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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO SPORTS, RACING AND ATHLETICS - BOXING AND WRESTLING

Introduced By: Senator Maryellen Goodwin

Date Introduced: May 01, 2014

Referred To: Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

(Business Regulation)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 41-5-22 of the General Laws in Chapter 41-5 entitled "Boxing and  
2 Wrestling" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **41-5-22. Rules and regulations.** -- The ~~division of racing and athletics~~ department of  
4 business regulation may make such rules and regulations for the administration and enforcement  
5 of this chapter as it may deem necessary. Provided, further, notwithstanding any provision of the  
6 general or public laws to the contrary, the department of business regulation shall have the power  
7 to adopt by rule or regulation, in whole or in part, any standards, rules, regulations, handbooks, or  
8 other standards and procedures governing boxing as approved by the Association of Boxing  
9 Commissions. The rules and regulations may also provide for, and regulate the granting of, a  
10 special permit for exhibitions where no decision is to be rendered and where a skilled boxer or  
11 boxers merely demonstrate the science of boxing.

12 SECTION 2. Section 41-5.2-25 of the General Laws in Chapter 41-5.2 entitled "Mixed  
13 Martial Arts" is hereby amended to read as follows:

14 **41-5.2-25. Rules and regulations.** -- The ~~division of racing and athletics~~ department of  
15 business regulation may make such rules and regulations for the administration and enforcement  
16 of this chapter as it may deem necessary. Provided, further, notwithstanding any provision of the  
17 general or public laws to the contrary, the department of business regulation shall have the power  
18 to adopt by rule or regulation, in whole or in part, any standards, rules, regulations, handbooks or  
19 other standards and procedures governing mixed martial arts as approved by the Association of

1 [Boxing Commissions](#). The rules and regulations may [also](#) provide for, and regulate the granting  
2 of, a special permit for exhibitions where no decision is to be rendered and where skilled mixed  
3 martial artists merely demonstrate the science of boxing.

4 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would transfer the regulatory and administrative duties for mixed martial arts  
2 and boxing and wrestling from the division of racing and athletics to the department of business  
3 regulation, which must adopt standards and procedures as approved by the Association of Boxing  
4 Commissioners.

5           This act would take effect upon passage.

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