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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

Creates a Minnesota Boxing Commission and assigns the Commission regulatory duties.

#### Section

- 1** **Definitions.** Defines terms used in this bill, including "boxing," "nontraditional fighting contest," and "tough person contest."
- 2** **Boxing Commission.** Creates a five-member Minnesota Boxing Commission. Provides that one member must be a retired judge, one member must be a public member, and three members must be involved in the boxing industry. If possible, at least two members must be women.
- 3** **Limitations.** Forbids a members of the Boxing Commission from directly or indirectly promoting a boxing or nontraditional fighting contest, managing a boxer, or being interested in any manner in the proceeds from a boxing or nontraditional fighting contest.
- 4** **Executive director.** Authorizes the Governor to appoint, and at pleasure remove, an executive director. Authorizes the Commissioner to employ other personnel.
- 5** **Rules.** Authorizes the Commission to adopt rules that include standards for the physical examination and conditions of boxers, nontraditional fighters, and referees, and other rules necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter.
- 6** **Meetings.** Requires the Commission to hold a regular meeting quarterly. Authorizes special meetings. Provides that the Commission is subject to the Open Meeting Law.
- 7** **Duties.** Specifies duties of the Commission, including issuance, denial, renewal, suspension and revocation of licenses.

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- 8 Regulation of boxing and nontraditional fighting.** Provides that all boxing contests are subject to this chapter. Requires contestants to wear padded gloves weighing at least 8 ounces. Requires a commission member to attend and make a written report on each contest.
- Provides that tough-man contests are subject to this chapter, and that contestants must wear padded gloves that weigh at least 12 ounces.
- Provides that nontraditional fighting is subject to this chapter, and that contestants not strike each other in the spinal column or in the back of the head, and shall not strike with their knees or elbows.
- 9 Jurisdiction of commission.** Provides that the commission has sole jurisdiction over boxing contests, tough man contests, and nontraditional fighting, unless federal law applies. States conditions under which the commission shall grant licenses.
- 10 Licenses.**
- Subd. 1. Licensure; individuals.** Requires specified occupations relating to the boxing industry to be licensed by the commission.
- Subd. 2. Entity licensure.** Requires business entities conducting contests to be licensed.
- Subd. 3. Background investigation.** Provides for background information on regulated persons.
- Subd. 4. Prelicensure requirements.** Specifies requirements that must be met before the commission issues a license to a promoter, matchmaker, corporation or other business entity, or to a boxer or nontraditional fighter.
- 11 Simulcast licenses.** Provides for the commission to issue a license to a person simulcasting boxing or nontraditional fighting.
- 12 License fees, expiration, renewal.** Provides for issuance of annual licenses, and for expiration of licenses.
- 13 Physical exams.** Requires contestants and referees to be examined by a physician within three hours before entering the ring, and specifies the required contents of the physician's written report. Requires a physician to be in attendance at each contest.
- 14 Insurance.** Provides that the commission must require contestants to be covered by medical and life insurance.
- 15 Penalties.** Specifies penalties for nonlicensed exhibitions.
- 16 Fees.** Requires the commission to be funded from fees it imposes.
- 17 Effective dates.** Effective January 1, 2007.