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CHAPTER 6. BOXING AND WRESTLING COMMISSION.

§ 3-601. PURPOSE.

It is the purpose of this chapter to create a Boxing and Wrestling Commission for the District of Columbia with the authority to promulgate rules and regulations, to promote the District of Columbia as a location for boxing, wrestling and martial arts events, and to regulate boxing and wrestling within its jurisdiction.

(Oct. 8, 1975, D.C. Law 1-20, § 2, 23 DCR 1806; Feb. 26, 1976, D.C. Law 1-50, § 3, 22 DCR 5127; Sept. 29, 1988, D.C. Law 7-169, § 2(a), 35 DCR 5749.)

HISTORICAL AND STATUTORY NOTES

Prior Codifications

1981 Ed., § 2-601.

1973 Ed., § 2-1231.

Legislative History of Laws

Law 1-20, the "Boxing and Wrestling Commission Act of 1975," was introduced in Council and assigned Bill No. 1-26, which was referred to the Committee on Government Operations. The Bill was adopted on first and second readings on June 3, 1975, and June 17, 1975, respectively. Signed by the Mayor on July 11, 1975, it was assigned Act No. 1-31 and transmitted to both Houses of Congress for its review.

Law 1-50, the "District of Columbia Boxing and Wrestling Commission Act-- Amendment of 1976," was introduced in Council and assigned Bill No. 1-168, which was referred to the Committee on Government Operations. The Bill was adopted on first and second readings on October 21, 1975 and November 4, 1975, respectively. Signed by the Mayor on November 20, 1975, it was assigned Act No. 1-70 and transmitted to both Houses of Congress for its review.

Law 7-169, the "District of Columbia Boxing and Wrestling Commission Act Amendment Act of 1988," was introduced in Council and assigned Bill No. 7-493, which was referred to the Committee of Public Services. The Bill was adopted on first and second readings on June 28, 1988 and July 12, 1988, respectively. Signed by the Mayor on July 15, 1988, it was assigned Act No. 7-225 and transmitted to both Houses of Congress for its review.

§ 3-602. DEFINITIONS.

For purposes of this chapter, the term or terms:

- (1) "Person" means an individual, partnership, corporation, association, or club.
- (2) "Mayor" and "Council" have the meanings given in § 1-201.03.
- (3) "Commission" means the District of Columbia Boxing and Wrestling Commission.
- (4) "School, college, or university" means every school, college, or university supported in whole or in part from public funds and every other school, college or university supported in whole or in part by a religious, charitable, scientific, literary, educational, or fraternal organization which is not operated for profit and no part of the net earnings of which inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual.
- (5) "Participants" means all boxers, wrestlers, performers of martial arts, seconds, managers, matchmakers, promoters, referees, judges, timekeepers, announcers, ushers, ticket sellers, advertising and public relations personnel, and other persons that the Commission may designate who are involved or connected with, other than as a spectator, boxing, wrestling or martial arts contests, matches, exhibitions, or showings, professional as well as amateur, to be held, given, or shown within the District of Columbia.

(6) Repealed.

(7) Repealed.

(8) The term "domestic partner" shall have the same meaning as provided in § 32-701(3).

(Oct. 8, 1975, D.C. Law 1-20, § 3, 23 DCR 1806; Feb. 26, 1976, D.C. Law 1-50, § 3, 22 DCR 5127; Aug. 13, 1986, D.C. Law 6-137, § 2(a), 33 DCR 3798; Sept. 12, 2008, D.C. Law 17-231, § 9(a), 55 DCR 6758.)

HISTORICAL AND STATUTORY NOTES

Prior Codifications

1981 Ed., § 2-602.

1973 Ed., § 2-1232.

Effect of Amendments

D.C. Law 17-231 added par. (8).

Legislative History of Laws

For legislative history of D.C. Law 1-20, see Historical and Statutory Notes following § 3-601.

