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To establish a United States Boxing Commission to administer the Professional Boxing Safety 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 and Mr. MEEKS) 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 establish a United States Boxing Commission to administer the Professional Boxing Safety 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 2012”.

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.  
 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. Medical registry.  
 Sec. 17. Conflicts of interest.  
 Sec. 18. Enforcement.  
 Sec. 19. Repeal of deadwood.  
 Sec. 20. Recognition of tribal law.  
 Sec. 21. Establishment of United States Boxing Commission.  
 Sec. 22. Study and report on definition of promoter.  
 Sec. 23. Effective date.

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

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 (Public Law 104–272; 15 U.S.C. 6301 et seq.),  
 9 as redesignated by section 21(b)(1)(A).

10 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

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

13 **“SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

14 **“In this Act:**

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

5           “(2) BOXER.—The term ‘boxer’ means an indi-  
6 vidual who fights in a professional boxing match.

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

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

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

18           “(6) COMMISSION.—The term ‘Commission’  
19 means the United States Boxing Commission.

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

1 meanings given such terms in section 4 of the In-  
2 dian Gaming 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.—

24 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in  
25 subparagraph (B), the term ‘professional boxing

1 match’ means a boxing contest held in the  
2 United States between individuals for financial  
3 compensation.

4 “(B) EXCEPTION.—The term ‘professional  
5 boxing match’ does not include a boxing contest  
6 that is regulated by a duly recognized amateur  
7 sports organization, as approved by the Com-  
8 mission.

9 “(14) PROMOTER.—

10 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in  
11 subparagraph (B), the term ‘promoter’ means  
12 the person primarily responsible for organizing,  
13 promoting, and producing a professional boxing  
14 match.

15 “(B) EXCEPTION.—The term ‘promoter’  
16 does not include a hotel, casino, resort, or other  
17 commercial establishment hosting or sponsoring  
18 a professional boxing match unless—

19 “(i) the hotel, casino, resort, or other  
20 commercial establishment is primarily re-  
21 sponsible for organizing, promoting, and  
22 producing the match; and

23 “(ii) there is no other person pri-  
24 marily responsible for organizing, pro-  
25 moting, and producing the match.

1           “(15) PROMOTIONAL AGREEMENT.—The term  
2           ‘promotional agreement’ means a contract, for the  
3           acquisition of rights relating to a boxer’s participa-  
4           tion in a professional boxing match or series of box-  
5           ing matches (including the right to sell, distribute,  
6           exhibit, or license the match or matches), with—

7                   “(A) the boxer who is to participate in the  
8                   match or matches; or

9                   “(B) the nominee of a boxer who is to par-  
10                  ticipate in the match or matches, or the nomi-  
11                  nee is an entity that is owned, controlled or  
12                  held in trust for the boxer unless that nominee  
13                  or entity is a licensed promoter who is con-  
14                  veying a portion of the rights previously ac-  
15                  quired.

16           “(16) STATE.—The term ‘State’ means each of  
17           the several States of the United States, the District  
18           of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and any territory or pos-  
19           session of the United States, including the Virgin Is-  
20           lands.

21           “(17) SANCTIONING ORGANIZATION.—The term  
22           ‘sanctioning organization’ means an organization,  
23           other than a boxing commission, that sanctions pro-  
24           fessional boxing matches, ranks professional boxers,

1 or charges a sanctioning fee for professional boxing  
 2 matches in the United States—

3 “(A) between boxers who are residents of  
 4 different States; or

5 “(B) that are advertised, otherwise pro-  
 6 moted, or broadcast (including closed circuit  
 7 television) in interstate commerce.

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

11 “(19) TRIBAL ORGANIZATION.—The term ‘trib-  
 12 al organization’ has the meaning given such term in  
 13 section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Edu-  
 14 cation Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450b).”.

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

17 **“SEC. 21. PROFESSIONAL BOXING MATCHES CONDUCTED**  
 18 **ON INDIAN LANDS.**

19 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other pro-  
 20 vision of law, a tribal organization may establish a boxing  
 21 commission to regulate professional boxing matches held  
 22 on Indian land under the jurisdiction of that tribal organi-  
 23 zation.

24 “(b) STANDARDS AND LICENSING.—A tribal organi-  
 25 zation that establishes a boxing commission shall, by tribal

1 ordinance or resolution, establish and provide for the im-  
 2 plementation of health and safety standards, licensing re-  
 3 quirements, and other requirements relating to the con-  
 4 duct of professional boxing matches that are at least as  
 5 restrictive as—

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

9 “(2) the guidelines established by the United  
 10 States Boxing Commission.

