

House File 2303 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to regulation of professional and amateur
2 kickboxing by the state commissioner of athletics.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 90A.1, Code 2026, is amended by adding the
2 following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 2A. "Kickboxing match" means a professional
4 or amateur kickboxing match or event that is open to the public
5 and an admission fee is charged, a donation is requested from
6 those in attendance, or merchandise or refreshments are available
7 for purchase.

8 Sec. 2. Section 90A.1, subsection 9, Code 2026, is amended by
9 adding the following new paragraph:

10 NEW PARAGRAPH. d. Organizes, holds, advertises, or otherwise
11 conducts a kickboxing match.

12 Sec. 3. Section 90A.2, subsection 1, Code 2026, is amended to
13 read as follows:

14 1. A person shall not act as a promoter of a professional
15 boxing or wrestling match, ~~or~~ a mixed martial arts match,
16 or a kickboxing match without first obtaining a license from
17 the commissioner. This subsection shall not apply to a
18 person distributing a closed-circuit, pay-per-view, or similarly
19 distributed signal to a person acting as a promoter or to a
20 person viewing the signal in a private residence.

21 Sec. 4. Section 90A.6, subsection 1, unnumbered paragraph 1,
22 Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

23 The commissioner may suspend, deny, revoke, annul, or withdraw
24 a license, registration, or authority to participate in a
25 professional boxing or wrestling match, ~~or~~ mixed martial arts
26 match, or kickboxing match if any of the following occur:

27 Sec. 5. Section 90A.9, subsection 1, Code 2026, is amended to
28 read as follows:

29 1. The promoter of a professional boxing or wrestling match
30 or event, ~~or~~ a mixed martial arts match, or a kickboxing match
31 shall, within twenty days after the match or event, furnish to
32 the commissioner a written report stating the number of tickets
33 sold, the gross amount of admission proceeds of the match or
34 event, and other matters the commissioner may prescribe by rule.
35 The value of complimentary tickets in excess of five percent

1 of the number of tickets sold shall be included in the gross
2 admission receipts. Within twenty days of the match or event,
3 the promoter shall pay to the treasurer of state a tax of five
4 percent of its total gross admission receipts, after deducting
5 state sales tax, from the sale of tickets of admission to the
6 match or event.

7 **EXPLANATION**

8 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
9 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

10 This bill provides that a professional or amateur kickboxing
11 match is subject to regulation by the state commissioner
12 of athletics under Code chapter 90A. The bill provides that
13 kickboxing shall be regulated on similar terms as set out in
14 current law for mixed martial arts.

15 The commissioner currently regulates professional kickboxing
16 by rule (481 IAC 255).