

Professional Boxing Control Bill

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Outline

The purpose of the Bill is to upgrade and strengthen controls over professional boxing, to obviate malpractice and to further promote safety standards for professional boxing.

Notes on Clauses

PART I.—PRELIMINARY

Clause 1 contains the short title.

Clause 2 provides for the proclamation of the date or dates of commencement.

Clause 3 outlines the purpose of the Act.

Clause 4 provides for the continuation of licences and registrations issued under the *Professional Boxing Control Act 1975*.

Clause 5 contains interpretations of various terms used in the Act.

PART II. PROFESSIONAL BOXING CONTESTS

Division 1—Licences and Permits

Clause 6 provides for the issue and renewal of licences by the Minister for various classes of participants in the professional boxing industry.

Clause 7 requires a permit to be obtained by a licensed promoter for a promotion.

Clause 8 makes it unlawful for a person to act without a licence or permit or in breach of a licence or permit. It also contains exemptions to the licensing requirements.

Clause 9 provides for conditions to be attached to licences and permits, cancellation and suspension of licences and permits, suspension of licences and disqualification from holding a licence or permit.

Division 2—Registration

Clause 10 provides for the registration of professional boxers by the Minister and the conditions for obtaining registration including medical requirements. It also provides for the suspension and cancellation of a boxer's registration.

Division 3—Medical Examination Before Contests

Clause 11 deals with the appointment of accredited medical officers for the examination of professional boxers.

Clause 12 deals with medical examinations of professional boxers before contests and provides for the suspension or cancellation of a registration if an unfit boxer engages in a contest.

Division 4—Duties of Promoters

Clause 13 deals with the duties of promoters in relation to professional boxing contests together with penalties for breaches of these duties.

Division 5—Professional Boxing Control Board

Clause 14 provides for the establishment of the Professional Boxing Control Board and sets out its functions.

PART III.—DELEGATION BY MINISTER

Clause 15 provides for the delegation of Ministerial powers to the Professional Boxing Control Board or to the Director-General of Sport and Recreation and outlines appeal procedures to the Minister regarding a promoter's licence and a permit for a promotion.

PART IV.—REVIEW OF DECISIONS OF MINISTER

Clause 16 provides for appeals to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal against decisions of the Minister regarding all licences and permits except for a promoter's licence and a permit for a promotion.

PART V.—OFFENCES

Clauses 17–21 provide for proceedings for offences against the Act and the use of certificates and copy documents as evidence.

PART VI.—REGULATIONS

Clause 22 empowers the Governor in Council to make regulations.

PART VII.—REPEALS

Clause 23 lists the Acts repealed by the Bill.