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# H. R. 4753

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Mr. TORRICELLI introduced the following bill; which was referred jointly to the Committees on Education and Labor and Energy and Commerce

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Professional Boxing  
5 Safety Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 For purposes of this Act—

8 (1) the term “boxer” means a person who par-  
9 ticipates in a professional boxing match;

10 (2) the term “manager” means a person or  
11 business who helps arrange professional boxing

1 matches for a boxer, and who serves as an advisor  
2 or representative of a boxer in a professional capac-  
3 ity;

4 (3) the term “professional boxing match”  
5 means a boxing contest held in the United States be-  
6 tween individuals for compensation or a prize, and  
7 does not include any amateur boxing match;

8 (4) the term “promoter” means a person or  
9 business that organizes, holds, advertises, or other-  
10 wise conducts a professional boxing match; and

11 (5) the term “State boxing commission” means  
12 a State agency with authority to regulate profes-  
13 sional boxing;

14 **SEC. 3. PURPOSE.**

15 The purposes of this Act are—

16 (1) to improve and expand the system of safety  
17 precautions that protects the welfare of professional  
18 boxers; and

19 (2) to assist State boxing commissions to pro-  
20 vide proper oversight for the professional boxing in-  
21 dustry in the United States.

22 **SEC. 4. PROFESSIONAL BOXING MATCHES.**

23 A professional boxing match may be held in the  
24 United States only if—

1           (1) the State where the professional boxing  
2 match is to be held—

3           (A) has a State boxing commission ; or

4           (B) has entered into an agreement with a  
5 State boxing commission of another State;

6 to oversee the match and to regulate each of its box-  
7 ing matches; and

8           (2) the State boxing commission has established  
9 procedures to carry out sections 5, 6, and 7.

10 **SEC. 5. REGISTRATION.**

11       (a) **REQUIREMENT.**—Each professional boxer shall  
12 register with—

13           (1) the State boxing commission of the State in  
14 which such boxer resides;

15           (2) in the case of a boxer who is a resident of  
16 a State in which there is no State boxing commis-  
17 sion, the State boxing commission described in sec-  
18 tion 4(1)(B); or

19           (3) in the case of a boxer from a foreign coun-  
20 try, any State that has a State boxing commission.

21       (b) **IDENTIFICATION CARD.**—

22           (1) **ISSUANCE.**—A State boxing commission  
23 shall issue to each professional boxer who registers  
24 in accordance with subsection (a), an identification  
25 card that contains—

1 (A) a recent photograph of the boxer;

2 (B) the social security number of the boxer  
3 (or, in the case of a foreign boxer, any similar  
4 citizen identification number or professional  
5 boxer number from the country of residence of  
6 the boxer); and

7 (C) the personal identification numbers as-  
8 signed to the boxer by the boxing registries cer-  
9 tified by the Association of Boxing Commis-  
10 sioners.

11 (2) RENEWAL.—Each professional boxer shall  
12 renew his or her identification card at least once  
13 every 3 years.

14 (3) PRESENTATION.—Each professional boxer  
15 shall present his or her identification card to the  
16 State boxing commission not later than the time of  
17 the weigh-in for a professional boxing match.

18 (c) RELATION TO STATE LAW.—Nothing in this sec-  
19 tion shall be construed as preventing a State from apply-  
20 ing additional registration requirements.

21 **SEC. 6. REVIEW.**

22 Each State boxing commission shall establish proce-  
23 dures—

1 (1) to evaluate the professional records of each  
2 boxer participating in a boxing match in the State;  
3 and

4 (2) to ensure that no boxer is permitted to box  
5 while under suspension from any State boxing com-  
6 mission for any reason, including—

7 (A) a recent knockout, injury, or  
8 unfulfilled requirement for a medical procedure;

9 (B) administrative reasons, such as failure  
10 to pay a State fee or fine, or improper conduct;

11 (C) falsification of, or attempts to falsify,  
12 official identification cards or documents;

13 (D) failure of a drug test;

14 (E) inadequate boxing skills, or the inabil-  
15 ity to safely compete; and

16 (F) violation of Federal or State gaming  
17 laws.

18 **SEC. 7. REPORTING.**

19 (a) **BOXING MATCH RESULTS.**—Not later than 48  
20 business hours (excluding Saturdays and Sundays) after  
21 the conclusion of a professional boxing match, the results  
22 of such match shall be reported to the professional boxing  
23 registries certified by the Association of Boxing Commis-  
24 sioners (ABC) and to the Florida State Athletic Commis-  
25 sion.

1 (b) SUSPENSIONS.—Not later than 48 business hours  
2 (excluding Saturdays and Sundays) after a State boxing  
3 commission orders the suspension of a boxer, promoter,  
4 or manager, such suspension shall be reported to the pro-  
5 fessional boxing registries certified by the Association of  
6 Boxing Commissioners (ABC) and to the Florida State  
7 Athletic Commission.

8 **SEC. 8. ENFORCEMENT.**

9 (a) INJUNCTIONS.—Whenever the United States At-  
10 torney in a State has reasonable cause to believe that a  
11 person or entity is engaged in a violation of this Act in  
12 such State, the United States Attorney may bring a civil  
13 action in the appropriate district court of the United  
14 States requesting such relief, including a permanent or  
15 temporary injunction, restraining order, or other order,  
16 against the person or entity, as the United States Attor-  
17 ney determines necessary to restrain the person or entity  
18 from continuing to engage in, or to sanction, a profes-  
19 sional boxing match in violation of this Act.

20 (b) CRIMINAL PENALTIES.—

21 (1) MANAGERS AND PROMOTERS.—Any man-  
22 ager or promoter who knowingly and willfully vio-  
23 lates any provision of this Act shall be imprisoned  
24 for not more than 1 year or fined more than  
25 \$20,000, or both.

1           (2) BOXERS.—Any professional boxer who  
2           knowingly and willfully violates any provision of this  
3           Act shall be fined not more than \$1,000.

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