

ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1355

By: Bryant and Satterfield
of the House

and

Douglass of the Senate

(amusements and sports - amending 3A O.S., Section 604 -
Oklahoma Professional Boxing Advisory Committee -
Oklahoma Sunset Law - effective date - emergency)

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 4, Chapter 240, O.S.L. 1994, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 202, O.S.L. 1995 (3A O.S. Supp. 1996, Section 604), is amended to read as follows:

Section 604. A. There is hereby ~~created~~ re-created, until July 1, ~~1997~~ 2003, in accordance with the Oklahoma Sunset Law, the Oklahoma Professional Boxing Advisory Committee, which shall be composed of nine (9) members appointed by the Commissioner of Labor. Each member shall be appointed for a term ending ~~July 1~~ June 30, 1997.

B. ~~The membership shall include~~ On or after July 1, 1997, the Commissioner of Labor shall appoint the membership as follows:

1. One person with experience in professional boxing promotions, who shall serve until July 1, 1998;

2. One person who is a cable system operator, who shall serve until July 1, 1998;

3. One person who is a member of the Athletic Trainers Advisory Committee of the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision, who shall serve until July 1, 1998;

4. One person with experience in sports medicine, who shall serve until July 1, 1999;

5. One person with experience in professional boxing organizations as an athlete, trainer or coach, who shall serve until July 1, 1999;

6. One person with experience in professional athletics marketing, who shall serve until July 1, 1999;

7. Two lay members, who shall serve until July 1, 2000; and

8. One member who shall be the administrator of professional boxing licensing of the Department. After the initial appointments as provided for in this act, each member shall serve for a three-year period.

Each member shall be a citizen or a permanent resident of the United States and shall be a resident of this state.

C. No member of the Committee or any person related to a member within the third degree by consanguinity or affinity shall promote, sponsor or have any financial interest in the promotion or sponsorship of any professional boxing contest or professional exhibition while a member of the Committee.

D. The Commissioner may remove any member of the Committee for incompetence, wilful neglect of duty, corruption in office, or malfeasance in office. A vacancy on the Committee for an unexpired term shall be filled by appointment made by the Commissioner within thirty (30) days of such vacancy to complete the term of the member whose position was vacated.

E. ~~The Commissioner shall hold an initial organizational meeting of the Committee by November 1, 1994, and the~~ The members of the Committee shall elect from their membership a chairperson and a vice-chairperson to serve for one (1) year. Thereafter, officers

shall be elected annually. No member of the Committee shall serve more than two successive terms as chairperson.

F. A majority of the appointed membership shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of conducting the business of the Committee.

G. The Committee shall meet at least monthly, and special meetings may be called by the chairperson or the Commissioner.

H. Regular meetings shall be held at the established offices of the Department. Provided however, the Commissioner may authorize that meetings, hearings or proceedings may be held at any other designated place within this state.

I. The proceedings of all meetings of the Committee shall comply with the provisions of the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, Section 301 et seq. of Title 25 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

J. Except as otherwise provided by law, all proceedings by the Committee shall be subject to the provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act.

K. Members of the Committee shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as provided in the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

L. The Committee shall:

1. Assist and advise the Commissioner on all matters pertaining to the formation of rules necessary to carry out the purposes of the Oklahoma Professional Boxing Licensing Act;

2. Assist and advise the Department on all matters relating to the licensing of professional boxers, trainers, managers, corner persons, matchmakers, promoters, referees, judges, timekeepers, clubs, corporations or any other individuals or entities associated with boxing, sparring, contests and exhibitions related thereto;

3. Assist and advise the Department in the formulation of license and permit fees pursuant to the requirements of the Oklahoma Professional Boxing Licensing Act;

4. Conduct investigations into the qualifications of applicants for licensure and registration at the request of the Department;

5. Conduct investigations and proceedings, at the request of the Department, for alleged violations of the Oklahoma Professional Boxing Licensing Act;

6. Develop and administer examinations for applicants for licenses and permits at the request of the Department;

7. Assist and advise the Department in such other matters upon request of the Department; and

8. By July 1 of each year ~~until July 1, 1997~~, the Committee shall propose revisions to such rules to the Commissioner necessary to carry out the purpose of the Oklahoma Professional Boxing Licensing Act.

~~M. The Committee shall also:~~

~~1. Study the feasibility and advisability of creating a boxing commission within an appropriate agency or department or as an agency for the purpose of fully regulating and licensing professional boxing in Oklahoma. In developing its recommendations, the Committee shall consider but not be limited to studying the authority, responsibilities and jurisdiction of such commission, the necessary cost and funding requirements of such commission and the potential revenue which may result from regulating and licensing professional boxing in Oklahoma;~~

~~2. Submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Commissioner by July 1, 1997; and~~

~~3. The Commissioner shall report the findings and recommendations of the Committee along with ~~his~~ the Commissioner's own recommendations to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by ~~November 1, 1997~~ July 1 of each year.~~

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1997.

SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the House of Representatives the 3rd day of March, 1997.

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 1997.

President of the Senate