For legislative history of D.C. Law 6-137, see Historical and Statutory Notes following § 3-610.

For Law 17-231, see notes following § 3-202.

§ 3-603. STATEMENT OF AUTHORITY.

The authority of the Council to establish a Boxing and Wrestling Commission is granted in subsections (a) and (b) of § 1-204.04.

(Oct. 8, 1975, D.C. Law 1-20, § 4, 23 DCR 1807.)

HISTORICAL AND STATUTORY NOTES

Prior Codifications

1981 Ed., § 2-603.

1973 Ed., § 2-1233.

Legislative History of Laws

For legislative history of D.C. Law 1-20, see Historical and Statutory Notes following § 3-601.

§ 3-604. ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMISSION.

(a) There is hereby created a District of Columbia Boxing and Wrestling Commission to consist of 3 members nominated by the Mayor and approved by the Council.

(b) Other than as provided in subsection (g) of this section, the term of office of a member of the Commission shall be 3 years.

(c) Whenever a vacancy on the Commission occurs before the end of a term, the Mayor, with the consent of the Council, may appoint a person to complete the remaining period of that term.

(d) A Commission member may be removed by resolution of the Council:

(1) For good cause shown; or

(2) Upon the written recommendation of the Mayor.

(e) The members of the Commission shall be residents of the District of Columbia for the duration of their term.

(f) The members of the Commission shall receive compensation pursuant to the provisions of § 1-611.08.

(g) The Mayor shall, within 30 days of October 8, 1975, nominate an individual to serve as Chairperson of the Commission for 3 years, and 2 more individuals to serve as members for 2 years, and 1 year respectively. The Council shall confirm or reject these nominees within 90 days of their nomination, or, in the absence of such action, within 90 days, such nominees shall be deemed confirmed. When at least 2 members have been confirmed, the Commission shall be deemed established.

(Oct. 8, 1975, D.C. Law 1-20, § 5, 23 DCR 1808; June 9, 1976, D.C. Law 1-66, § 2, 23 DCR 498; Mar. 3, 1979, D.C. Law 2-139, § 3205(mm), 25 DCR 5740; Aug. 7, 1980, D.C. Law 3-81, § 2 (gg), 27 DCR 2632.)

HISTORICAL AND STATUTORY NOTES

Prior Codifications

1981 Ed., § 2-604.

1973 Ed., § 2-1234.

Legislative History of Laws

For legislative history of D.C. Law 1-20, see Historical and Statutory Notes following § 3-601.

Law 1-66, the "District of Columbia Boxing and Wrestling Commission Nominee Confirmation Procedure Act of 1976," was introduced in Council and assigned Bill No. 1-219, which was referred to the Committee on Government Operations. The Bill was adopted on first and second readings on January 27, 1976, and February 24, 1976, respectively. No action taken by the Mayor, it was assigned Act No. 1-98 and transmitted to both Houses of Congress for its review.

Law 2-139, the "District of Columbia Government Comprehensive Merit Personnel Act of 1978," was introduced in Council and assigned Bill No. 2-10, which was referred to the Committee on Government Operations. The Bill was adopted on first and second readings on October 17, 1978 and October 31, 1978, respectively. Signed by the Mayor on November 22, 1978, it was assigned Act No. 2-300 and transmitted to both Houses of Congress for its review.

Law 3-81, the "District of Columbia Government Comprehensive Merit Personnel Act Amendments of 1980," was introduced in Council and assigned Bill No. 3-236, which was referred to the Committee of the Whole. The Bill was adopted on first and second readings on April 22, 1980 and May 20, 1980, respectively. Signed by the Mayor on June 4, 1980, it was assigned Act No. 3-195 and transmitted to both Houses of Congress for its review.

§ 3-605. JURISDICTION.

