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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 5-221 AND 5-225, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO THE
ARIZONA STATE BOXING COMMISSION.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 5-221, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 5-221. Definitions

5 In this article, unless the context otherwise requires:

6 1. "Boxing" means the act of attack and defense with the fists, using
7 padded gloves, that is practiced as a sport. Where applicable, boxing
8 includes ~~kick boxing~~ KICKBOXING.

9 2. "Commission" means the Arizona state boxing commission.

10 3. "Contest" means any boxing contest, match or exhibition.

11 4. "Department" means the Arizona department of racing.

12 5. "Director" means the director of the Arizona department of racing.

13 6. "EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR" MEANS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE
14 COMMISSION.

15 ~~6-~~ 7. "~~Kick boxing~~ KICKBOXING" means a form of boxing in which blows
16 are delivered with any part of the arm below the shoulder, including the
17 hand, and any part of the leg below the hip, including the foot.

18 ~~7. "Nontraditional fighting contest" means any competition between two~~
19 ~~or more persons, with or without gloves, who use any combination of fighting~~
20 ~~skills, including boxing, wrestling, hitting, kicking, martial arts and other~~
21 ~~combative full contact techniques. Nontraditional fighting contests include~~
22 ~~ultimate fighting, extreme fighting and shoot fighting but do not include~~
23 ~~kick boxing or any recognized martial arts competition.~~

24 8. "Professional" means any person who competes for any money prize or
25 a prize that exceeds the value of thirty-five dollars or teaches or pursues
26 or assists in the practice of boxing as a means of obtaining a livelihood or
27 pecuniary gain.

28 ~~9. "Secretary" means the executive secretary of the commission.~~

29 ~~10-~~ 9. "Tough man contest" means any boxing match consisting of one
30 minute rounds, between two or more persons who use their hands, wearing
31 padded gloves that weigh not less than twelve ounces, or their feet, or both,
32 in any manner. Tough man contest does not include ~~kick boxing~~ KICKBOXING or
33 any recognized martial arts competition.

34 10. "UNARMED COMBAT" MEANS ANY FORM OF COMPETITION, OTHER THAN BOXING
35 AND KICKBOXING, IN WHICH BLOWS ARE DELIVERED.

36 Sec. 2. Section 5-225, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

37 5-225. Regulation of boxing contests, tough man contests and
38 unarmed combat

39 A. All boxing contests are subject to the provisions of this
40 chapter. Every contestant in a boxing contest shall wear padded gloves that
41 weigh at least eight ounces. The commission shall for every contest:

42 1. Direct a deputy to be present.

43 2. Direct the deputy to make a written report.

1 B. All tough man contests, including amateur tough man contests, are
2 subject to the provisions of this chapter. Every contestant in a tough man
3 contest shall wear padded gloves that weigh at least twelve ounces.

4 C. ~~All nontraditional fighting contests~~ UNARMED COMBAT, including
5 amateur nontraditional fighting contests, ~~are~~ IS subject to the provisions of
6 this chapter. Contestants in ~~nontraditional fighting contests~~ UNARMED COMBAT
7 shall not strike other contestants in the spinal column or in the back of the
8 head. Contestants shall not strike with their knees or elbows unless
9 specified by rule. THE COMMISSION SHALL ADOPT RULES FOR UNARMED COMBAT THAT
10 ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE MIXED MARTIAL ARTS UNIFIED RULES OF CONDUCT ADOPTED
11 BY THE NEW JERSEY STATE ATHLETIC CONTROL BOARD.