

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 1195

BY REPRESENTATIVE WYBLE

AMUSEMENTS/SPORTS: Provides relative to the Louisiana State Athletic Commission

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 4:64, 65(C)(introductory paragraph), 67(A), 82, and 82.2 and to
3 enact R.S. 4:82.3, relative to the Louisiana State Athletic Commission; to provide for
4 rules and regulations of contests or exhibitions; to provide for fines and penalties;
5 to provide relative to taxes on gross receipts of contests or exhibitions; to provide for
6 penalties for noncompliance; to provide for disciplinary actions by the commission;
7 and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 4:64, 65(C)(introductory paragraph), 67(A), 82, and 82.2 are hereby
10 amended and reenacted and R.S. 4:82.3 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §64. Rules and regulations

12 The commission may make rules and regulations governing all boxing,
13 mixed technique events, and wrestling contests or exhibitions under its jurisdiction,
14 the sale of tickets at ~~such~~ those contests or exhibitions, the promoters of ~~such~~ those
15 contests or exhibitions, and the contestants, their seconds and managers in ~~such~~ those
16 contests or exhibitions, and all other rules and regulations as the commission, in its
17 discretion, deems necessary to carry out the purposes of this Chapter. Should any
18 case occur which may not be covered in this Chapter or by the rules and regulations
19 of the commission, it shall be determined by the commission, but only insofar as

1 such determination is consistent with justice, the best interests of boxing, mixed
 2 technique event, and wrestling and with the powers and authority granted by this
 3 Chapter. A copy of the pertinent rules and regulations of the commission shall be
 4 furnished to the contestants or their managers in contests or exhibitions subject to the
 5 jurisdiction of the commission. No such contest or exhibition shall be conducted,
 6 held, or given except in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter and the rules
 7 and regulations of the commission, including but not limited to any official rules for
 8 sports not specifically mentioned under this Chapter that require commission
 9 approval or sanctioning, provided that no such boxing contest or exhibition shall
 10 exceed ~~twenty~~ twelve rounds.

11 §65. Licenses; fees; bond

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13 C. The commission may for cause, and after a hearing, revoke or suspend
 14 any license issued ~~under~~ in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter, or may
 15 fine the holder of such license the sum of not more than ~~one~~ five thousand dollars,
 16 or both, for any of the following reasons:

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18 §67. Gross receipts tax; disbursements

19 A. For the maintenance of the commission, every club licensed and entitled
 20 to any of the privileges by virtue of this Chapter shall pay to the commission a tax
 21 of five percent of the gross receipts of each contest or exhibition, except amateur
 22 contests or exhibitions sanctioned by the commission. Notwithstanding any other
 23 provision of law, this Section shall be construed to apply to all facilities in the state
 24 in which contests or exhibitions are conducted or televised, except amateur contests.
 25 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section, the total amount to be paid to
 26 the commission by any club for any one live contest or exhibition only shall never
 27 exceed the sum of two hundred fifty thousand dollars.

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1 §82. Noncompliance with Chapter; penalty

2 Whoever conducts, promotes, or in any manner participates in any boxing,
3 mixed technique event, or wrestling contest or exhibition without first complying
4 with the provisions of this Chapter shall be fined not more than five ~~hundred~~
5 thousand dollars.

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7 §82.2. Noncompliance with Chapter; injunction

8 A. ~~In addition to the actions and penalties otherwise provided for by this~~
9 ~~Chapter, the commission may cause to issue in any court of competent jurisdiction~~
10 ~~an injunction without bond enjoining any person from violating or continuing to~~
11 ~~violate the provisions of this Chapter.~~ In addition to or in lieu of the criminal
12 penalties or administrative remedies or sanctions provided in this Chapter or
13 administrative rules, the commission may issue an order to any licensee or other
14 person or entity engaged in any activity, conduct, or practice in violation of this
15 Chapter or those rules, directing that person or entity to immediately cease and desist
16 from that activity, conduct, or practice. This order shall be issued in the name of the
17 state, under the official seal of the board.