(a) The Commission shall have and hereby is vested with the sole direction, management, control, and jurisdiction over all boxing, wrestling, and martial arts contests, matches, exhibitions, and showings, professional as well as amateur, to be conducted, held, given, or shown within the District of Columbia. The Commission is hereby given control, authority, and jurisdiction over all licenses and permits to hold boxing, wrestling, and martial arts contests, matches, and exhibitions for prizes or purses or in which a fee or price in money or value is charged or for which revenue of any type is received, and over all licenses or permits to participants in boxing, wrestling, or martial arts contests, matches or exhibitions; this section shall not be construed, however, to preclude the Commission from differentiating between professional and amateur contests, matches, and exhibitions and charitable and profit-seeking ventures on a reasonable basis. The Commission shall establish the criteria and procedures for the granting of licenses and permits under its jurisdiction and shall promulgate such criteria in accordance with Chapter 5 of Title 2.

(b) The Commission may exempt schools, colleges, or universities and similar amateur events from any and all of its rules upon proper application by such school, college, or university or by the manager or promoter of such amateur event.

(Oct. 8, 1975, D.C. Law 1-20, § 6, 23 DCR 1809; Feb. 26, 1976, D.C. Law 1-50, § 3, 22 DCR 5127; Sept. 29, 1988, D.C. Law 7-169, § 2(b), 35 DCR 5749.)

HISTORICAL AND STATUTORY NOTES

Prior Codifications

1981 Ed., § 2-605.

1973 Ed., § 2-1235.

Legislative History of Laws

For legislative history of D.C. Law 1-20, see Historical and Statutory Notes following § 3-601.

For legislative history of D.C. Law 1-50, see Historical and Statutory Notes following § 3-601.

For legislative history of D.C. Law 7-169, see Historical and Statutory Notes following § 3-601.

§ 3-606. POWERS.

(a) The Commission shall have the power to make, amend, carry out, and enforce such rules as it deems necessary for and likely to be effective in governing the events and procedures within its jurisdiction as well as all participants in such events and procedures. The Commission shall conduct its rulemaking and enforcement and other functions under the provisions of Chapter 5 of Title 2 where appropriate, and shall promulgate rules within 60 days of its establishment.

(b) The Commission shall have the power to issue permits and licenses to all participants, and for all

events covered by this chapter. If the Commission, by rule, regulation, or order requires a license for a person or event covered by this chapter, no person shall hold, conduct, or be a participant in any such boxing, wrestling, or martial arts contest, match, or exhibition without a permit or license from the Commission. The Commission is authorized, in its sole judgment and discretion, to assign to those with proper permits, dates on which boxing, wrestling, and martial arts contests, matches, and exhibitions may be held, and no person shall hold any boxing, wrestling, or martial arts contest, match, or exhibition on any dates unless specifically authorized to do so by the Commission. No permit as described in this section shall be issued to any person unless such person agrees to accord to the Commission the right to examine the books of account and other records of such person relative to the boxing, wrestling, or martial arts contest, match, or exhibition for which such permit is issued, and such permit shall so state on its face. Licenses and permits may be revoked or suspended by the Commission for violation of any rule, regulation, or order of the Commission or for violation of any rule, regulation, or order of the District of Columbia or for other cause. The contested case provisions of §§ 2-509 and 2-510 shall be followed in revocation and suspension proceedings.

(c) The Commission shall have the power to collect fees for permits and licensure in an amount and in a manner that is reasonable in light of costs of administration and like charges imposed by other jurisdictions for similar licenses and that it shall determine with the approval of the Mayor. Any monies received but not expended at the end of a fiscal year shall lapse into the unrestricted fund balance of the General Fund of the District of Columbia.

(d) The Commission shall have the power to require all licensees and permittees to execute and file with the Commission a bond in an amount to be determined by the Commission before such license or permit may be granted. Said bond shall be approved as to form and sufficiency of sureties by the Mayor, or by such official as he may designate. In case of default in such performance, recovery may be had on such bond in the same manner as other penalties are recovered by law.