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

16 **SEC. 4. PURPOSES.**

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

19 **SEC. 5. UNITED STATES BOXING COMMISSION APPROVAL,**  
 20 **OR ABC OR COMMISSION SANCTION, RE-**  
 21 **QUIRED FOR MATCHES.**

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

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

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

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

6 “(2) is held in a State, or on tribal land of a  
7 tribal organization, that regulates professional box-  
8 ing matches in accordance with standards and cri-  
9 teria established by the Commission.

10 “(b) APPROVAL PRESUMED.—

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

14 “(A) a match with respect to which the  
15 Commission has been informed of an alleged  
16 violation of this Act and with respect to which  
17 it has notified the supervising boxing commis-  
18 sion that it does not approve;

19 “(B) a match advertised to the public as a  
20 championship match;

21 “(C) a match scheduled for 10 rounds or  
22 more; or

23 “(D) a match in which 1 of the boxers  
24 has—

25 “(i) suffered 10 consecutive defeats in  
26 professional boxing matches; or

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

3 “(2) DELEGATION OF APPROVAL AUTHORITY.—  
4 Notwithstanding paragraph (1), the Commission  
5 shall be presumed to have approved a match de-  
6 scribed in subparagraph (B), (C), or (D) of para-  
7 graph (1) if—

8 “(A) the Commission has delegated its ap-  
9 proval authority with respect to that match to  
10 a boxing commission; and

11 “(B) the boxing commission has approved  
12 the match.

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

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

21 **SEC. 6. SAFETY STANDARDS.**

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

23 (1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by  
24 striking “requirements or an alternative requirement  
25 in effect under regulations of a boxing commission

1 that provides equivalent protection of the health and  
2 safety of boxers.” and inserting “requirements.”;

3 (2) in paragraph (1), by adding at the end the  
4 following: “The examination shall include testing for  
5 infectious diseases in accordance with standards es-  
6 tablished by the Commission.”;

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

9 “(2) An ambulance continuously present on  
10 site.”;

11 (4) by redesignating paragraphs (3) and (4) as  
12 paragraphs (4) and (5), respectively, and inserting  
13 after paragraph (2), as added by paragraph (3), the  
14 following:

15 “(3) Emergency medical personnel with appro-  
16 priate resuscitation equipment continuously present  
17 on site.”; and

18 (5) in paragraph (5), as redesignated by para-  
19 graph (4), by striking “match.” and inserting  
20 “match in an amount prescribed by the Commis-  
21 sion.”.

22 **SEC. 7. REGISTRATION.**

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

24 (1) in subsection (a)(2), by inserting “or Indian  
25 tribe” after “State” the second place it appears;

1 (2) in subsection (c)—

2 (A) by striking the first sentence and in-  
3 serting “A boxing commission shall, in accord-  
4 ance with requirements established by the Com-  
5 mission, make a health and safety disclosure to  
6 a boxer when issuing an identification card to  
7 that boxer.”; and

8 (B) in the second sentence, by striking  
9 “should” and inserting “shall, at a minimum,”;  
10 and

11 (3) by adding at the end the following:

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

17 **SEC. 8. REVIEW.**

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

19 (1) in subsection (a)—

20 (A) in paragraph (2), by striking “that, ex-  
21 cept as provided in subsection (b), no” and in-  
22 serting “that no”; and

23 (B) by striking paragraphs (3) and (4) and  
24 inserting the following:

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

7           (2) by striking subsection (b); and

8           (3) by striking “(a) PROCEDURES.—”.

9   **SEC. 9. REPORTING.**

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

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

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

15   **SEC. 10. CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS.**

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

18   **“SEC. 9. CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS.**

19          “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Commission, in consultation  
20          with the Association of Boxing Commissions, shall develop  
21          guidelines for minimum contractual provisions that shall  
22          be included in each bout agreement, boxer-manager con-  
23          tract, and promotional agreement. Each boxing commis-  
24          sion shall ensure that these minimal contractual provisions

1 are present in any such agreement or contract submitted  
2 to it.

3 “(b) FILING AND APPROVAL REQUIREMENTS.—

4 “(1) COMMISSION.—A manager or promoter  
5 shall submit a copy of each boxer-manager contract  
6 and each promotional agreement between that man-  
7 ager or promoter and a boxer to the Commission,  
8 and, if requested, to the boxing commission with ju-  
9 risdiction over the bout.

