

**Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H. R. 4624, With an
Amendment**

**(The amendment strikes all after the enacting clause and inserts a
new text)**

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H. R. 4624

To amend the Professional Boxing Safety Act of 1996 to establish requirements for unified boxing organizations, to further enhance the well-being of professional boxers, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 23, 2025

Mr. JACK (for himself and Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To amend the Professional Boxing Safety Act of 1996 to establish requirements for unified boxing organizations, to further enhance the well-being of professional boxers, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Muhammad Ali Amer-
3 ican Boxing Revival Act of 2026”.

4 **SEC. 2. PURPOSES.**

5 The purposes of this Act are—

6 (1) to provide increased choice and opportunity
7 to professional boxers by allowing a professional
8 boxer to choose to participate in the alternative sys-
9 tem offered by a unified boxing organization; and

10 (2) to further enhance safety precautions that
11 protect the well-being of professional boxers.

12 **SEC. 3. UNIFIED BOXING ORGANIZATIONS.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Professional Boxing Safety
14 Act of 1996 (15 U.S.C. 6301 et seq.) is amended by add-
15 ing at the end the following:

16 **“SEC. 24. UNIFIED BOXING ORGANIZATIONS.**

17 “(a) ALTERNATIVE SYSTEM FOR COMPLIANCE WITH
18 THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS ACT.—A unified boxing or-
19 ganization (in this section referred to as a ‘UBO’) shall
20 be deemed to be in compliance with the requirements of
21 this Act if the UBO meets the requirements of section 5
22 and the conditions of this section with respect to—

23 “(1) each boxer under contract with the UBO;

24 and

1 “(2) each professional boxing match organized
2 by the UBO (in this section referred to as a ‘covered
3 match’).

4 “(b) SAFETY AND INDUSTRY STANDARDS; MEDICAL
5 EXAMINATIONS.—

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A condition of this section
7 is that a UBO meets the requirements of para-
8 graphs (2) and (3) of this subsection, in addition to
9 the requirements of section 5.

10 “(2) SPECIAL RULE RELATING TO KNOCK-
11 OUTS.—In the case of a boxer who suffers a knock-
12 out during a covered match, a UBO shall require
13 that (in addition to the examinations required for
14 such boxer pursuant to section 5(a)(1)(B)(iii)) the
15 boxer undergo the applicable examinations described
16 in section 5(a)(1)(B)(iii) relating to brain health
17 prior to participating in the boxer’s next covered
18 match.

19 “(3) SUPPLEMENTAL PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS
20 FOR BOXERS WHO ARE 40 YEARS OF AGE OR
21 OLDER.—

22 “(A) IN GENERAL.—A UBO shall ensure
23 that a boxer who participates in a covered
24 match at the age of 40 or older undergoes (in
25 addition to the physical examinations required

1 pursuant to section 5(a)(1)(B)(iii) and para-
2 graph (2) of this subsection, as applicable) a
3 supplemental physical examination conducted
4 by a licensed physician that affirms the fitness
5 of the boxer to safely participate in a covered
6 match.

7 “(B) ELEMENTS.—A supplemental phys-
8 ical examination under subparagraph (A) shall
9 include each of the following:

10 “(i) A chest X-ray.

11 “(ii) A comprehensive metabolic panel
12 blood test.

13 “(iii) A urinalysis to measure the
14 overall health condition of the boxer.

15 “(C) FREQUENCY.—The supplemental
16 physical examination to be conducted under
17 subparagraph (A) shall occur at least annually,
18 except that the chest X-ray required under sub-
19 paragraph (B)(i) shall occur at least once every
20 6 years.

21 “(c) PROVISION OF MEDICAL CARE DURING
22 MATCHES.—

23 “(1) AMBULANCES.—A condition of this section
24 is that a UBO provides (in addition to the ambu-
25 lance required to be provided by such UBO pursuant

1 to section 5(a)(2)) for at least 1 additional ambu-
2 lance to be continuously present on site of a covered
3 match.

4 “(2) RINGSIDE PRESENCE.—

5 “(A) IN GENERAL.—A condition of this
6 section is that a UBO provides (in addition to
7 the licensed physician required to be provided
8 by such UBO pursuant to section 5(a)(3)) for
9 at least 1 additional licensed physician to be
10 continuously present at ringside during a cov-
11 ered match.