(e) The Commission shall have the power to establish standards for, and the permitted circumstances of, rental or ownership of the premises where events within the jurisdiction of the Commission will or may occur. The Commission may also establish standards for all equipment of the Commission. The Commission may also provide for the inspection of such premises and equipment.

(f) The Commission shall have the power to assess nonlicense fees and fines payable to the Commission under this chapter or the Commission rules, and to require reports and manifests to be furnished the Commission relating to nonlicense fees.

(g) The Commission shall have the power to employ such personnel as is necessary to carry out this chapter.

(h) Each member of the Commission shall have the power to administer oaths and affirmations and examine witnesses concerning any matters within the jurisdiction of the Commission. The Commission shall be vested with power to issue subpoenas as to matters within its jurisdiction and enforce the same in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

(i) The Commission shall have the power to investigate all operations, occurrences, events, and persons within its jurisdiction, and any suspected violation of its orders or rules, or of this chapter.

(j) The Commission shall have the power to issue such orders (including suspensions of licenses and permits) to persons within its jurisdiction, which reasonably will:

- (1) Assure compliance with this chapter, or the Commission's rules or orders;
- (2) Prevent influence of organized crime in boxing and wrestling in the District of Columbia; or
- (3) Encourage boxing and wrestling in the District.

(k) The Commission shall have the power, subject to the approval of the Mayor, to make or engage in contracts, agreements, or cooperative work with other District of Columbia agencies, or commissions or agencies of other states or cities governing boxing or wrestling, or private persons, when such contracts, agreements, or cooperative work will reasonably and lawfully carry out the purposes of this chapter.

(l) The Commission shall have the power to establish other rules and regulations concerning events and persons within its jurisdiction as it deems appropriate to encourage boxing and wrestling in the District of Columbia and for other purposes consistent with this chapter.

(m)(1) The Commission shall, pursuant to subchapter I of Chapter 5 of Title 2, issue rules to establish standards for the operation of gymnasiums and other facilities used in the training of boxers, wrestlers, kickboxers, and practitioners of martial arts, shall implement these rules, and shall license all facilities as well as inspect all facilities and equipment subject to this subsection.

- (2) The proposed rules shall be submitted to the Council for a 45-day period of review, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, legal holidays, and days of Council recess. If the Council does not approve or disapprove the proposed rules, in whole or in part, by resolution within this 45-day review period, the proposed rules shall be deemed approved. Nothing in this section shall affect any requirements imposed upon the Mayor by subchapter I of Chapter 5 of Title 2.

1979, D.C. Law 2-139, § 3205(II), (mm), 25 DCR 5740; Sept. 29, 1988, D.C. Law 7-169, § 2(c), 35 DCR 5749; Sept. 14, 2011, D.C. Law 19-21, § 9035, 58 DCR 6226.)

HISTORICAL AND STATUTORY NOTES

Prior Codifications

1981 Ed., § 2-606.

1973 Ed., § 2-1236.

Effect of Amendments

D.C. Law 19-21, in subsec. (c), added the second sentence.

Legislative History of Laws

For legislative history of D.C. Law 1-20, see Historical and Statutory Notes following § 3-601.

For legislative history of D.C. Law 1-50, see Historical and Statutory Notes following § 3-601.

For legislative history of D.C. Law 2-139, see Historical and Statutory Notes following § 3-604.

For legislative history of D.C. Law 7-169, see Historical and Statutory Notes following § 3-601.

For history of Law 19-21, see notes under § 3-101.01.

§ 3-607. ADMINISTRATION.

(a) All receipts of the Commission shall be deposited to the General Fund.