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

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

20 **SEC. 11. COERCIVE CONTRACTS.**

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

22 (1) in subsection (a), by striking paragraph (3);

23 and

24 (2) in subsection (b)—

1 (A) in the subsection heading, by inserting  
2 “OR ELIMINATION” after “MANDATORY”; and  
3 (B) by inserting “or elimination” after  
4 “mandatory”.

5 **SEC. 12. SANCTIONING ORGANIZATIONS.**

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

8 **“SEC. 11. SANCTIONING ORGANIZATIONS.**

9 “(a) OBJECTIVE CRITERIA.—Not later than 1 year  
10 after the date of the enactment of the Professional Boxing  
11 Amendments Act of 2012, the Commission shall develop  
12 guidelines for objective and consistent written criteria for  
13 the rating of professional boxers based on the athletic mer-  
14 its and professional record of the boxers. Not later than  
15 90 days after the Commission’s promulgation of the guide-  
16 lines, each sanctioning organization shall adopt the guide-  
17 lines and commence following them.

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

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

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

4           “(3) provide the boxer an opportunity to appeal  
5           the ratings change to the sanctioning organization;  
6           and

7           “(4) apply the objective criteria for ratings re-  
8           quired under subsection (a) in considering any such  
9           appeal.

10          “(c) CHALLENGE OF RATING.—If, after disposing  
11          with an appeal under subsection (b)(3), a sanctioning or-  
12          ganization receives a petition from a boxer challenging  
13          that organization’s rating of the boxer, it shall (except to  
14          the extent otherwise required by the Commission), within  
15          7 days after receiving the petition—

16               “(1) provide to the boxer a written explanation  
17               under penalty of perjury of the organization’s rating  
18               criteria, its rating of the boxer, and the rationale or  
19               basis for its rating (including a response to any spe-  
20               cific questions submitted by the boxer); and

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

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

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

4 (2) in paragraph (1), by striking “Federal  
5 Trade Commission,” and inserting “United States  
6 Boxing Commission,”.

7 **SEC. 13. REQUIRED DISCLOSURES BY SANCTIONING ORGA-**  
8 **NIZATIONS.**

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

10 (1) by striking the matter preceding paragraph  
11 (1) and inserting “Not later than 7 days after the  
12 date of a professional boxing match of 10 rounds or  
13 more, the sanctioning organization, if any, for that  
14 match shall provide to the Commission, and, if re-  
15 quested, to the boxing commission in the State or on  
16 Indian land responsible for regulating the match, a  
17 written statement of—”;

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

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

22 **SEC. 14. REQUIRED DISCLOSURES BY PROMOTERS AND**  
23 **BROADCASTERS.**

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

1 (1) in the section heading, by striking “**PRO-**  
2 **MOTERS.**” and inserting “**PROMOTERS AND**  
3 **BROADCASTERS.**”;

4 (2) in subsection (a)—

5 (A) by striking the matter preceding para-  
6 graph (1) and inserting the following:

7 “(a) DISCLOSURES TO BOXING COMMISSIONS AND  
8 THE COMMISSION.—Not later than 7 days after the date  
9 of a professional boxing match of 10 rounds or more, the  
10 promoter of any boxer participating in that match shall  
11 provide to the Commission, and, if requested, to the box-  
12 ing commission in the State or on Indian land responsible  
13 for regulating the match—”;

14 (B) in paragraph (1), by striking “writ-  
15 ing,” and inserting “writing, other than a bout  
16 agreement previously provided to the commis-  
17 sion,”; and

18 (C) in paragraph (3)—

19 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking  
20 “all fees, charges, and expenses that will  
21 be” and inserting “a written statement of  
22 all fees, charges, and expenses that have  
23 been, or will be,”;

24 (ii) in subparagraph (B), by inserting  
25 “a written statement of” before “all”; and

1 (iii) in subparagraph (C), by inserting  
2 “a statement of” before “any”;

3 (3) in subsection (b)—

4 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),  
5 by striking “A promoter shall not be entitled to  
6 receive any compensation directly or indirectly  
7 in connection with a boxing match until it pro-  
8 vides to the boxer it promotes” and inserting  
9 the following: “Not later than 7 days after the  
10 date of a professional boxing match of 10  
11 rounds or more, the promoter of the match  
12 shall provide to each boxer participating in the  
13 bout or match with whom the promoter has a  
14 bout or promotional agreement a statement of”;  
15 and

