

Improved Boxing Bill

A BILL

To establish the legal framework for martial arts.

Be it enacted by the House of Representatives of the Republic of Vindex Nation in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. **SHORT TITLE.**

This Act may be cited as the Improved Boxing Act 2024.

SEC. 2. **DEFINITIONS.**

As used in this Act, the term—

“Department” means the Department of Health and Human Services;

“Club” means a corporation, partnership, association, individual, or other organization which conducts, holds, or gives a boxing or martial arts contest, match, or exhibition, and includes “Promoter”;

“Participant” means a professional or amateur boxer or martial arts fighter who engages in a boxing or martial arts contest;

“Contest” include boxing and martial arts exhibitions, and mean a fight, prizefight, boxing contest, pugilistic contest, martial arts contest, or sparring match, between two or more persons, where contact is used or intended that may result or is intended to result in physical harm to the opponent, and includes “Match”;

“Contact” means the use of physical force in a martial arts contest that may result or is intended to result in physical harm to the opponent; and

“Department authority” shall mean any person employed by the Department of Health and Human Services who is online and ingame.

SEC. 3. **LICENSING.**

(1) The department has the sole direction, management, control of, and jurisdiction over all professional and amateur boxing, and all other forms and combinations of forms of contact martial arts contests, including mixed martial arts, and matches or exhibitions conducted, held, or given within Vindex Nation.

(2) No club may conduct, hold, or give boxing contests, sparring matches, or exhibitions unless the club or person has been licensed for that purpose by the department.

(3) No person shall participate in any contest unless he or she has been licensed for that purpose by the department.

(4) The department may authorize one or more nonprofit boxing, wrestling, or martial arts clubs, organizations, or sanctioning bodies, upon approval of its bylaws, to administer its rules for amateur boxing, wrestling, and contact martial arts contests, and may, therefore, waive direct department application of laws and rules, including licensure, subject to the department’s

affirmative finding that the standards and enforcement of similar rules by a club, organization, or sanctioning body meet or exceed the safety and fairness standards of the department.

- (5) A department authority must be online and ingame before any contest may take place.
- (6) The department shall prescribe standards as necessary, for the licensure of any persons required to be licensed by this act or by the department's regulations.
- (7) The provisions of this act does not apply to any contest conducted under the supervision or control of an executive department or agency of the Vindex Nation Government.

SEC. 4. REGULATION OF CONTESTS.

- (1) Every promoter must ensure, prior to any contest, that a department authority is online and ingame.
- (2) The President of Vindex Nation, Secretary of Health and Human Services, Surgeon General, and Chief Physician shall have the authority to stop any contest or match that is conferred upon the promoter.
- (3) The department may by rule specify the frequency with which participants may participate in a contest.
- (4) The promoter shall be in attendance and direct and control at every boxing contest. They are responsible for enforcing the rules of the department at every boxing contest.
- (5) Recognizing the need for uniformity in championship contests, the department may exempt championship contests from any provision of this act and authorize alternate provisions as long as the safety and welfare of the participants and the public are not jeopardized.

SEC. 5. CRIMES AND PENALTIES.

- (1) Any person or promoted to whom this chapter applies who directly or indirectly holds, aids, or abets, or attempts to hold, aid or abet the holding of, any contest, match or exhibition without first having obtained a license or permit therefore under this act, shall be punished by imprisonment and/or a fine no more than \$1,000.
- (2) Any person who continues to participate in a professional or amateur contest or match after an order to stop the contest is given by the President of Vindex Nation, Secretary of Health and Human Services, Surgeon General, or Chief Physician shall be punished by imprisonment and/or a fine of no more than \$1,000.
- (3) Any person who otherwise violates any provision of this act shall be punished by imprisonment and/or a fine of no more than \$1,000.