(b) Every person holding or conducting an event within the jurisdiction of the Commission shall file with the Commission, within 24 hours after the event is over, a report concerning fees, prices, revenues, and gross receipts from the event at the time and in the form prescribed by the Commission; however, this shall not preclude the Commission from demanding manifests or reports at an earlier time. Such person shall pay to the Commission, at the time of the filing of the report, a fee of 5 per centum of the gross receipts realized by such person as a result of holding or conducting the event except that the Commission may require the amount so collected be not less than that necessary for the payment of compensation to the personnel necessary to conduct such contest, match or exhibition. Each ticket of admission to any covered event shall bear clearly upon its face its price.

(c)(1) Every person presenting or showing any boxing or wrestling match, contest, or exhibition on closed circuit telecast or subscription television viewed within the District, whether or not originating within the District, shall, within 72 hours excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays after the presentation or showing is over:

(A) File with the Commission a report stating the exact number of tickets sold for the presentation or showing and the gross receipts from the presentation or showing or, if no tickets are sold, the price in money or value paid or owed for the presentation or showing, and any other information the Commission may require; and

(B) Pay to the Commission a fee of 5% of the first \$100,000 of the gross receipts from, or price paid or owed for, the presentation or showing and 2% of any gross receipts or price paid or owed in excess of \$100,000.

(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1) of this subsection, the Commission may seek an advance payment for a presentation or showing when it deems an advance payment to be appropriate.

(d) The Commission may also charge such other nonlicense fees as are reasonable in amount for services it renders in carrying out its lawful functions.

(e) The Commission shall report quarterly to the Mayor and to the Council on its official acts and its efforts to promote the District of Columbia as a location for boxing, wrestling, and martial arts events. The Commission shall make recommendations, as it deems appropriate, to further the promotion of the District of Columbia as a location for boxing, wrestling, and martial arts events and to promote the effective regulation of professional and amateur boxing, wrestling, and martial arts events that are conducted or shown within the District of Columbia.

(f) The District of Columbia Auditor shall conduct at least every 3 fiscal years an audit of the Commission.

(g) The Mayor shall conduct quarterly audits of the Commission and furnish the Commission with such office space as it needs and with administrative aid as the Commission may request.

(Oct. 8, 1975, D.C. Law 1-20, § 8, 23 DCR 1815; Feb. 26, 1976, D.C. Law 1-50, § 3, 22 DCR 5127; June 14, 1980, D.C. Law 3-70, § 7(e), 27 DCR 1776; Aug. 13, 1986, D.C. Law 6-137, § 2(b), 33 DCR 3798; Sept. 29, 1988, D.C. Law 7-169, § 2(d), 35 DCR 5749; Aug. 1, 1996, D.C. Law 11-152, § 402, 43 DCR 2978; Dec. 7, 2004, D.C. Law 15-205, § 1192(b), 51 DCR 8441.)

Prior Codifications

1981 Ed., § 2-607.

1973 Ed., § 2-1237.

Effect of Amendments

D.C. Law 15-205, in subsec. (f), substituted "at least every 3 fiscal years an" for "a biennial".

Emergency Act Amendments

For temporary amendment of section, see § 402 of the Fiscal Year 1996 Budget Support Emergency Act of 1996 (D.C. Act 11-264, April 26, 1996, 43 DCR 2412), and § 302 of the Fiscal Year 1996 Budget Support Congressional Review Emergency Act of 1996 (D.C. Act 11-335, August 1, 1996, 43 DCR 4256).

For temporary (90 day) amendment of section, see § 1192(b) of Fiscal Year 2005 Budget Support Emergency Act of 2004 (D.C. Act 15-486, August 2, 2004, 51 DCR 8236).

For temporary (90 day) amendment of section, see § 1192(b) of Fiscal Year 2005 Budget Support Congressional Review Emergency Act of 2004 (D.C. Act 15-594, October 26, 2004, 51 DCR 11725).

Legislative History of Laws

For legislative history of D.C. Law 1-20, see Historical and Statutory Notes following § 3-601.

For legislative history of D.C. Law 1-50, see Historical and Statutory Notes following § 3-601.

