**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 40‑81‑20 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE STATE ATHLETICS COMMISSION, TO DEFINE “COMMISSION DESIGNEE”; TO AMEND SECTION 40‑81‑260, RELATING TO BOXING LICENSES, TO RAISE THE MAXIMUM AGE FOR APPLICANTS FROM THIRTY‑FIVE TO FORTY, TO DELETE THE REQUIREMENT THAT A SUPERMAJORITY VOTE OF THE COMMISSION IS NECESSARY TO WAIVE THE AGE REQUIREMENT, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE COMMISSION DESIGNEE MAY WAIVE THE AGE REQUIREMENT; TO AMEND SECTION 40‑81‑265, RELATING TO TOUGHMAN CONTESTANTS AND OFF THE STREET BOXING LICENSES, TO RAISE THE MAXIMUM AGE FOR LICENSURE FROM THIRTY‑FIVE TO FORTY; TO AMEND SECTION 40‑81‑270, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR PROMOTER’S REPRESENTATIVES OF FEMALE BOXERS, TO DELETE REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING EXAMINATIONS MANDATED ANNUALLY AND BEFORE EACH CONTEST; TO AMEND SECTION 40‑81‑280, RELATING TO LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR PROFESSIONAL KICKBOXERS AND MIXED MARTIAL ARTS CONTESTANTS, TO RAISE THE MAXIMUM AGE FOR APPLICANTS FROM THIRTY‑FIVE TO FORTY, TO DELETE THE REQUIREMENT THAT A SUPERMAJORITY VOTE OF THE COMMISSION IS NECESSARY TO WAIVE THE AGE REQUIREMENT, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE COMMISSION DESIGNEE MAY WAIVE THE AGE REQUIREMENT; AND TO AMEND SECTION 40‑81‑290, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR PROMOTER’S REPRESENTATIVES OF FEMALE KICK BOXERS, TO DELETE REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING EXAMINATIONS MANDATED ANNUALLY AND BEFORE EACH CONTEST.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Section 40-81-20 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding an appropriately numbered new item to read:

“( ) ‘Commissioner designee’ means a person authorized by the commission to review and approve age waiver petitions and perform other delegated tasks on behalf of the commission.”

SECTION 2. Section 40‑81‑260(A)(1) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(1) must be between the ages of ~~18~~ eighteen and ~~35~~ forty, unless the commission ~~by a supermajority vote~~ waives this requirement as to an individual applicant over the age of ~~35~~ forty;”

SECTION 3. Section 40‑81‑265(1) of the 1976 Code, as is amended to read:

“(1) ~~shall~~ must be between the ages of ~~18~~ eighteen and ~~35~~ forty;”

SECTION 4. Section 40‑81‑270 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 40‑81‑270. In addition to meeting the requirements of Section 40‑81‑260, the promoter’s representative for female boxers shall meet the following conditions:

(1) No applicant ~~shall~~ may be contracted for or engage in a contest between male and female.

(2) Contests must be limited to four, six, eight, ten, or twelve rounds of two minutes’ duration.

(3) Custom fitted mouthpieces must be used of the same variety required of male boxers.

(4) Gloves weighing not less than ten ounces must be worn.

(5) A physician approved breast protector must be used.

(6) Hair must be secured in a manner which will not interfere with the vision or safety of the contestant.

(7) Pre‑fight physicals must be performed as provided in Section 40‑81‑490 and must include a negative pregnancy test.

(8) ~~The annual physical examination shall include a pelvic examination. Before each event or exhibition, the examining physician shall perform an abdominal examination and breast examination.~~

~~(9)~~ Promoters shall provide female boxers with adequate separate dressing rooms.”

SECTION 5. Section 40‑81‑280(1) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(1) must be between the ages of eighteen and ~~thirty‑five~~ forty, unless the commission ~~by a majority vote~~ delegate waives this requirement ~~as to~~ for an individual applicant over the age of ~~thirty‑five~~ forty;”

SECTION 6. Section 40‑81‑290 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 40‑81‑290. In addition to meeting the requirements of Section 40‑81‑280, promoter’s representative for female professional kick boxers shall meet the following conditions:

(1) A commission‑approved breast protector must be used.

(2) Hair must be secured in a manner which will not interfere with the vision or safety of the contestant.

(3) Pre‑fight physicals must be performed as provided in Section 40‑81‑490 and must include a negative pregnancy test.

(4) ~~The annual physical examination must include a pelvic examination. Before each event or exhibition, the examining physician shall perform an abdominal examination and breast examination.~~

~~(5)~~ Promoters shall provide female kick boxers with adequate separate dressing rooms.”

SECTION 7. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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