18 B. ~~In the suit for an injunction, the commission may demand of the~~
19 ~~defendant reasonable attorney fees and court costs.~~ If the person or entity to whom
20 the commission directs a cease and desist order does not cease and desist the
21 prohibited activity, conduct, or practice within three business days of receipt of that
22 order, the commission, through its proper officer or agent, may seek and cause to
23 issue in any court of competent jurisdiction and venue a writ of injunction, including
24 a temporary restraining order, enjoining that person or entity from engaging in the
25 prohibited activity, conduct, or practice.

26 C. ~~The judgment for attorney fees and court costs may be rendered in the~~
27 ~~same judgment in which the injunction is made absolute. If the commission brings~~
28 ~~an action against an individual pursuant hereto and fails to prove its case, then it~~
29 ~~shall be liable to such person for the payment of his attorney fees and costs.~~ In a suit

1 for an injunction, the commission may demand of the defendant reasonable attorney
2 fees, associated investigative and administrative expenses, and costs of court. The
3 judgment for attorney fees, expenses, and costs may be rendered in the same
4 judgment in which the injunction is made absolute.

5 D.(1) Upon a proper showing by the commission that a person or entity has
6 engaged in any activity, conduct, or practice prohibited by this Chapter or
7 commission rule, the court shall issue a temporary restraining order enjoining that
8 person or entity from engaging in that unlawful activity, conduct, or practice pending
9 a hearing on a preliminary injunction, and, in due course, a permanent injunction
10 shall be issued after a hearing, commanding the cessation of that unlawful activity,
11 conduct, or practice complained of, without the necessity of the commission giving
12 bond as ordinarily required in such cases.

13 (2) A temporary restraining order, preliminary injunction, or permanent
14 injunction issued pursuant to this Section shall not be released upon bond.

15 E. The trial of the proceeding for injunction shall be summary and by the
16 judge without a jury.

17 §82.3. Disciplinary actions

18 A. After due notice and hearing in accordance with the Administrative
19 Procedure Act, the commission may refuse to license any applicant, or may refuse
20 to renew the license of any person, or may restrict, suspend, or revoke any license
21 upon proof that the person has done any of the following:

22 (1) Violated the provisions of this Chapter or the rules of the board,

23 (2) Attempted to or obtained a license by fraud or misrepresentation.

24 B. Any action of the commission taken pursuant to this Section is subject to
25 notice requirements and hearing, adjudication, and appeal proceedings pursuant to
26 the rules adopted by the commission in accordance with the Administrative
27 Procedure Act.

28 C. Refusal to grant a license for failure to pass the licensing examination
29 required by the commission shall not require notice or a hearing.

1 D. If the commission prevails in its disciplinary action, it shall be entitled to
 2 reimbursement of the costs associated with that disciplinary proceeding, including
 3 the cost of investigators, stenographers, attorney fees, and other reasonably
 4 associated costs which shall be part of the consent order or commission decision
 5 issued in that proceeding.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to the Louisiana State Athletic Commission.

Present law provides that no contest or exhibition shall be conducted or held except in accordance with the provisions of present law and the rules or regulations of the commission. Proposed law clarifies that this includes but is not limited to any official sports not mentioned in present law that require commission approval or sanctioning.

Present law provides that no boxing contest or exhibition shall exceed twenty rounds. Proposed law reduces this to a maximum of twelve rounds.

Present law provides for the fining of persons licensed by the commission a maximum of \$1000 for cause and after a hearing. Proposed law increases the possible fine to a maximum of \$5000.

Present law provides for a tax of gross receipts for contests or exhibitions to be paid to the commission, not to exceed \$50,000. Proposed law increases this maximum to \$250,000.

Present law provides for a fine for persons conducting a contest or exhibition without complying with the provisions of present law not to exceed \$500. Proposed law increases this fee to a maximum of \$5000.

Present law provides for certain penalties for noncompliance with present law, including a suit for injunction. Proposed law amends present law to provide for the issuance of cease and desist orders, and a process for the commission to obtain a temporary restraining order, preliminary injunction, or permanent injunction.

Proposed law provides that the trial for an injunction shall be a summary proceeding.

Proposed law provides for disciplinary actions and license suspension or revocation against licensees or applicants for licenses for violations of proposed law and for reimbursement of costs associated with disciplinary proceedings.

(Amends R.S. 4:64, 65(C)(intro. para.), 67(A), 82, and 82.2; Adds R.S. 4:82.3)