16 (B) in paragraph (1), by striking “match;”  
17 and inserting “match, and that the promoter  
18 has paid, or agreed to pay, to any other person  
19 in connection with the match;”; and

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

21 “(d) REQUIRED DISCLOSURES BY BROADCASTERS.—

22 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A broadcaster that owns  
23 the television broadcast rights for a professional box-  
24 ing match of 10 rounds or more shall, not later than

1       7 days after that match, provide to the Commis-  
2       sion—

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

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

9                       “(i) a boxer who participated in that  
10                      match; or

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

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

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

23               “(3) CONFIDENTIALITY.—The information pro-  
24       vided to the Commission or to a boxing commission  
25       pursuant to this subsection shall be confidential and

1 not revealed by the Commission or a boxing commis-  
 2 sion, except that the Commission may publish an  
 3 analysis of the data in aggregate form or in a man-  
 4 ner which does not disclose confidential information  
 5 about identifiable broadcasters.

6 “(4) TELEVISION BROADCAST RIGHTS.—In this  
 7 subsection, the term ‘television broadcast rights’  
 8 means the right to broadcast the match, or any part  
 9 thereof, via a broadcast station, cable service, or  
 10 multichannel video programming distributor as such  
 11 terms are defined in sections 3 and 602 of the Com-  
 12 munications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 153 and  
 13 522).”.

14 **SEC. 15. JUDGES AND REFEREES.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 16 (15 U.S.C. 6307h) is  
 16 amended—

17 (1) by striking “No person” and inserting the  
 18 following:

19 “(a) LICENSING AND ASSIGNMENT.—No person”;  
 20 and

21 (2) in subsection (a), as designated by para-  
 22 graph (1)—

23 (A) by striking “certified and approved”  
 24 and inserting “selected”; and

1 (B) by inserting “or Indian lands” after  
2 “State”; and

3 (3) by adding at the end the following:

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

12 “(c) ROLE OF SANCTIONING ORGANIZATION.—A  
13 sanctioning organization may provide a list of judges and  
14 referees deemed qualified by that organization to a boxing  
15 commission, but the boxing commission shall select, li-  
16 cense, and appoint the judges and referees participating  
17 in the match.

18 “(d) ASSIGNMENT OF NONRESIDENT JUDGES AND  
19 REFEREES.—A boxing commission may assign judges and  
20 referees who reside outside that commission’s State or In-  
21 dian land.

22 “(e) REQUIRED DISCLOSURE.—A judge or referee  
23 shall provide to the boxing commission responsible for reg-  
24 ulating a professional boxing match in a State or on In-  
25 dian land a statement of all consideration, including reim-

1 bursement for expenses, that the judge or referee has re-  
2 ceived, or will receive, from any source for participation  
3 in the match. If the match is scheduled for 10 rounds or  
4 more, the judge or referee shall also provide such a state-  
5 ment to the Commission.”.

6 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 14 (15  
7 U.S.C. 6307f) is hereby repealed.

8 **SEC. 16. MEDICAL REGISTRY.**

9 The Act, as amended by section 15, is further amend-  
10 ed by inserting after section 13 (15 U.S.C. 6307e) the  
11 following:

12 **“SEC. 14. MEDICAL REGISTRY.**

13 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall establish  
14 and maintain, or certify a third party entity to establish  
15 and maintain, a medical registry that contains comprehen-  
16 sive medical records and medical denials or suspensions  
17 for every licensed boxer.

18 “(b) CONTENT; SUBMISSION.—The Commission shall  
19 determine—

20 “(1) the nature of medical records and medical  
21 suspensions of a boxer that are to be forwarded to  
22 the medical registry; and

23 “(2) the time within which the medical records  
24 and medical suspensions are to be submitted to the  
25 medical registry.

1       “(c) CONFIDENTIALITY.—The Commission shall es-  
 2       tablish confidentiality standards for the disclosure of per-  
 3       sonally identifiable information to boxing commissions  
 4       that will—

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

8               “(2) ensure that the privacy of the boxers is  
 9       protected.”.

10   **SEC. 17. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST.**

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

12               (1) in subsection (a)—

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

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

19                       (C) by striking the last sentence; and

20               (2) by striking subsection (b) and inserting the  
 21       following:

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

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

3 “(2) providing any payment or other compensa-  
4 tion to—

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

7 “(B) the boxing commission that will regu-  
8 late the bout; or

9 “(C) ring officials who officiate at the  
10 bout.”.

