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To provide for the safety of journeymen boxers, and for other purposes.

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Mr. MCCAIN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred
to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

A BILL

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other purposes.

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Professional Boxing
5 Safety Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 For purposes of this Act—

8 (1) the term “boxer” means a person who par-
9 ticipates in a professional boxing match;

10 (2) the term “manager” means a person or
11 business who helps arrange professional boxing

1 matches for a boxer, and who serves as an advisor
2 or representative of a boxer in a professional capac-
3 ity;

4 (3) the term “professional boxing match”
5 means a boxing contest held in the United States be-
6 tween individuals for compensation or a prize, and
7 does not include any amateur boxing match;

8 (4) the term “promoter” means a person or
9 business that organizes, holds, advertises, or other-
10 wise conducts a professional boxing match; and

11 (5) the term “State boxing commission” means
12 a State agency with authority to regulate profes-
13 sional boxing;

14 **SEC. 3. PURPOSE.**

15 The purposes of this Act are—

16 (1) to improve and expand the system of safety
17 precautions that protects the welfare of professional
18 boxers; and

19 (2) to assist State boxing commissions to pro-
20 vide proper oversight for the professional boxing in-
21 dustry in the United States.

22 **SEC. 4. PROFESSIONAL BOXING MATCHES.**

23 A professional boxing match may be held in the Unit-
24 ed States only if—

1 (1) the State where the professional boxing
2 match is to be held—

3 (A) has a State boxing commission ; or

4 (B) has entered into an agreement with a
5 State boxing commission of another State;

6 to oversee the match and to regulate each of its box-
7 ing matches; and

8 (2) the State boxing commission has established
9 procedures to carry out sections 5, 6, and 7.

10 **SEC. 5. REGISTRATION.**

11 (a) **REQUIREMENT.**—Each professional boxer shall
12 register with—

13 (1) the State boxing commission of the State in
14 which such boxer resides;

15 (2) in the case of a boxer who is a resident of
16 a State in which there is no State boxing commis-
17 sion, the State boxing commission described in sec-
18 tion 4(1)(B); or

19 (3) in the case of a boxer from a foreign coun-
20 try, any State that has a State boxing commission.

21 (b) **IDENTIFICATION CARD.**—

22 (1) **ISSUANCE.**—A State boxing commission
23 shall issue to each professional boxer who registers
24 in accordance with subsection (a), an identification
25 card that contains—

1 (A) a recent photograph of the boxer;

2 (B) the social security number of the boxer
3 (or, in the case of a foreign boxer, any similar
4 citizen identification number or professional
5 boxer number from the country of residence of
6 the boxer); and

7 (C) the personal identification numbers as-
8 signed to the boxer by the boxing registries cer-
9 tified by the Association of Boxing Commis-
10 sioners.

11 (2) RENEWAL.—Each professional boxer shall
12 renew his or her identification card at least once
13 every 3 years.

14 (3) PRESENTATION.—Each professional boxer
15 shall present his or her identification card to the
16 State boxing commission not later than the time of
17 the weigh-in for a professional boxing match.

18 (c) RELATION TO STATE LAW.—Nothing in this sec-
19 tion shall be construed as preventing a State from apply-
20 ing additional registration requirements.

21 **SEC. 6. REVIEW.**

22 Each State boxing commission shall establish proce-
23 dures—

1 (1) to evaluate the professional records of each
2 boxer participating in a boxing match in the State;
3 and

4 (2) to ensure that no boxer is permitted to box
5 while under suspension from any State boxing com-
6 mission for any reason, including—

7 (A) a recent knockout, injury, or
8 unfulfilled requirement for a medical procedure;

9 (B) administrative reasons, such as failure
10 to pay a State fee or fine, or improper conduct;

11 (C) falsification of, or attempts to falsify,
12 official identification cards or documents;

13 (D) failure of a drug test;

14 (E) inadequate boxing skills, or the inabil-
15 ity to safely compete; and

16 (F) violation of Federal or State gaming
17 laws.

18 **SEC. 7. REPORTING.**

19 (a) **BOXING MATCH RESULTS.**—Not later than 48
20 business hours (excluding Saturdays and Sundays) after
21 the conclusion of a professional boxing match, the results
22 of such match shall be reported to the professional boxing
23 registries certified by the Association of Boxing Commis-
24 sioners (ABC) and to the Florida State Athletic Commis-
25 sion.

1 (b) SUSPENSIONS.—Not later than 48 business hours
2 (excluding Saturdays and Sundays) after a State boxing
3 commission orders the suspension of a boxer, promoter,
4 or manager, such suspension shall be reported to the pro-
5 fessional boxing registries certified by the Association of
6 Boxing Commissioners (ABC) and to the Florida State
7 Athletic Commission.

8 **SEC. 8. ENFORCEMENT.**

9 (a) INJUNCTIONS.—Whenever the United States At-
10 torney in a State has reasonable cause to believe that a
11 person or entity is engaged in a violation of this Act in
12 such State, the United States Attorney may bring a civil
13 action in the appropriate district court of the United
14 States requesting such relief, including a permanent or
15 temporary injunction, restraining order, or other order,
16 against the person or entity, as the United States Attor-
17 ney determines necessary to restrain the person or entity
18 from continuing to engage in, or to sanction, a profes-
19 sional boxing match in violation of this Act.

20 (b) CRIMINAL PENALTIES.—

21 (1) MANAGERS AND PROMOTERS.—Any man-
22 ager or promoter who knowingly and willfully vio-
23 lates any provision of this Act shall be imprisoned
24 for not more than 1 year or fined more than
25 \$20,000, or both.

1 (2) BOXERS.—Any professional boxer who
2 knowingly and willfully violates any provision of this
3 Act shall be fined not more than \$1,000.

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