  
7 case relating to professional boxing.

8 “(d) HEARINGS BY COMMISSION.—Hearings con-  
9 ducted by the Commission under this Act shall be public  
10 and may be held before any officer of the Commission.  
11 The Commission shall keep appropriate records of the  
12 hearings.

13 **“SEC. 208. NONINTERFERENCE WITH BOXING COMMIS-**  
14 **SIONS.**

15 “(a) NONINTERFERENCE.—Nothing in this Act pro-  
16 hibits any boxing commission from exercising any of its  
17 powers, duties, or functions with respect to the regulation  
18 or supervision of professional boxing or professional box-  
19 ing matches to the extent not inconsistent with the provi-  
20 sions of this Act.

21 “(b) MINIMUM STANDARDS.—Nothing in this Act  
22 prohibits any boxing commission from enforcing local  
23 standards or requirements that exceed the minimum  
24 standards or requirements promulgated by the Commis-  
25 sion under this Act.

1   **“SEC. 209. ASSISTANCE FROM OTHER AGENCIES.**

2           “Any employee of any executive department, agency,  
3 bureau, board, commission, office, independent establish-  
4 ment, or instrumentality may be detailed to the Commis-  
5 sion, upon the request of the Commission, on a reimburs-  
6 able or nonreimbursable basis, with the consent of the ap-  
7 propriate authority having jurisdiction over the employee.  
8 While so detailed, an employee shall continue to receive  
9 the compensation provided pursuant to law for the employ-  
10 ee’s regular position of employment and shall retain, with-  
11 out interruption, the rights and privileges of that employ-  
12 ment.

13   **“SEC. 210. REPORTS.**

14           “(a) ANNUAL REPORT.—The Commission shall sub-  
15 mit a report on its activities to the Senate Committee on  
16 Commerce, Science, and Transportation and the House of  
17 Representatives Committee on Commerce each year. The  
18 annual report shall include—

19                   “(1) a detailed discussion of the activities of the  
20 Commission for the year covered by the report; and  
21                   “(2) an overview of the licensing and enforce-  
22 ment activities of the State and tribal organization  
23 boxing commissions.

24           “(b) PUBLIC REPORT.—The Commission shall annu-  
25 ally issue and publicize a report of the Commission on the  
26 progress made at Federal and State levels and on Indian

1 lands in the reform of professional boxing, which shall in-  
2 clude comments on issues of continuing concern to the  
3 Commission.

4 “(c) FIRST ANNUAL REPORT ON THE COMMIS-  
5 SION.—The first annual report under this title shall be  
6 submitted not later than 2 years after the effective date  
7 of this title.

8 **“SEC. 211. INITIAL IMPLEMENTATION.**

9 “(a) TEMPORARY EXEMPTION.—The requirements  
10 for licensing under this title do not apply to a person for  
11 the performance of an activity as a boxer, boxing judge,  
12 or referee, or the performance of any other professional  
13 activity in relation to a professional boxing match, if the  
14 person is licensed by a boxing commission to perform that  
15 activity as of the effective date of this title.

16 “(b) EXPIRATION.—The exemption under subsection  
17 (a) with respect to a license issued by a boxing commission  
18 expires on the earlier of—

19 “(1) the date on which the license expires; or

20 “(2) the date that is 2 years after the date of  
21 the enactment of the Professional Boxing Amend-  
22 ments Act of 2005.

23 **“SEC. 212. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

24 “(a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be ap-  
25 propriated for the Commission for each fiscal year such

1 sums as may be necessary for the Commission to perform  
 2 its functions for that fiscal year.

3 “(b) RECEIPTS CREDITED AS OFFSETTING COLLEC-  
 4 TIONS.—Notwithstanding section 3302 of title 31, United  
 5 States Code, any fee collected under this title—

6 “(1) shall be credited as offsetting collections to  
 7 the account that finances the activities and services  
 8 for which the fee is imposed;

9 “(2) shall be available for expenditure only to  
 10 pay the costs of activities and services for which the  
 11 fee is imposed; and

12 “(3) shall remain available until expended.”.

13 **SEC. 23. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**

14 (a) PBSA.—The Professional Boxing Safety Act of  
 15 1996, as amended by this Act, is further amended—

16 (1) by amending section 1 to read as follows:

17 **“SEC. 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

18 “(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the  
 19 ‘Professional Boxing Safety Act’.

20 “(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents  
 21 for this Act is as follows:

“Section 1. Short title; table of contents.

“Sec. 2. Definitions.

“TITLE I—PROFESSIONAL BOXING SAFETY

“Sec. 101. Purposes.