11 **SEC. 18. ENFORCEMENT.**

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

13 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “(a) INJUNC-  
14 TIONS.—” and inserting “(a) ACTIONS BY ATTOR-  
15 NEY GENERAL.—”;

16 (2) in subsection (b)(3), by inserting “any offi-  
17 cer or employee of the Commission,” after “laws,”;

18 (3) in subsection (c)—

19 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),  
20 by inserting “has engaged in or” after “organi-  
21 zation”; and

22 (B) in paragraph (3), by striking “under  
23 subsection (b)” and inserting “under subsection  
24 (b), a civil penalty,”; and

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

3 **SEC. 19. REPEAL OF DEADWOOD.**

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

5 **SEC. 20. RECOGNITION OF TRIBAL LAW.**

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

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

9 (2) by inserting “or Indian tribe” after  
 10 “State”.

11 **SEC. 21. ESTABLISHMENT OF UNITED STATES BOXING COM-**  
 12 **MISSION.**

13 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Act is amended by adding at  
 14 the end the following:

15 **“TITLE II—UNITED STATES**  
 16 **BOXING COMMISSION**

17 **“SEC. 201. PURPOSE.**

18 “The purpose of this title is to protect the health,  
 19 safety, and welfare of boxers and to ensure fairness in the  
 20 sport of professional boxing.

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

22 “(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The United States Boxing Com-  
 23 mission is established as a commission within the Depart-  
 24 ment of Commerce.

25 “(b) **MEMBERS.**—

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

4           “(2) QUALIFICATIONS.—

5               “(A) IN GENERAL.—Each member of the  
6       Commission shall be a citizen of the United  
7       States who—

8                   “(i) has extensive experience in pro-  
9               fessional boxing activities or in a field di-  
10              rectly related to professional sports;

11                  “(ii) is of outstanding character and  
12              recognized integrity; and

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

16           “(B) SPECIFIC QUALIFICATIONS FOR CER-  
17       TAIN MEMBERS.—At least 1 member of the  
18       Commission shall be a former member of a local  
19       boxing authority. If practicable, at least 1 mem-  
20       ber of the Commission shall be a physician or  
21       other health care professional duly licensed as  
22       such.

23           “(C) DISINTERESTED PERSONS.—No  
24       member of the Commission may, while serving  
25       as a member of the Commission—

1                   “(i) be engaged as a professional  
2                   boxer, boxing promoter, agent, fight man-  
3                   ager, matchmaker, referee, judge, or in any  
4                   other capacity in the conduct of the busi-  
5                   ness of professional boxing;

6                   “(ii) have any pecuniary interest in  
7                   the earnings of any boxer or the proceeds  
8                   or outcome of any boxing match; or

9                   “(iii) serve as a member of a boxing  
10                  commission.

11               “(3) BIPARTISAN MEMBERSHIP.—Not more  
12               than 2 members of the Commission may be members  
13               of the same political party.

14               “(4) GEOGRAPHIC BALANCE.—Not more than 2  
15               members of the Commission may be residents of the  
16               same geographic region of the United States when  
17               appointed to the Commission. For purposes of the  
18               preceding sentence, the area of the United States  
19               east of the Mississippi River is a geographic region,  
20               and the area of the United States west of the Mis-  
21               sissippi River is a geographic region.

22               “(5) TERMS.—

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

1           “(B) REAPPOINTMENT.—Members of the  
2           Commission may be reappointed to the Com-  
3           mission.

4           “(C) MIDTERM VACANCIES.—A member of  
5           the Commission appointed to fill a vacancy in  
6           the Commission occurring before the expiration  
7           of the term for which the member’s predecessor  
8           was appointed shall be appointed for the re-  
9           mainder of that unexpired term.

10          “(D) CONTINUATION PENDING REPLACE-  
11          MENT.—A member of the Commission may  
12          serve after the expiration of that member’s  
13          term until a successor has taken office.

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

16          “(c) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.—

17               “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall em-  
18               ploy an Executive Director to perform the adminis-  
19               trative functions of the Commission under this Act,  
20               and such other functions and duties of the Commis-  
21               sion as the Commission shall specify.

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

1       “(d) GENERAL COUNSEL.—The Commission shall  
2   employ a General Counsel to provide legal counsel and ad-  
3   vice to the Executive Director and the Commission in the  
4   performance of its functions under this Act, and to carry  
5   out such other functions and duties as the Commission  
6   shall specify.