12 “(B) CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT.—Be-
13 ginning on the date that is 2 years after the
14 date of enactment of the Muhammad Ali Amer-
15 ican Boxing Revival Act of 2026, each physi-
16 cian required to be provided by a UBO shall
17 have a certification obtained through a certifi-
18 cation program administered by the Association
19 of Boxing Commissions in partnership with the
20 Association of Ring-side Physicians (or any suc-
21 cessor organization).

22 “(d) SUPPORT SERVICES FOR BOXERS UNDER CON-
23 TRACT WITH A UBO.—A condition of this section is that,
24 during the period in which a boxer is under contract with

1 a UBO, the UBO shall ensure such boxer has each of the
2 following:

3 “(1) EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES FOR TRAIN-
4 ING AND REHABILITATION.—The boxer has access to
5 equipment and facilities that are operated by the
6 UBO for training and rehabilitation.

7 “(2) INSURANCE POLICY.—In addition to the
8 health insurance provided to the boxer pursuant to
9 section 5(a)(4), the boxer has in effect an insurance
10 policy that provides medical coverage for any injury
11 sustained by the boxer during the period of training
12 for a covered match.

13 “(3) MEDICAL COORDINATOR.—A medical coor-
14 dinator is assigned to the boxer to assist the boxer
15 with satisfying medical and licensing requirements
16 related to the participation of the boxer in a covered
17 match.

18 “(e) COMPREHENSIVE ANTI-DOPING PROGRAM.—

19 “(1) REQUIREMENT.—

20 “(A) IN GENERAL.—A condition of this
21 section is that a UBO has in effect a com-
22 prehensive anti-doping program that includes
23 the testing and requirements related to such
24 testing under this subsection.

1 “(B) LIST OF PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES
2 AND PENALTIES.—A UBO shall, on an annual
3 basis, publish, and make available to the public,
4 a list that identifies, with respect to the pre-
5 ceding year—

6 “(i) each substance tested for under
7 the comprehensive anti-doping program of
8 the UBO; and

9 “(ii) each penalty imposed on a boxer
10 under paragraph (6).

11 “(2) IN-COMPETITION TESTING.—

12 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The UBO shall ensure
13 that testing is conducted, in accordance with
14 paragraph (5), for at least half the boxers par-
15 ticipating in each covered match organized by
16 such UBO for an event.

17 “(B) TIMING.—Testing required under
18 subparagraph (A) shall—

19 “(i) occur during the period beginning
20 on the date of a weigh-in for a covered
21 match and ending on the date of the
22 match; and

23 “(ii) determine whether a boxer is
24 positive or negative for each substance pro-
25 hibited by—

1 “(I) the boxing commission of the
2 State in which the match is held; or

3 “(II) in the case of a covered
4 match held within a reservation (as
5 defined by section 21), the tribal orga-
6 nization (as defined by section 21 and
7 that meets the requirements of section
8 21) regulating the match.

9 “(3) NO-NOTICE TESTING.—In addition to the
10 testing required under paragraph (2), during the pe-
11 riod in which a boxer is under contract with a UBO,
12 the UBO may conduct testing, with no advance no-
13 tice to the boxer and in accordance with paragraph
14 (5), to determine whether such boxer is positive or
15 negative for each substance prohibited by the UBO.

16 “(4) SUBSTANCES PROHIBITED BY UBO.—The
17 UBO shall prohibit each substance prohibited as de-
18 scribed in subclause (I) of clause (ii) of section
19 7(a)(5)(B) (or, if no substance is so prohibited, each
20 substance listed as described in subclause (II) of
21 such clause), except that the UBO may elect to not
22 test a boxer participating in a covered match for any
23 substance that is not prohibited by the boxing com-
24 mission of the State in which the match is being

1 held or the tribal organization described in para-
2 graph (2)(B)(ii)(II) that is regulating the match.”

