

**CHAPTER 106****(HB 466)**

AN ACT relating to sports.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

Section 1. KRS 229.051 is amended to read as follows:

Before a permit is granted to any person to hold, ***promote, or act as a booker for*** a professional boxing or a wrestling match or exhibition, the applicant shall file with the commission a bond in the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000), to be approved as to form and the sufficiency of the sureties by the commission, conditioned for the payment of the tax imposed by KRS 229.031. Upon the approval of the bond, the commission shall issue to the applicant a certificate of filing and approval, which shall be filed by the applicant with the commission, with the application for the permit. ~~The~~~~[No such]~~ permit shall ***not*** be issued until ~~the~~~~[such]~~ certificate has been filed.

Section 2. KRS 229.081 is amended to read as follows:

~~A~~~~[No]~~ person shall ***not*** participate in a professional match in any of the following enumerated capacities ***or in any other capacity as set out in administrative regulations promulgated by the commission*** without holding a license issued by the commission and meeting all eligibility requirements as established by the commission by promulgation of administrative regulations:

- (1) Contestant;
- (2) Judge;
- (3) Manager;
- (4) Physician;
- (5) Referee;
- (6) Timekeeper; or
- (7) Trainer.

Licenses issued under this section shall expire on December 31 of the year in which they are issued. The commission may establish a schedule of compensation to be paid to officials for participating in a professional match by promulgation of administrative regulations. The compensation shall be paid by the person conducting the match, and by no other person.

Section 3. KRS 229.101 is amended to read as follows:

~~A~~~~[No]~~ boxing or wrestling match or exhibition shall ***not consist***~~[be]~~ of more than twelve (12) rounds~~[ in length except championship matches, which shall be limited in the discretion of the commission].~~

Section 4. KRS 229.111 is amended to read as follows:

Contestants in a professional boxing or wrestling match or exhibition shall be examined by a reputable licensed physician appointed by the commission, and shall ***meet the health and fitness requirements as established in administrative regulations promulgated by the commission***~~[be in excellent health]~~ before participating in such a boxing or wrestling match or exhibition.

Section 5. KRS 229.240 is amended to read as follows:

All peace officers, *who are*~~[on being]~~ informed or *who have*~~[having]~~ reason to believe that a professional match that is *in violation of*~~[not authorized under]~~ this chapter *or administrative regulations promulgated in accordance with this chapter* is about to take place, or that there is training or preparation for such a contest, in any place within their jurisdiction, shall suppress and prevent it. For this purpose any peace officer may enter any place where such contest is being~~[held]~~ or will be held or where there is training or preparation for such a contest and may arrest without a warrant any person who does not submit satisfactory proof that he *or she* has *the*~~[whatever]~~ license or permit~~[is]~~ required by this chapter.

Section 6. KRS 229.991 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) Any person who violates subsection (1) of KRS 229.071 or subsection (1) of KRS 229.021 shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars (\$100) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or imprisoned in the county jail for not more than six (6) months, or both.
- (2) Any person who violates subsections (2), (3) or (4) of KRS 229.021 shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars (\$100) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500) or imprisoned in the county jail for not more than ninety (90) days, or both.
- (3) Any person who violates KRS 229.081 where *the*~~[such]~~ violation does not constitute a violation of KRS 229.021, shall be fined not less than *one hundred dollars (\$100)*~~[twentyfive (\$25)]~~ nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500).
- (4) Any peace officer who willfully fails to execute the duties required of him by KRS 229.240 shall be fined not less than fifty dollars (\$50) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500).
- (5) Any person who violates any of the provisions of this chapter for which no specific penalty is provided shall be fined not less than ten *dollars* (\$10) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100).
- (6) Any person who fails to pay the taxes required by KRS 229.031 or ascertained to be due under KRS 229.041 together with the expenses incurred in the examination, within twenty (20) days after notice to the delinquent person of the amount fixed by the commission shall ipso facto forfeit his license. In addition he shall forfeit and pay into the State Treasury an additional amount equal to the taxes found to be due.
- (7) Any person who violates the provisions of KRS 229.121 shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars (\$100) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500) and no person who has been guilty of such an offense shall be allowed to participate in any boxing or wrestling match or exhibition for one (1) year after being found guilty of the offense.
- (8) Any person failing to make the report required by subsections (2) or (4) of KRS 229.031 shall be liable for any tax the Commonwealth may lose as a result of his failure to make the required report.

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