7       “(e) STAFF.—The Commission shall employ such ad-  
8   ditional staff as the Commission considers appropriate to  
9   assist the Executive Director and the General Counsel in  
10   carrying out the functions and duties of the Commission  
11   under this Act.

12       “(f) COMPENSATION.—

13               “(1) MEMBERS OF COMMISSION.—

14                       “(A) IN GENERAL.—Each member of the  
15                       Commission shall be compensated at a rate  
16                       equal to the daily equivalent of the annual rate  
17                       of basic pay prescribed for level IV of the Exec-  
18                       utive Schedule under section 5315 of title 5,  
19                       United States Code, for each day (including  
20                       travel time) during which such member is en-  
21                       gaged in the performance of the duties of the  
22                       Commission.

23                       “(B) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—The members  
24                       of the Commission shall be allowed travel ex-  
25                       penses, including per diem in lieu of subsist-

1           ence, at rates authorized for employees of agen-  
 2           cies under subchapter I of chapter 57 of title 5,  
 3           United States Code, while away from their  
 4           homes or regular places of business in the per-  
 5           formance of services for the Commission.

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

14   **“SEC. 203. FUNCTIONS.**

15          “(a) PRIMARY FUNCTIONS.—The primary functions  
 16          of the Commission are—

17               “(1) to protect the health, safety, and general  
 18               interests of boxers consistent with the provisions of  
 19               this Act; and

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

22          “(b) SPECIFIC FUNCTIONS.—The Commission  
 23          shall—

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

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

4           “(3) except as otherwise determined by the  
5           Commission, oversee all professional boxing matches  
6           in the United States;

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

9                   “(A) to improve the safety, integrity, and  
10                  professionalism of professional boxing in the  
11                  United States;

12                   “(B) to enhance physical, medical, finan-  
13                  cial, and other safeguards established for the  
14                  protection of professional boxers; and

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

17           “(5) ensure, in cooperation with the Attorney  
18           General (who shall represent the Commission in any  
19           judicial proceeding under this Act), the chief law en-  
20           forcement officer of the several States, and other ap-  
21           propriate officers and agencies of Federal, State,  
22           and local government, that Federal and State laws  
23           applicable to professional boxing matches in the  
24           United States are vigorously, effectively, and fairly  
25           enforced;

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

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

9           “(8) if the Commission determines it to be ap-  
10 propriate, publish a newspaper, magazine, or other  
11 publication and establish and maintain a website  
12 consistent with the purposes of the Commission;

13           “(9) procure the temporary and intermittent  
14 services of experts and consultants to the extent au-  
15 thorized by section 3109(b) of title 5, United States  
16 Code, at rates the Commission determines to be rea-  
17 sonable; and

18           “(10) promulgate rules, regulations, and guid-  
19 ance, and take any other action necessary and prop-  
20 er to accomplish the purposes of, and consistent  
21 with, the provisions of this title.

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

23           “(1) promote boxing events or rank professional  
24 boxers; or

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

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

16       **“SEC. 204. LICENSING AND REGISTRATION OF BOXING PER-**  
 17                               **SONNEL.**

18           “(a) LICENSING.—

19           “(1) REQUIREMENT FOR LICENSE.—No person  
 20           may compete in a professional boxing match or serve  
 21           as a boxing manager, boxing promoter, or sanc-  
 22           tioning organization for a professional boxing match  
 23           except as provided in a license granted to that per-  
 24           son under this subsection.

25           “(2) APPLICATION AND TERM.—

1           “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Commission  
2 shall—

3           “(i) establish application procedures,  
4 forms, and fees;

5           “(ii) establish and publish appropriate  
6 standards for licenses granted under this  
7 section; and

8           “(iii) issue a license to any person  
9 who, as determined by the Commission,  
10 meets the standards established by the  
11 Commission under this title.

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

14           “(i) 4-year term for a boxer; and

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

16          “(C) PROCEDURE.—The Commission may  
17 issue a license under this paragraph through  
18 boxing commissions or in a manner determined  
19 by the Commission.

20          “(b) LICENSING FEES.—

21           “(1) AUTHORITY.—The Commission may pre-  
22 scribe and charge reasonable fees for the licensing of  
23 persons under this title. The Commission may set,  
24 charge, and adjust varying fees on the basis of clas-

1       sifications of persons, functions, and events deter-  
2       mined appropriate by the Commission.

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

6           “(A) club boxing is not adversely affected;

7           “(B) sanctioning organizations and pro-  
8       motors pay comparatively the largest portion of  
9       the fees; and

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

12          “(3) COLLECTION.—Fees established under this  
13       subsection may be collected through boxing commis-  
14       sions or by any other means determined appropriate  
15       by the Commission.