3 “(5) ADMINISTRATION OF TESTS.—An inde-
4 pendent third-party shall conduct the testing under
5 paragraphs (2) and (3), which shall include—

6 “(A) carrying out each such test;

7 “(B) determining the result of each such
8 test; and

9 “(C) reporting a positive result of such a
10 test to—

11 “(i) the UBO concerned;

12 “(ii) the boxing commission of the
13 State in which a covered match is held or
14 the tribal organization regulating the
15 match; and

16 “(iii) the Association of Boxing Com-
17 missions.

18 “(6) PENALTIES.—

19 “(A) IN GENERAL.—A UBO shall imple-
20 ment any penalty decided—

21 “(i) with respect to a positive test re-
22 sult related to the testing conducted under
23 paragraph (2), by—

24 “(I) the boxing commission of the
25 State in which a covered match is held

1 or the tribal organization regulating
2 the match; or

3 “(II) the Association of Boxing
4 Commissions; and

5 “(ii) with respect to a positive test re-
6 sult related to the testing conducted under
7 paragraph (3), by the independent third-
8 party conducting such testing.

9 “(B) ASSESSMENT FOR PENALTIES.—In
10 imposing a penalty on a boxer for whom the
11 independent third-party reports a positive test
12 result under paragraph (2) or (3), the boxing
13 commission, the Association of Boxing Commis-
14 sions, or the independent third-party described
15 in subparagraph (A) shall consider—

16 “(i) the seriousness of the positive
17 test result in relation to the participation
18 of the boxer in a covered match; and

19 “(ii) the degree to which the boxer is
20 at fault for the positive test result.

21 “(7) CONTRACT REQUIREMENT.—A UBO shall
22 include in any contract entered into between the
23 UBO and a boxer regarding participation in covered
24 matches such terms and conditions as may be nec-
25 essary to require the boxer to submit to testing

1 under this subsection during the period of the con-
2 tract.

3 “(f) REQUIRED CONTRACT PROVISIONS.—In addition
4 to the requirements described in subsection (e)(7), a con-
5 tract between a UBO and a boxer shall meet each of the
6 following requirements:

7 “(1) During the 30-day period ending on the
8 last day of such contract, the boxer may not be pro-
9 hibited from communicating with another UBO or a
10 promoter.

11 “(2) Such contract shall—

12 “(A) specify the minimum payment that
13 such boxer will receive for participating in a
14 round of a boxing match, which shall be at least
15 \$200 per round; and

16 “(B)(i) arrange that such boxer fight in a
17 minimum of 1 boxing match every 6 months; or

18 “(ii) ensure that such boxer is paid an
19 amount that is not less than 10 times the min-
20 imum payment for such boxer for 1 round as
21 specified pursuant to subparagraph (A), except
22 that this clause shall not apply if an injury pre-
23 vents the boxer from fighting and the boxer is
24 collecting insurance for such injury pursuant to
25 subsection (d)(2), or the boxer refuses or is oth-

1 erwise unable to fight for reasons beyond the
2 control of the UBO, including inability of the
3 boxer to travel or the boxer’s failure to main-
4 tain relevant licensure.

5 “(3) Such contract may not exceed 6 years.

6 “(g) BOXING CONDUCT POLICY.—

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A condition of this section
8 is that a UBO implements and ensures compliance
9 with a comprehensive boxing conduct policy that
10 prohibits a boxer, or any covered individual, who is
11 directly involved with or participates in a covered
12 match from—

13 “(A) placing a bet or wager, directly or
14 through a third party, on the match; and

15 “(B) sharing non-public information with a
16 third party that is material to the performance
17 of a boxer participating in the match or the
18 outcome of the match for the purpose of assist-
19 ing the third party in placing a bet or wager on
20 the match.

21 “(2) COMPLIANCE.—A UBO shall implement
22 and ensure compliance with procedures for moni-
23 toring and enforcing compliance with the boxing
24 conduct policy implemented under paragraph (1).

1 “(3) COVERED INDIVIDUAL DEFINED.—In this
2 subsection, the term ‘covered individual’ means, with
3 respect to a boxer who participates in a covered
4 match, any of the following:

5 “(A) An adult living in the same household
6 as the boxer.

7 “(B) A coach, manager, or athletic trainer
8 of the boxer.

