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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would make permissive with the
9 Alabama Athletic Commission certain requirements
10 for holding professional wrestling matches,
11 contests, or exhibitions.

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13 A BILL
14 TO BE ENTITLED
15 AN ACT

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17 To amend Section 41-9-1033, Code of Alabama 1975, as
18 amended by Act 2013-285, 2013 Regular Session, relating to the
19 Alabama Boxing, Wrestling, and Mixed Martial Arts Act; to make
20 permissive with the Alabama Athletic Commission certain
21 requirements for holding professional wrestling matches,
22 contests, or exhibitions.

23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

24 Section 1. Section 41-9-1033 of the Code of Alabama
25 1975, as amended by Act 2013-285, 2013 Regular Session, is
26 amended to read as follows:

27 "§41-9-1033.

1 "No person shall arrange, promote, organize,
2 produce, or participate in a match, contest, or exhibition of
3 professional boxing, professional wrestling, amateur mixed
4 martial arts, or professional mixed martial arts unless he or
5 she has complied with the following requirements:

6 "(1) An examination by a physician who has certified
7 that the boxer or mixed martial arts competitor is physically
8 fit to compete safely. Copies of each certificate shall be
9 provided to the commission prior to the match, contest, or
10 exhibition of professional boxing, amateur mixed martial arts,
11 or professional mixed martial arts. The commission may require
12 a boxer, tough man contestant, wrestler, or mixed martial arts
13 competitor to undergo a physical examination, including
14 neurological or neuropsychological tests and procedures.

15 "(2) A physician approved by the commission shall be
16 continuously present at ringside during every match, contest,
17 or exhibition of professional boxing, tough man contest,
18 ~~professional wrestling,~~ amateur mixed martial arts, or
19 professional mixed martial arts. The commission may require
20 physicians to be present, under certain conditions, at
21 professional wrestling events. The physician shall observe the
22 physical condition of the boxers, tough man contestants,
23 wrestlers, or competitors in mixed martial arts and advise the
24 referee with regard to the boxers, tough man contestants,
25 wrestlers, or competitors.

26 "(3) One or more inspectors appointed by the
27 commission as duly authorized representatives of the

1 commission shall be present at each match, contest, or
2 exhibition of professional boxing, tough man contests,
3 ~~professional wrestling~~, amateur mixed martial arts, or
4 professional mixed martial arts to ensure that the rules are
5 strictly observed. An inspector or other duly authorized
6 representative of the commission shall be present at the
7 weigh-in and at the ring during the conduct of the match,
8 contest, or exhibition of professional boxing, amateur mixed
9 martial arts, or professional mixed martial arts. Inspectors
10 and other duly authorized representatives of the commission
11 shall have free access to the dressing rooms of the
12 professional boxers, tough man contestants, and mixed martial
13 arts competitors. An inspector or other duly authorized
14 representative of the commission may be present at any
15 professional wrestling event and may inspect any area where
16 participants are present.

17 "(4) Each boxer, tough man contestant, wrestler, or
18 competitor in mixed martial arts shall be covered by health
19 insurance which will cover injuries sustained during the
20 match, contest, or exhibition of professional boxing, tough
21 man contest, professional wrestling, amateur mixed martial
22 arts, or professional mixed martial arts.

23 "(5) An ambulance and medical personnel with
24 appropriate resuscitation equipment shall be continuously
25 present at the site during any match, contest, or exhibition
26 of professional boxing, tough man contest, ~~professional~~
27 ~~wrestling~~, amateur mixed martial arts, or professional mixed

1 martial arts. The commission may require the same to be
2 present at a professional wrestling match, contest, or
3 exhibition."

4 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
5 first day of the third month following its passage and
6 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.