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

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

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

24           “(1) BOXERS.—A list of professional boxers  
25       and data in the medical registry established under

1 section 114 of this Act, which the Commission shall  
2 secure from disclosure in accordance with the con-  
3 fidentiality requirements of section 114(c).

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

11 **“SEC. 206. CONSULTATION REQUIREMENTS.**

12 “The Commission shall consult with the Association  
13 of Boxing Commissions—

14 “(1) before prescribing any regulation or estab-  
15 lishing any standard under the provisions of this  
16 title; and

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

19 **“SEC. 207. MISCONDUCT.**

20 “(a) SUSPENSION AND REVOCATION OF LICENSE OR  
21 REGISTRATION.—

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

1           “(A) the license holder has violated any  
2 provision of this Act;

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

10           “(C) the suspension or revocation is nec-  
11 essary for the protection of health and safety or  
12 is otherwise in the public interest.

13           “(2) PERIOD OF SUSPENSION.—

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

18           “(B) SUSPENSION FOR MEDICAL REA-  
19 SONS.—In the case of a suspension or denial of  
20 the license of a boxer for medical reasons by the  
21 Commission, the Commission may terminate  
22 the suspension or denial at any time that a phy-  
23 sician certifies that the boxer is fit to partici-  
24 pate in a professional boxing match. The Com-  
25 mission shall prescribe the standards and proce-

1           dures for accepting certifications under this  
2           subparagraph.

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

6           “(b) INVESTIGATIONS AND INJUNCTIONS.—

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

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

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

18                   “(C) in its discretion, publish information  
19                  concerning any violations; and

20                   “(D) investigate any facts, conditions,  
21                  practices, or matters to aid in the enforcement  
22                  of the provisions of this Act, in the prescribing  
23                  of regulations under this Act, or in securing in-  
24                  formation to serve as a basis for recommending

1           legislation concerning the matters to which this  
2           Act relates.

3           “(2) POWERS.—

4                 “(A) IN GENERAL.—For the purpose of  
5           any investigation under paragraph (1) or any  
6           other proceeding under this title—

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

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

18               “(B) WITNESSES AND EVIDENCE.—The  
19          attendance of witnesses and the production of  
20          any documents under subparagraph (A) may be  
21          required from any place in the United States,  
22          including Indian land, at any designated place  
23          of hearing.

24               “(3) ENFORCEMENT OF SUBPOENAS.—

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

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

19          “(C) PROCESS.—All process in any con-  
20          tempt case under subparagraph (A) may be  
21          served in the judicial district in which the per-  
22          son is an inhabitant or in which the person may  
23          be found.

24          “(4) EVIDENCE OF CRIMINAL MISCONDUCT.—

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

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

23          “(5) INJUNCTIVE RELIEF.—If the Commission  
24          determines that any person is engaged or about to  
25          engage in any act or practice that constitutes a vio-

1       lation of any provision of this Act, or of any regula-  
2       tion prescribed under this Act, the Commission may  
3       bring an action in the appropriate district court of  
4       the United States, the United States District Court  
5       for the District of Columbia, or the United States  
6       courts of any territory or other place subject to the  
7       jurisdiction of the United States, to enjoin the act  
8       or practice, and upon a proper showing, the court  
9       shall grant without bond a permanent or temporary  
10      injunction or restraining order.

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

20      “(c) INTERVENTION IN CIVIL ACTIONS.—

21           “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Commission, on behalf  
22      of the public interest, may intervene of right as pro-  
23      vided under rule 24(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil  
24      Procedure in any civil action relating to professional  
25      boxing filed in a district court of the United States.

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

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

10   **“SEC. 208. NONINTERFERENCE WITH BOXING COMMIS-**  
11                           **SIONS.**

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

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

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

24       “Any employee of any executive department, agency,  
25       bureau, board, commission, office, independent establish-

1 ment, or instrumentality may be detailed to the Commis-  
2 sion, upon the request of the Commission, on a reimburs-  
3 able or nonreimbursable basis, with the consent of the ap-  
4 propriate authority having jurisdiction over the employee.  
5 While so detailed, an employee shall continue to receive  
6 the compensation provided pursuant to law for the employ-  
7 ee's regular position of employment and shall retain, with-  
8 out interruption, the rights and privileges of that employ-  
9 ment.