9 “(C) A physician or other medical profes-
10 sional who provides services to the boxer.

11 “(D) An employee, officer, or director of
12 the UBO concerned.

13 “(E) An agent of any such person who is
14 directly involved with or participates in a cov-
15 ered match.

16 “(h) CONFLICTS OF INTEREST.—A condition of this
17 section is that a UBO implements prohibitions against the
18 officers or employees of the UBO, or any representative
19 of the UBO, engaging in any of the following:

20 “(1) Any direct or indirect financial interest in
21 the management of a boxer in relation to the partici-
22 pation of the boxer in a covered match.

23 “(2) Employment of, or making a payment to,
24 a manager who represents a boxer who participates
25 in a covered match, except—

1 “(A) when the boxer acts as the boxer’s
2 own manager; or

3 “(B) for any consideration paid by the
4 UBO to the manager under the contract be-
5 tween the manager and the boxer.

6 “(3) Receiving or requesting from a boxer the
7 payment of a fee related to—

8 “(A) the ranking of the boxer; and

9 “(B) the participation of the boxer in a
10 covered match—

11 “(i) including any fee related to a
12 boxer participating in a covered match in
13 which the boxer will be challenging a
14 champion or defending a championship, in-
15 cluding any award; and

16 “(ii) excluding any cost related to a
17 boxer reimbursing a UBO for reasonable
18 expenses incurred by the UBO on behalf of
19 the boxer in relation to the participation of
20 the boxer in a covered match, including
21 any medical expense and travel expense.

22 “(i) BOXING COMMISSIONS.—

23 “(1) PROHIBITION.—A condition of this section
24 is that a covered match may not be held—

1 “(A) in a State without a boxing commis-
2 sion; or

3 “(B) within a reservation (as defined by
4 section 21) under the jurisdiction of a tribal or-
5 ganization (as defined by section 21) that does
6 not meet the requirements of section 21.

7 “(2) JUDGES AND REFEREES.—A condition of
8 this section is that a UBO meets the requirements
9 of section 16.

10 “(j) FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2), a
12 condition of this section is that a UBO is financially
13 responsible for the costs of meeting the requirements
14 of section 5 and the conditions of this section.

15 “(2) COST OF ANY DEDUCTIBLE.— The cost of
16 any deductible for any health insurance required to
17 be provided by the UBO for a boxer shall be the fi-
18 nancial responsibility of the boxer.

19 “(k) FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION FILING.—

20 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A condition of this section
21 is that, on the date in which a UBO intends to claim
22 status as a UBO for purposes of this section, the
23 UBO submits to the Federal Trade Commission and
24 to the Association of Boxing Commissions informa-
25 tion regarding the UBO, including the following:

1 “(A) The State in which the UBO is incor-
2 porated.

3 “(B) The business address of the UBO.

4 “(C) The website of the UBO.

5 “(2) **FORMAT; UPDATES.**—To meet the condi-
6 tion of this subsection, the UBO shall—

7 “(A) provide the information described in
8 paragraph (1) in—

9 “(i) writing; and

10 “(ii) for any document greater than 2
11 pages in length, electronic form; and

12 “(B) promptly notify the Federal Trade
13 Commission of any material change in the in-
14 formation submitted.

15 “(3) **FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION TO MAKE**
16 **INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO PUBLIC.**—The Federal
17 Trade Commission—

18 “(A) shall make information received
19 under this subsection available to the public;
20 and

21 “(B) may assess the UBO a fee to offset
22 the costs the Commission incurs in processing
23 the information and in making the information
24 available to the public.

1 “(4) INTERNET ALTERNATIVE.—In lieu of sub-
2 mitting the information described in paragraph (1)
3 to the Federal Trade Commission, a UBO may pro-
4 vide the information to the public by maintaining a
5 website on the internet that meets the following re-
6 quirements:

7 “(A) Is readily accessible by the general
8 public using generally available search engines.

9 “(B) For full access to the information,
10 does not require a password or payment of a
11 fee.

12 “(C) Contains the information described in
13 paragraph (1) in a format that is easy to search
14 and use.

15 “(D) Is updated when there is a material
16 change in the information.

