

ENGROSSED SENATE  
BILL NO. 1197

By: Douglass and Brown of the  
Senate

and

Bryant (John) of the House

[ amusements and sports - crimes and punishment -  
professional boxing contests and exhibitions -  
codification - effective  
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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 600 of Title 3A, unless there is  
created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

As used in this act:

1. "Booking agent" means an individual who acts as a booker,  
agent, agency, representative or manager who secures engagements and  
contracts for professional boxers;

2. "Boxing" means any form of competitive or unarmed combat in  
which a blow is usually struck which may reasonably be expected to  
inflict injury, including, but not limited to, boxing, wrestling and  
kickboxing, but shall not include the martial arts as defined by the  
provisions of this section;

3. "Contest" means a boxing match in which it is reasonable to  
anticipate that the participants strive earnestly in good faith to  
win;

4. "Exhibition" means a boxing match in which the participants show or display their skill without necessarily striving to win, such as sparring;

5. "Kickboxing" means any form of competitive pugilistic professional contest in which blows are delivered with the hand and any part of the foot. No blows are permitted below the waist. Such contests take place in a rope-enclosed ring and are fought in timed rounds;

6. "Manager" means an individual who controls or administers the affairs of any professional boxer. "Manager" shall include the representative of a manager;

7. "Martial arts" means any form of karate, kung fu, tae kwon-do or any other forms of full contact or light contact martial arts or self-defense. "Full contact" means the use of full unrestrained physical force in a martial arts contest. "Light contact" means the use of controlled martial arts techniques whereby contact to the body is permitted in a restrained manner;

8. "Matchmaker" means an individual who brings together professional boxers or arranges professional boxing contests or professional exhibitions;

9. "Participant" means a professional who takes part in a professional boxing contest or professional exhibition;

10. "Professional boxer" means an individual eighteen (18) years of age or older who competes for money, prizes or purses;

11. "Professional boxing contest and professional exhibition" means a boxing match; and

12. "Promoter" means any individual, a resident or nonresident of Oklahoma, club or corporation, which is domesticated or not domesticated in Oklahoma, who produces or stages professional contests or professional exhibitions and shall include any officer, director or employees.

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 601 of Title 3A, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

It shall be unlawful to hold professional boxing contests or professional exhibitions in this state. Further, it shall be unlawful to promote or participate in any professional boxing contest or exhibition in this state.

SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 655 of Title 21, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Anyone who participates in a professional boxing contest or exhibition, with the exception of promoters, managers, booking agents and matchmakers, as defined by Section 1 of this act, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than six (6) months, by a fine not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), or by both such imprisonment and fine.

B. Any promoter, manager, booking agent or matchmaker, as defined by Section 1 of this act, who shall cause, or be a party thereto, the conduct of a professional boxing contest or professional exhibition in this state, shall be guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment in the custody of the Department of Corrections for not more than five (5) years, by a fine of not more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or by both such imprisonment and fine.

SECTION 4. This act shall become effective September 1, 1994.

Passed the Senate the 15th day of March, 1994.

President of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1994.

Speaker

of the House of  
Representatives