

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY JUNE 16, 2004

SENATE BILL

No. 1545

Introduced by Senator Figueroa

February 19, 2004

An act to amend Sections 18602 ~~and 18613~~, 18613, 18627, and 18640 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to the State Athletic Commission.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1545, as amended, Figueroa. State Athletic Commission.

Existing law, *the Boxing Act*, establishes the State Athletic Commission in the Department of Consumer Affairs and specifies the membership of the commission. Existing law requires the commission to appoint an executive officer and fix his or her compensation. Existing law also authorizes the commission to employ other personnel as necessary. Existing law provides for these provisions to become inoperative on July 1, 2005, and repealed on January 1, 2006.

This bill would delete the dates on which these provisions are to become inoperative and repealed and would ~~change them to unspecified dates~~ instead provide that they are to become inoperative on July 1, 2006, and repealed on January 1, 2007.

Existing law, *the Boxing Act*, provides for the regulation by the commission of boxing, kickboxing, and martial arts contests, matches, and exhibitions conducted, held, or given within California. Existing law defines the term "martial arts" for the purposes of the act.

This bill would revise the definition of the term "martial arts" to also mean any combination of full contact martial arts, including mixed martial arts.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 18602 of the Business and Professions
2 Code is amended to read:
3 18602. Except as provided in this section, there is in the
4 Department of Consumer Affairs the State Athletic Commission,
5 which consists of eight members. Six members shall be appointed
6 by the Governor, one member shall be appointed by the Senate
7 Rules Committee, and one member shall be appointed by the
8 Speaker of the Assembly.
9 The members of the commission appointed by the Governor are
10 subject to confirmation by the Senate pursuant to Section 1322 of
11 the Government Code.
12 No person who is licensed under this chapter as a promoter,
13 manager, or judge may be appointed or reappointed to, or serve on,
14 the commission.
15 Upon the first expiration of the term of a member appointed by
16 the Governor, the commission shall be reduced to seven members.
17 Notwithstanding any provision of law, the term of that member
18 shall not be extended for any reason.
19 This section shall become inoperative on July 1, ~~2006~~, and
20 as of January 1, ~~2007~~, is repealed, unless a later enacted
21 statute, which becomes operative on or before January 1, ~~2007~~,
22 ~~2007~~, deletes or extends the dates on which it becomes inoperative
23 and is repealed. The repeal of this section renders the commission
24 subject to the review required by Division 1.2 (commencing with
25 Section 473).
26 SEC. 2. Section 18613 of the Business and Professions Code
27 is amended to read:
28 18613. The commission shall appoint an executive officer and
29 fix his or her compensation. The executive officer shall carry out
30 the duties prescribed by this chapter and additional duties as may
31 be delegated by the commission. The commission may employ in
32 accordance with Section 154 other personnel as may be necessary
33 for the administration of this chapter.
34 This section shall become inoperative on July 1, ~~2006~~,
35 and, as of January 1, ~~2007~~, is repealed, unless a later enacted



1 statute, which becomes effective on or before January 1, ~~2007~~,
2 2007, deletes or extends the dates on which it becomes inoperative
3 and is repealed.

4 *SEC. 3. Section 18627 of the Business and Professions Code*
5 *is amended to read:*

6 18627. (a) “Martial arts” means any form of karate, kung fu,
7 tae kwon-do, kickboxing or any ~~other forms~~ combination of full
8 contact martial arts, *including mixed martial arts*, or self-defense
9 conducted on a full contact basis where a weapon is not used.

10 (b) “Kickboxing” means any form of boxing in which blows
11 are delivered with the hand and any part of the leg below the hip,
12 including the foot.

13 (c) “Full contact” means the use of full unrestrained physical
14 force in a martial arts contest.

15 (d) “Light contact” means the use of controlled martial arts
16 techniques whereby contact to the body is permitted in a restrained
17 manner, no contact to the face is permitted, and no contact is
18 permitted which may result or is intended to result in physical
19 harm to the opponent.

20 (e) “Noncontact” means that no contact occurs between either
21 contestant.

22 *SEC. 4. Section 18640 of the Business and Professions Code*
23 *is amended to read:*

24 18640. The commission has the sole direction, management,
25 control of, and jurisdiction over all professional and amateur
26 boxing, professional and amateur kickboxing, *all forms and*
27 *combinations of forms of* full contact martial arts contests,
28 *including mixed martial arts*, and matches or exhibitions ~~which are~~
29 conducted, held, or given within this state. No ~~such~~ event shall take
30 place without the prior approval of the commission. No person
31 shall engage in the promotion of, or participate in, a boxing or
32 martial arts contest, match, or exhibition without a license, and
33 except in accordance with this chapter and the rules adopted
34 hereunder.