Law 3-70, the "District of Columbia Fund Accounting Act of 1980," was introduced in Council and assigned Bill No. 3-197, which was referred to the Committee on Human Services. The Bill was adopted on first and second readings on March 18, 1980 and April 1, 1980, respectively. Signed by the Mayor on April 25, 1980, it was assigned Act No. 3-176 and transmitted to both Houses of Congress for its review.

For legislative history of D.C. Law 6-137, see Historical and Statutory Notes following § 3-610.

For legislative history of D.C. Law 7-169, see Historical and Statutory Notes following § 3-601.

Law 11-152, the "Fiscal Year 1996 Budget Support Act of 1996," was introduced in Council and assigned Bill No. 11-655, which was referred to the Committee of the Whole. The Bill was adopted on first and second readings on April 2, 1996, and May 7, 1996, respectively. Signed by the Mayor on May 28, 1996, it was assigned Act No. 11-279 and transmitted to both Houses of Congress for its review. D. C. Law 11-152 became effective on August 1, 1996.

Law 15-205, the "Fiscal Year 2005 Budget Support Act of 2004", was introduced in Council and assigned Bill No. 15-768, which was referred to the Committee of the Whole. The Bill was adopted on first and second readings on May 14, 2004, and June 29, 2004, respectively. Signed by the Mayor on August 2, 2004, it was assigned Act No. 15-487 and transmitted to both Houses of Congress for its review. D.C. Law 15-205 became effective on December 7, 2004.

§ 3-608. VIOLATIONS OF COMMISSION RULES; PENALTIES.

(a) Any person who holds any boxing, wrestling, or martial arts contest, match or exhibition in the District of Columbia, or engages or participates in a boxing, wrestling, or martial arts contest, match, or exhibition without a valid license or permit effective at the time as provided in § 3-606(b), shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined not more than \$1,000, or imprisoned not more than 1 year, or both. Such cases shall be prosecuted by the Corporation Counsel of the District of Columbia in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

(b) In the case of a person who is found by a preponderance of the evidence, under the contested case procedure in the District of Columbia Administrative Procedure Act, in a hearing before the Commission, to have violated lawful orders or rules of the Commission other than those penalized by subsection (a) of this section, the Commission may, upon findings explaining its actions:

- (1) Revoke the licenses previously obtained by such person under the Commission rules;
- (2) Consider the violation as grounds for future license denials against such person;
- (3) Levy a fine in the amount of \$1,000 or less;
- (4) Refer the case to Corporation Counsel for further prosecution; or
- (5) Make such other orders as are reasonable and just, restricting or directing the violator's actions in regard to boxing, wrestling or the martial arts in the District of Columbia.

(c) For failure to file the reports or pay the fees required in subsections (b) and (c) of § 3-607, a fine amounting to 10% of the fees due under that section, up to a maximum of 30% thereof, shall be assessed for each month or part thereof in which such required reports are not filed, or fees paid.

(d) Civil fines, penalties, and fees may be imposed as alternative sanctions for any infraction of the provisions of this chapter, or any rules or regulations issued under the authority of this chapter, pursuant to Chapter 18 of Title 2. Adjudication of any infraction of this chapter shall be pursuant to Chapter 18 of Title 2.

(Oct. 8, 1975, D.C. Law 1-20, § 9, 23 DCR 1817; Feb. 26, 1976, D.C. Law 1-50, § 3, 22 DCR 5127; Oct. 5, 1985, D.C. Law 6-42, § 423, 32 DCR 4450; Sept. 29, 1988, D.C. Law 7-169, § 2(e), 35 DCR 5749.)

HISTORICAL AND STATUTORY NOTES

Prior Codifications

1981 Ed., § 2-608.

1973 Ed., § 2-1238.

Legislative History of Laws

For legislative history of D.C. Law 1-20, see Historical and Statutory Notes following § 3-601.

For legislative history of D.C. Law 1-50, see Historical and Statutory Notes following § 3-601.

