

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 399—ASSEMBLYMEN MUNFORD; BOBZIEN,
CARLTON, DALY, DUNCAN, EISEN, HOGAN, NEAL,
OHRENSCHALL, PIERCE, SPIEGEL, STEWART AND SWANK

MARCH 18, 2013

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Revises various provisions relating to unarmed
combat. (BDR 41-142)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to unarmed combat; creating the Advisory Board
for Fair and Accurate Judging in Boxing; establishing the
duties of the Advisory Board; establishing the salary of the
Executive Director of the Nevada Athletic
Commission; providing for the collection of fees on each
ticket sold for admission to certain events; and providing
other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Under existing law, the Nevada Athletic Commission is vested with the sole
2 direction, management, control and jurisdiction over all boxing contests conducted
3 in this State. (NRS 467.070) **Section 1** of this bill creates the Advisory Board for
4 Fair and Accurate Judging in Boxing. Under this bill, the duties of the Advisory
5 Board include: (1) reviewing, considering and discussing issues relating to fairness
6 and accuracy of boxing contests; (2) advising and assisting the Commission on
7 such issues; (3) making annual recommendations to the Commission concerning
8 proposed methods and procedures to promote fair and accurate judging in boxing
9 contests; and (4) submitting a report to the Governor and the Legislature detailing
10 its recommendations.

11 **Section 2** of this bill establishes the salary of the Executive Director of the
12 Commission in an amount that is equal to the salary of the Nevada Attorney for
13 Injured Workers.

14 Existing law imposes certain fees on each ticket sold for admission to a live
15 professional boxing contest and provides that the fees are to be used to award
16 grants to organizations which promote amateur boxing and to fund random drug
17 testing of certain boxers. (NRS 467.108) **Section 3** of this bill increases the fee
18 from \$1 to \$2 for each ticket sold if the gross receipts from admission fees to the
19 boxing contest are \$500,000 or more and increases the alternative fee from 50 cents



20 to \$1 for each ticket sold if the gross receipts are less than \$500,000. **Section 3** also
21 requires that the additional fees be used by the Commission to assist with medical
22 expenses for injuries sustained by retired boxers.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 467 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3 *1. The Advisory Board for Fair and Accurate Judging in*
4 *Boxing is hereby created.*

5 *2. The Board consists of nine members as follows:*

6 *(a) One member who is a current or former professional*
7 *boxer, appointed by the Governor.*

8 *(b) One member who is a current or former professional*
9 *boxer, appointed by the Majority Leader of the Senate.*

10 *(c) One member who is a current or former professional*
11 *boxer, appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly.*

12 *(d) One member who is a current or former boxing judge,*
13 *appointed by the Majority Leader of the Senate.*

14 *(e) One member who is a current or former boxing judge,*
15 *appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate.*

16 *(f) One member who is a current or former boxing judge,*
17 *appointed by the Minority Leader of the Assembly.*

18 *(g) One member who is a current or former boxing promoter,*
19 *appointed by the Governor.*

20 *(h) One member who is a current or former boxing promoter,*
21 *appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly.*

22 *(i) One member who is a representative of the general public,*
23 *appointed by the Governor.*

24 *3. Each member of the Board serves for a term of 2 years. A*
25 *vacancy on the Board must be filled in the same manner as the*
26 *original appointment. A member may be reappointed to the Board.*

27 *4. The members of the Board shall elect a Chair and Vice*
28 *Chair by majority vote. If the position of Chair or Vice Chair*
29 *becomes vacant, the members of the Board shall elect a Chair or*
30 *Vice Chair, as appropriate, from among its members.*

31 *5. The members of the Board:*

32 *(a) Serve without compensation; and*

33 *(b) May, upon written request, receive the per diem allowance*
34 *and travel expenses provided for state officers and employees*
35 *generally while engaged in the business of the Board.*

36 *6. The Board shall:*

37 *(a) Meet as necessary to review, consider and discuss issues*
38 *relating to fairness and accuracy of boxing contests.*



1 (b) *Advise and assist the Commission on issues relating to fair*
2 *and accurate judging in boxing contests.*

3 (c) *Make recommendations to the Commission on an annual*
4 *basis concerning proposed methods and procedures to promote*
5 *fair and accurate judging in boxing contests.*

6 (d) *On or before January 1 of each year, prepare and submit a*
7 *report to the Governor and to the Director of the Legislative*
8 *Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the Legislature detailing the*
9 *recommendations made to the Commission.*

10 **Sec. 2.** NRS 467.055 is hereby amended to read as follows:

11 467.055 1. Members of the Commission, if authorized by the
12 Chair, are entitled to receive a salary of not more than \$80, as fixed
13 by the Commission, for each full-day meeting of the Commission.

14 2. While engaged in the business of the Commission, each
15 member and employee of the Commission is, upon the authorization
16 of the Chair, entitled to receive the per diem allowance and travel
17 expenses provided for state officers and employees generally.

18 3. The Executive Director of the Commission is in the
19 unclassified service of the State. The Executive Director may pursue
20 any other business or occupation not inconsistent or in conflict with
21 his or her duties as Executive Director.

22 4. *The Executive Director of the Commission is entitled to*
23 *receive a salary in an amount that is equal to the salary of the*
24 *Nevada Attorney for Injured Workers.*

25 5. Each inspector for the Commission is entitled to receive for
26 the performance of his or her duties a fee approved by the
27 Commission.

28 **Sec. 3.** NRS 467.108 is hereby amended to read as follows:

29 467.108 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, in
30 addition to the payment of any other fees or taxes required by this
31 chapter, a promoter shall pay to the Commission a fee of ~~1.00~~ **\$2**
32 for each ticket sold for admission to a live professional contest of
33 unarmed combat which is held in this State.

34 2. In lieu of the fee imposed pursuant to subsection 1, the
35 Executive Director of the Commission may require a promoter to
36 pay to the Commission a fee of ~~0.50~~ **\$1** for each ticket sold for
37 admission to a live professional contest of unarmed combat which is
38 held in this State if the gross receipts from admission fees to the
39 contest of unarmed combat are less than \$500,000.

40 3. ~~The~~ **Fifty percent of the** money collected pursuant to
41 subsections 1 and 2 must be **accounted for separately in the State**
42 **General Fund, administered by the Commission and** used by the
43 Commission:

44 (a) To award grants to organizations which promote amateur
45 contests or exhibitions of unarmed combat in this State;



1 (b) To perform random drug testing of amateur and professional
2 unarmed combatants at any time, including, without limitation,
3 during any period of training; or

4 (c) For any combination of the purposes described in paragraphs
5 (a) and (b).

6 4. *Fifty percent of the money collected pursuant to*
7 *subsections 1 and 2 must be accounted for separately in the State*
8 *General Fund, administered by the Commission and used by the*
9 *Commission to assist with the payment of medical expenses for*
10 *injuries sustained during the career of a retired contestant.*

11 5. The Commission shall adopt by regulation:

12 (a) The manner in which the fees required by subsections 1 and
13 2 must be paid.

14 (b) The manner in which applications for grants *or for payment*
15 *of medical expenses* may be submitted to the Commission.

16 (c) The standards to be used to award grants to organizations
17 which promote amateur contests or exhibitions of unarmed combat
18 in this State.

19 (d) *The qualifications for applying for and receiving payments*
20 *to assist with medical expenses for injuries sustained during the*
21 *career of a retired contestant.*

22 **Sec. 4.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2013.