“Sec. 102. Approval or sanction requirement.

“Sec. 103. Safety standards.

“Sec. 104. Registration.

“Sec. 105. Review.

- “Sec. 106. Reporting.
- “Sec. 107. Contract requirements.
- “Sec. 108. Protection from coercive contracts.
- “Sec. 109. Sanctioning organizations.
- “Sec. 110. Required disclosures to State boxing commissions by sanctioning organizations.
- “Sec. 111. Required disclosures by promoters and broadcasters.
- “Sec. 112. Medical registry.
- “Sec. 113. Confidentiality.
- “Sec. 114. Judges and referees.
- “Sec. 115. Conflicts of interest.
- “Sec. 116. Enforcement.
- “Sec. 117. Professional boxing matches conducted on Indian lands.
- “Sec. 118. Relationship with State or Tribal law.

#### “TITLE II—UNITED STATES BOXING COMMISSION

- “Sec. 201. Purpose.
- “Sec. 202. United States Boxing Commission.
- “Sec. 203. Functions.
- “Sec. 204. Licensing and registration of boxing personnel.
- “Sec. 205. National registry of boxing personnel.
- “Sec. 206. Consultation requirements.
- “Sec. 207. Misconduct.
- “Sec. 208. Noninterference with boxing commissions.
- “Sec. 209. Assistance from other agencies.
- “Sec. 210. Reports.
- “Sec. 211. Initial implementation.
- “Sec. 212. Authorization of appropriations.”;

1           (2) by inserting before section 3 the following:

2           **“TITLE I—PROFESSIONAL**  
 3           **BOXING SAFETY”;**

4           (3) by redesignating sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8,  
 5           9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 21, and 22  
 6           as sections 101 through 118, respectively;

7           (4) in section 113(b) (as so redesignated), by  
 8           striking “section 13” and inserting “section 111”;

9           (5) in section 116(b)(1) (as so redesignated), by  
 10          striking “9(b), 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, or 16,” and in-  
 11          serting “107, 108, 109, 110, 111, or 114,”;

1 (6) in section 116(b)(2) (as so redesignated), by  
 2 striking “9(b), 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, or 16” and in-  
 3 serting “107, 108, 109, 110, 111, or 114”;

4 (7) in section 116(b)(3) (as so redesignated), by  
 5 striking “section 17(a)” and inserting “section  
 6 115(a)”;

7 (8) in section 116(e)(3) (as so redesignated), by  
 8 striking “section 10” and inserting “section 108”;  
 9 and

10 (9) by striking “of this Act” each place it ap-  
 11 pears in sections 101 through 120 (as so redesign-  
 12 ated) and inserting “of this title”.

13 (b) COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS.—Section 5315 of  
 14 title 5, United States Code, is amended by adding at the  
 15 end the following:

16 “Members of the United States Boxing Commission.”.

17 **SEC. 24. STUDY AND REPORT ON DEFINITION OF PRO-**  
 18 **MOTER.**

19 (a) STUDY.—The United States Boxing Commission  
 20 shall conduct a study on how the term “promoter” should  
 21 be defined for purposes of the Professional Boxing Safety  
 22 Act.

23 (b) HEARINGS.—As part of that study, the Commis-  
 24 sion shall hold hearings and solicit testimony at those  
 25 hearings from boxers, managers, promoters, premium,



1 cable, and satellite program service providers, hotels, casi-  
 2 nos, resorts, and other commercial establishments that  
 3 host or sponsor professional boxing matches, and other in-  
 4 terested parties with respect to the definition of that term  
 5 as it is used in the Professional Boxing Safety Act.

6 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 12 months after the  
 7 date of the enactment of this Act, the Commission shall  
 8 submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and  
 9 Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on En-  
 10 ergy and Commerce of the House of Representatives a re-  
 11 port on the study conducted under subsection (a). The re-  
 12 port shall—

13 (1) set forth a proposed definition of the term  
 14 “promoter” for purposes of the Professional Boxing  
 15 Safety Act; and

16 (2) describe the findings, conclusions, and ra-  
 17 tionale of the Commission for the proposed defini-  
 18 tion, together with any recommendations of the  
 19 Commission, based on the study.

20 **SEC. 25. EFFECTIVE DATES.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection  
 22 (b), the amendments made by this Act shall take effect  
 23 on the date of enactment of this Act.

24 (b) 1-YEAR DELAY FOR CERTAIN TITLE II PROVI-  
 25 SIONS.—Sections 205 through 212 of the Professional

1 Boxing Safety Act of 1996, as added by section 22 of this  
2 Act, shall take effect 1 year after the date of enactment  
3 of this Act.