Law 6-42, the "Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs Civil Infractions Act of 1985," was introduced in Council and assigned Bill No. 6-187, which was referred to the Committee on Consumer and Regulatory Affairs. The Bill was adopted on first and second readings on June 25, 1985, and July 9, 1985, respectively. Signed by the Mayor on July 16, 1985, it was assigned Act No. 6-60 and transmitted to both Houses of Congress for its review.

For legislative history of D.C. Law 7-169, see Historical and Statutory Notes following § 3-601.

References in Text

The "District of Columbia Administrative Procedure Act," referred to in subsection (b), is Chapter 5 of Title 2.

§ 3-609. LIABILITY OF COMMISSION MEMBERS.

(a) A member of the Commission shall not knowingly participate in any action of the Commission if such member, or the member's spouse or domestic partner, parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, cousin, nephew or niece, has a financial or business interest in the action.

(b) A member shall not be liable in damages or court costs for any action of the Commission performed in good faith.

(Oct. 8, 1975, D.C. Law 1-20, § 10, 23 DCR 1818; Sept. 12, 2008, D.C. Law 17-231, § 9(b), 55 DCR 6758.)

HISTORICAL AND STATUTORY NOTES

Prior Codifications

1981 Ed., § 2-609.

1973 Ed., § 2-1239.

Effect of Amendments

D.C. Law 17-231, in subsec. (a), substituted "spouse or domestic partner" for "spouse".

Legislative History of Laws

For legislative history of D.C. Law 1-20, see Historical and Statutory Notes following § 3-601.

For Law 17-231, see notes following § 3-202.

§ 3-610. PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT; RULES.

(a) All contestants competing in any amateur boxing, wrestling, or martial arts match, contest, or exhibition in the District of Columbia shall be properly fitted with and shall at all times during the contest wear protective headgear approved by the Commission.

(b) All contestants competing in any amateur boxing, martial arts, or other sporting event traditionally utilizing padded gloves shall use thumbless or thumb attached padded gloves approved by the Commission.

(c) Every amateur or professional boxing, wrestling, or martial arts match, contest, or exhibition conducted in the District of Columbia shall utilize protective floor padding, and in the case of matches, contests, or exhibitions performed in a ring, padded corner posts and padded ropes approved by the Commission.

(d) The Commission is hereby directed and authorized to promulgate any reasonable rule it may deem

necessary to effectuate the purposes of this section, including but not limited to the issuance of rules relating to the type and construction of equipment approved for use in an event covered by this section, the inspection of equipment required by this section prior to the holding of a match, contest, or exhibition covered by this section, and the denial, suspension, or revocation of any authority, license, or permit to conduct any event or events covered by this section for reason of noncompliance with the requirements of this section or rules promulgated by the Commission pursuant to the authority of this section.

(Oct. 8, 1975, D.C. Law 1-20, § 11, as added Aug. 13, 1986, D.C. Law 6-137, § 3, 33 DCR 3798 as amended Feb. 24, 1987, D.C. Law 6-192, § 3, 33 DCR 7836.)

HISTORICAL AND STATUTORY NOTES

Prior Codifications

1981 Ed., § 2-610.

Legislative History of Laws

Law 6-137, the "Boxing and Wrestling Commission Act Amendment Act of 1986," was introduced in Council and assigned Bill No. 6-364, which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Revenue. The Bill was adopted on first and second readings on May 27, 1986, and June 10, 1986, respectively. Signed by the Mayor on June 13, 1986, it was assigned Act No. 6-175 and transmitted to both Houses of Congress for its review.

Law 6-192, the "Technical Amendments Act of 1986," was introduced in Council and assigned Bill No. 6-544, which was referred to the Committee of the Whole. The Bill was adopted on first and second readings on November 5, 1986, and November 18, 1986, respectively. Signed by the Mayor on December 10, 1986, it was assigned Act No. 6-246 and transmitted to both Houses of Congress for its review.