17 “(1) RELATIONSHIP WITH STATE LAW.—Nothing in
18 this section shall prohibit a State from adopting or enforce-
19 ing supplemental laws or regulations not inconsistent with
20 this section, or criminal, civil, or administrative fines for
21 violations of such laws or regulations.”.

22 (b) ENFORCEMENT.—Section 18(b) of the Profes-
23 sional Boxing Safety Act of 1996 (15 U.S.C. 6309(b)) is
24 amended by adding at the end the following:

1 “(5) UNIFIED BOXING ORGANIZATIONS.—Any
2 officer or employee of a unified boxing organization
3 who willfully and knowingly violates, or coerces or
4 causes any other person to violate, section 24 shall,
5 upon conviction, be imprisoned for not more than 1
6 year or fined not more than \$20,000, or both.”.

7 (c) DEFINITIONS.—Section 2 of the Professional
8 Boxing Safety Act of 1996 (15 U.S.C. 6301) is amend-
9 ed—

10 (1) by striking paragraph (7) and inserting the
11 following:

12 “(7) PHYSICIAN.—The term ‘physician’ means
13 a doctor of medicine, with a degree of Doctor of
14 Medicine or Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine, who is
15 legally authorized to practice medicine by the State
16 in which the physician performs such function or ac-
17 tion.”; and

18 (2) by adding at the end the following:

19 “(16) UNIFIED BOXING ORGANIZATION.—The
20 term ‘unified boxing organization’ or ‘UBO’ means
21 an association, a league, or a centralized industry
22 organization in the private sector that—

23 “(A) organizes a professional boxing match
24 in a system in which a boxer under contract
25 with such association, league, or centralized in-

1 industry organization competes against another
2 such boxer pursuant to unified rules; and

3 “(B) without reliance on a sanctioning or-
4 ganization operating independently of such as-
5 sociation, league, or centralized industry organi-
6 zation, implements a system for title belts and
7 ranking for boxers under contract with such as-
8 sociation, league, or centralized industry organi-
9 zation.”.

10 **SEC. 4. BOXING INDUSTRY STANDARDS.**

11 (a) **BOXER SAFETY AND INDUSTRY STANDARDS.**—
12 Section 5 of the Professional Boxing Safety Act of 1996
13 (15 U.S.C. 6304) is amended—

14 (1) in the section heading, by inserting “**AND**
15 **INDUSTRY**” after “**SAFETY**”;

16 (2) in the matter preceding paragraph (1)—

17 (A) by striking “No person” and inserting
18 the following:

19 “(a) **HEALTH AND SAFETY OF BOXERS.**—No per-
20 son”; and

21 (B) by inserting “, at a minimum,” after
22 “that provides”;

23 (3) in subsection (a), as so designated—

24 (A) by amending paragraph (1) to read as
25 follows:

1 “(1) PHYSICAL EXAMINATION.—

2 “(A) IN GENERAL.—A physical examina-
3 tion of each boxer by a physician certifying
4 whether or not the boxer is physically fit to
5 safely compete, copies of which shall be pro-
6 vided to the boxing commission by such physi-
7 cian.

8 “(B) MINIMAL MEDICAL REQUIRE-
9 MENTS.—

10 “(i) IN GENERAL.—A physician may
11 certify as required under subparagraph (A)
12 only if the examinations described in clause
13 (iii) are conducted, which examinations
14 shall be valid only for the amount of time
15 prior to a match indicated in such table.

16 “(ii) VALIDITY.—No examination
17 shall be valid unless it is conducted by a
18 physician, in person, and includes a writ-
19 ten opinion that the result of such exam-
20 ination does not contraindicate that a
21 boxer is able to compete safely.

