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H.B. NO. 521

A Bill for an Act Relating to Boxing Commission.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Section 440-8.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“~~[[§440-8.5]] Powers and duties of the [board.] commission.~~ In addition to the powers and duties enumerated elsewhere in this chapter, the commission shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91 to provide for the following:

- (1) A [trust/escrow] trust or escrow account system to ensure that all financial obligations are met by a promoter before a boxing contest. This system shall supersede all other financial obligatory requirements imposed on promoters by this chapter;
- (2) A public record accounting for the distribution of all tickets provided to the commission by a promoter and anything else of value which is provided to the commission;
- (3) An annual clinic or seminar on health and medical safety for boxers;
- (4) A mandatory neurological examination for any boxer who is knocked out in a boxing contest, and an eye examination [by a

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licensed ophthalmologist] as part of a boxer's annual medical examination; and

- (5) An [annual review of the commission's rules and powers to insure that all rules and powers exercised are within the authority of the commission and pursuant to chapter 91.] automatic medical suspension from boxing for a period of time to be determined by the commission for any boxer who is knocked out from head blows or who has received a severe beating about the head. The period of time of the automatic medical suspension shall be based upon the severity of the beating received by the boxer."

SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved May 31, 1987.)