

HOUSE BILL No. 4784

April 2, 2009, Introduced by Reps. Mayes and Moore and referred to the Committee on Regulatory Reform.

A bill to amend 2004 PA 403, entitled "Michigan unarmed combat regulatory act," by amending section 50 (MCL 338.3650).

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 50. (1) Boxing elimination contests in which all of the
2 following apply are exempt from this act:

3 (a) The contestants compete for prizes only in elimination
4 contests and are not also professional boxers competing in 4 or
5 more rounds of nonelimination boxing.

6 (b) Each bout is scheduled to consist of 3 or fewer 1-minute
7 rounds, with contests conducted on no more than 2 consecutive
8 calendar days.

9 (c) Competing contestants are prohibited from boxing for more
10 than 12 minutes on each contest day.

1 (d) The contestants participating in the elimination contest
2 are insured by the promoter for ~~all~~ medical and hospital expenses
3 **IN THE AMOUNT OF NOT LESS THAN \$50,000.00** to be paid to the
4 contestants to cover injuries sustained in the contest **AND ARE**
5 **INSURED FOR NOT LESS THAN \$50,000.00 TO BE PAID IN ACCORDANCE WITH**
6 **THE STATUTES OF DESCENT AND DISTRIBUTION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY IF**
7 **THE CONTESTANT SHOULD DIE AS A RESULT OF INJURIES SUSTAINED IN THE**
8 **CONTEST.**

9 (e) A physician is in attendance at ringside and the physician
10 has authority to stop the contest for medical reasons.

11 (f) All contestants pass a physical examination given by a
12 physician, a licensed physician's assistant, or a certified nurse
13 practitioner before the contest.

14 (g) A preliminary breath test is administered to each
15 contestant which indicates a blood alcohol content of .02% or less.

16 (h) The promoter conducts the elimination contest in
17 compliance with the following:

18 (i) A contestant who has lost by a technical knockout is not
19 permitted to compete again for a period of 30 calendar days or
20 until the contestant has submitted to the promoter the results of a
21 physical examination equivalent to that required of professional
22 boxers.

23 (ii) The ringside physician examines a contestant who has been
24 knocked out in an elimination contest or whose fight has been
25 stopped by the referee because he or she received hard blows to the
26 head that made him or her defenseless or incapable of continuing
27 immediately after the knockout or stoppage. The ringside physician

1 may recommend post-fight neurological examinations, which may
2 include computerized axial tomography (CAT) scans or magnetic
3 resonance imaging (MRI), to be performed on the contestant
4 immediately after the contestant leaves the location of the
5 contest. The promoter shall not permit the contestant to compete
6 until a physician has certified that the contestant is fit to
7 compete. If the physician recommended further neurological
8 examinations, the promoter shall not permit the contestant to
9 compete until the promoter receives copies of examination reports
10 demonstrating that the contestant is fit to compete.

11 (iii) The promoter requires that a contestant who has sustained
12 a severe injury or knockout in an elimination contest be examined
13 by a physician. The promoter shall not permit the contestant to
14 compete until the physician has certified that the contestant has
15 fully recovered.

16 (iv) The promoter does not permit a contestant to compete in an
17 elimination contest for a period of not less than 60 days if he or
18 she has been knocked out or has received excessive hard blows to
19 the head that required the fight to be stopped.

20 (v) A contestant who has been knocked out twice in a period of
21 3 months or who has had excessive head blows causing a fight to be
22 stopped is not permitted by a promoter to participate in an
23 elimination contest for a period of not less than 120 days from the
24 second knockout or stoppage.

25 (vi) A contestant who has been knocked out or had excessive
26 hard blows to the head causing a fight to be stopped 3 times
27 consecutively in a period of 12 months is not permitted by a

1 promoter to participate in an elimination contest for a period of 1
2 year from the third knockout.

3 (vii) Before resuming competition after any of the periods of
4 rest prescribed in subparagraphs (iv), (v), and (vi), a promoter
5 requires the contestant to produce a certification by a physician
6 stating that the contestant is fit to take part in an elimination
7 contest.

8 (2) As part of the physical examination given before the
9 boxing elimination contest, the physician, licensed physician's
10 assistant, certified nurse practitioner, or other trained person
11 shall administer a preliminary breath test in compliance with
12 standards imposed in rules promulgated by the department of state
13 police regarding equipment calibration and methods of
14 administration. The promoter shall keep a log of preliminary breath
15 test results of contestants on file at its place of business for at
16 least 3 years after the date of administration of the test. These
17 results shall be made available to law enforcement officials upon
18 request.