10 **“SEC. 210. REPORTS.**

11 “(a) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not less frequently than  
12 once each year, the Commission shall submit to the Com-  
13 mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the  
14 Senate and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of  
15 the House of Representatives a report on its activities.  
16 The annual report shall include—

17 “(1) a detailed discussion of the activities of the  
18 Commission for the year covered by the report; and

19 “(2) an overview of the licensing and enforce-  
20 ment activities of the State and tribal organization  
21 boxing commissions.

22 “(b) PUBLIC REPORT.—Not less frequently than  
23 once each year, the Commission shall issue and publicize  
24 a report of the Commission on the progress made at Fed-  
25 eral and State levels and on Indian lands in the reform

1 of professional boxing, which shall include comments on  
2 issues of continuing concern to the Commission.

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

7 **“SEC. 211. INITIAL IMPLEMENTATION.**

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

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

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

19 “(2) the date that is 2 years after the date of  
20 the enactment of the Professional Boxing Amend-  
21 ments Act of 2012.

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

23 “(a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be ap-  
24 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 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

14 (1) PBSA.—The Act is further amended—

15 (A) by amending section 1 to read as fol-  
 16 lows:

17 **“SECTION 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:

“Sec. 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 (B) by inserting before section 3 the fol-  
 2 lowing:

## 3 **“TITLE I—PROFESSIONAL** 4 **BOXING SAFETY”;**

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

8 (D) in section 113, as redesignated—  
 9 (i) by striking subsection (a) and in-  
 10 serting the following:

11 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Except to the extent required in  
 12 a legal, administrative, or judicial proceeding, a boxing

1 commission, an Attorney General, or the Commission may  
 2 not disclose to the public any matter furnished by a pro-  
 3 moter under section 111.”;

4 (ii) in subsection (b), by striking “sec-  
 5 tion 13” and inserting “section 111”;

6 (E) in section 116, as redesignated—

7 (i) in subsection (b)—

8 (I) in paragraph (1), by striking  
 9 “9(b), 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, or 16,” and  
 10 inserting “107, 108, 109, 110, 111,  
 11 or 114,”;

12 (II) in paragraph (2), by striking  
 13 “9(b), 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, or 16” and  
 14 inserting “107, 108, 109, 110, 111,  
 15 or 114”; and

16 (III) in paragraph (3), by strik-  
 17 ing “section 17(a)” and inserting  
 18 “section 115(a)”; and

19 (ii) in subsection (e)(3), by striking  
 20 “section 10” and inserting “section 108”;  
 21 and

22 (F) in sections 101 through 120, as redес-  
 23 igned, by striking “of this Act” each place it  
 24 appears and inserting “of this title”.

1           (2) COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS.—Section  
2       5315 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by  
3       adding at the end the following:

4           “Members of the United States Boxing Com-  
5       mission.”.

6       **SEC. 22. STUDY AND REPORT ON DEFINITION OF PRO-**  
7           **MOTER.**

8           (a) STUDY.—The United States Boxing Commission  
9       shall conduct a study on how the term “promoter” should  
10      be defined for purposes of the Professional Boxing Safety  
11      Act, as redesignated by section 21(b)(1)(A).

12          (b) HEARINGS.—As part of that study, the Commis-  
13      sion shall hold hearings and solicit testimony at those  
14      hearings from boxers, managers, promoters, premium,  
15      cable, and satellite program service providers, hotels, cas-  
16      inos, resorts, and other commercial establishments that  
17      host or sponsor professional boxing matches, and other in-  
18      terested parties with respect to the definition of that term  
19      as it is used in the Professional Boxing Safety Act, as  
20      so redesignated.

21          (c) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date  
22      of the enactment of this Act, the Commission shall submit  
23      to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-  
24      tation of the Senate and the Committee on Energy and  
25      Commerce of the House of Representatives a report on

1 the study conducted under subsection (a). The report  
2 shall—

3 (1) set forth a proposed definition of the term  
4 “promoter” for purposes of the Professional Boxing  
5 Safety Act, as redesignated; and

6 (2) describe the findings, conclusions, and ra-  
7 tionale of the Commission for the proposed defini-  
8 tion, together with any recommendations of the  
9 Commission, based on the study.

10 **SEC. 23. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

14 (b) 1-YEAR DELAY FOR CERTAIN TITLE II PROVI-  
15 SIONS.—Sections 205 through 212 of the Professional  
16 Boxing Safety Act (as redesignated by section  
17 21(b)(1)(A)), as added by section 21(a), shall take effect  
18 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act.

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