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To provide for the establishment of an occupational safety and health standard applicable to boxing under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WILLIAMS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

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 “Boxing Labor Stand-
5 ards Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF STANDARDS REGARDING BOX-**
2 **ING EQUIPMENT.**

3 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF ADVISORY COUNCIL.—The
4 Secretary of Labor (hereinafter in this Act referred to as
5 the “Secretary”) shall establish an advisory council on oc-
6 cupational safety and health respecting the safety of box-
7 ing. The council shall consist of 12 members appointed
8 by the Secretary from among individuals with professional
9 expertise in boxing, including boxers, boxing managers,
10 referees, trainers, and other persons with a professional
11 role in boxing, both as a sport and as a business. The
12 Secretary shall designate one of the appointees to serve
13 as chairman and all members shall serve for four years
14 terms.

15 (b) FEDERAL BOXING STANDARD.—The council shall
16 advise, consult with, and, within 1 year after the date of
17 the enactment of this Act, make recommendations to the
18 Secretary concerning an occupational safety and health
19 standard respecting the safety of boxing. On the basis of
20 such advise and recommendations, the Secretary shall pro-
21 mulgate such standard pursuant to section 6 of the Occu-
22 pational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (29 U.S.C. 655).
23 Such standard shall be enforceable under sections 8, 9,
24 10, 11, and 13 of such Act (29 U.S.C. 657, 658, 659,
25 660, and 662), and any violation of the standard shall be

1 subject to the penalties under section 17 of such Act (29
2 U.S.C. 666).

3 (c) STATE STANDARDS.—In the case of any State
4 which—

5 (1)(A) has a State Occupational Safety and
6 Health Plan approved under section 18 of the Occu-
7 pational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (29 U.S.C.
8 667) which is more effective with respect to the safe-
9 ty of boxing; or

10 (B) has some other standard certified by the
11 Secretary as more effective with respect to the safety
12 of boxing than the standard established under sub-
13 section (b); and

14 (2) has a State boxing commission to regulate
15 and enforce any such standard,

16 the standard adopted under subsection (b) shall not pre-
17 empt any such State standard (or any provision thereof)
18 as long as the State submits an inspection program to the
19 Secretary for certification.

20 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICE OF BOXING STANDARD**

21 **COMPLIANCE WITHIN OSHA.**

22 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall establish
23 within the Occupational Safety and Health Administration
24 the Office of Boxing Standards Compliance (hereinafter
25 in this Act referred to as the “Office”). The Secretary

1 shall appoint an individual to serve as the Director of such
2 Office.

3 (b) FUNCTIONS.—The Office shall have the authority
4 to enforce the occupational safety and health standard re-
5 lating to boxing established under section 2(b), including
6 the authority to conduct inspections and investigations
7 pursuant to section 8 of the Occupational Safety and
8 Health Act of 1970 (29 U.S.C. 657) and to establish a
9 passport system of boxer registration and tracking.

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