
SENATE BILL No. 415

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 25-9.

Synopsis: Unsanctioned fighting matches. Makes it a Class A misdemeanor for a person to knowingly or intentionally arrange, hold, conduct, or participate in an extreme fighting contest, match, competition, or exhibition.

Effective: July 1, 2000.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning professions and occupations.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 25-9-0.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2000]:

4 **Chapter 0.5. Definitions**

5 **Sec. 1. The definitions in this chapter apply throughout this**
6 **article.**

7 **Sec. 2. "Boxing exhibition", "boxing match", "sparring**
8 **exhibition", or "sparring match" means a contest:**

9 (1) **in which contestants fight with their fists protected by**
10 **gloves or mittens fashioned of leather or similar material;**

11 (2) **that is limited to a stated number of rounds separated by**
12 **rest periods of equal duration; and**

13 (3) **that is officially recognized or sanctioned by the state**
14 **boxing commission.**

15 **The term includes kickboxing. The term does not include extreme**
16 **fighting.**

17 **Sec. 3. "Extreme fighting" means a contest:**



- 1 (1) that involves at least two (2) contestants who use any
 2 combination of fighting skills with or without gloves;
 3 (2) that is intended to produce serious injury;
 4 (3) in which contestants compete for a financial prize or an
 5 item of pecuniary value; and
 6 (4) that is not officially recognized or sanctioned by the state
 7 boxing commission.

8 **Sec. 4. "Kickboxing" means a form of boxing in which blows are**
 9 **delivered with any part of the arm below the shoulder, including**
 10 **the hand, and any part of the leg below the hip, including the foot.**

11 SECTION 2. IC 25-9-1-5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 12 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2000]: Sec. 5. (a) **Except as provided in**
 13 **section 30.5 of this chapter**, boxing and sparring matches or
 14 exhibitions for prizes or purses may be held in Indiana.

15 (b) The commission:

- 16 (1) has the sole direction, management, control, and jurisdiction
 17 over all boxing and sparring matches, semiprofessional
 18 elimination contests, or exhibitions to be conducted, held, or
 19 given in Indiana; and
 20 (2) may issue licenses for those matches, contests, or exhibitions.

21 (c) A boxing or sparring match or an exhibition that is:

- 22 (1) conducted by any school, college, or university within Indiana;
 23 (2) sanctioned by United States Amateur Boxing, Inc.; or
 24 (3) without a prize or purse;

25 shall not be subject to the provisions of this chapter requiring a license.
 26 The term "school, college, or university" does not include a school or
 27 other institution for the principal purpose of furnishing instruction in
 28 boxing, or other athletics.

29 (d) No boxing or sparring match, or exhibition, except as provided
 30 in this article, shall be held or conducted within Indiana except under
 31 a license and permit issued by the state boxing commission in
 32 accordance with the provisions of this chapter and the rules adopted
 33 under this chapter.

34 SECTION 3. IC 25-9-1-30.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 35 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
 36 1, 2000]: **Sec. 30.5. (a) A person shall not knowingly or**
 37 **intentionally:**

- 38 (1) arrange;
 39 (2) hold;
 40 (3) conduct; or
 41 (4) participate in;

42 **an extreme fighting contest, match, competition, or exhibition.**



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1 **(b) A person who violates this section commits a Class A**
2 **misdemeanor. Notwithstanding IC 35-50-3-2, in addition to the**
3 **penalties imposed under IC 35-50-3-2, the court shall order the**
4 **person's license or permit revoked if the person possesses a license**
5 **or permit issued under this article.**

6 **(c) A person convicted for a violation of this section is**
7 **permanently ineligible for a license or permit issued under this**
8 **article.**

9 SECTION 4. IC 25-9-1-31 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
10 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2000]: Sec. 31. A person who
11 violates a **provision of this chapter for which a specific penalty is not**
12 **otherwise provided** commits a Class B misdemeanor.

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