22 “(iii) REQUIRED EXAMINATIONS.—
23 The examinations described in this clause
24 are those set forth in the following table:

“Required examinations	Validity
Complete physical examination, including blood work	1 year
Dilated eye examination	1 year
Heart examinations (Electrocardiogram, and for a boxer aged 40 years or older, a stress test)	1 year
Antibody tests (Negative Human Immunodeficiency Virus antibody, Hepatitis B antigen, and Hepatitis C antibody)	6 months
Brain health examinations (For a boxer aged 40 years or older, a magnetic resonance image (MRI) scan and a magnetic resonance angiography (MRA) of the brain; for a boxer under age 40, an MRI of the brain or neurologic examination conducted by a neurologist)	1 year
In the case of a female fighter, a pregnancy test	14 days”;

1 (B) in paragraph (2)—

2 (i) by striking “Except” and inserting

3 “AMBULANCE; EQUIPMENT.—Except”; and

4 (ii) by striking “an ambulance or

5 medical personnel” and inserting “an am-

6 bulance and medical personnel”;

7 (C) by amending paragraph (3) to read as

8 follows:

9 “(3) PHYSICIAN.—A physician continuously

10 present at ringside who, beginning on the date that

11 is 2 years after the date of enactment of the Mu-

12 hammad Ali American Boxing Revival Act of 2026,

13 shall have a certification obtained through a certifi-

14 cation program administered by the Association of

15 Boxing Commissions in partnership with the Asso-

16 ciation of Ring-side Physicians, or any successor or-

17 ganization.”; and

1 (D) by amending paragraph (4) to read as
2 follows:

3 “(4) INSURANCE.—For each boxer, health in-
4 surance that—

5 “(A) provides a minimum of \$50,000 in
6 medical coverage for any injuries sustained in
7 the match and \$15,000 in accidental death cov-
8 erage for any fatality arising from such match;
9 and

10 “(B) with respect to any premium, is not
11 the financial responsibility of the boxer.”;

12 (4) by adding after subsection (a), as des-
13 igned by paragraph (2) of this subsection, the fol-
14 lowing:

15 “(b) MINIMUM PAYMENT TO BOXERS.—A promoter
16 or unified boxing organization shall pay a minimum of
17 \$200 to each boxer for each round in a match in which
18 the boxer participates.”; and

19 (5) by adding at the end the following:

20 “(c) SIMPLIFICATION OF TITLES.—

21 “(1) SINGULAR TITLES.—A sanctioning organi-
22 zation or unified boxing organization shall award
23 only 1 championship title for each weight class.

24 “(2) INTERIM TITLES.—A sanctioning organiza-
25 tion or unified boxing organization may not award

1 an interim championship title except in the case of
2 an injury or illness to a reigning titleholder, refusal
3 or inability by the reigning title holder to defend his
4 title, or for reasons beyond the control of the boxer,
5 including inability to travel.”.

6 (b) REVIEW.—Section 7 of the Professional Boxing
7 Safety Act of 1996 (15 U.S.C. 6306) is amended—

8 (1) subsection (a) is amended by adding at the
9 end the following:

10 “(5) Procedures to ensure that—

11 “(A) drug tests shall be administered—

12 “(i) for any title match; and

13 “(ii) at random for all other matches;

14 and

15 “(B) such drug tests shall screen, at a
16 minimum, for—

17 “(i) if the boxing commission with ju-
18 risdiction over the match (or the tribal or-
19 ganization (as defined in section 21) that
20 is regulating the match) prohibits the use
21 of one or more substances, each substance
22 so prohibited; or

23 “(ii) if no substance is prohibited as
24 described in clause (i)—

1 “(I) each substance prohibited by
2 the Association of Boxing Commis-
3 sions; or

4 “(II) if no substance is prohib-
5 ited as described in subclause (I),
6 each substance listed in the most cur-
7 rent edition of ‘The World Anti-
8 Doping Code, The Prohibited List
9 International Standard’ of the World
10 Anti-Doping Agency.”; and

11 (2) by adding at the end the following:

12 “(c) CONSISTENT STANDARDS.—It is the sense of
13 Congress that—

14 “(1) uneven development of standards and
15 practices by boxing commissions (including tribal or-
16 ganizations in compliance with section 21) has en-
17 abled matches that would not have been authorized
18 by boxing commissions with robust standards and
19 practices, and that boxers have been seriously in-
20 jured or killed as a result;

21 “(2) the Association of Boxing Commissions (in
22 this subsection referred to as the ‘ABC’), in partner-
23 ship with the Association of Ringside Physicians, is
24 well-positioned to identify policies and practices most
25 conducive to boxer safety and wellbeing; and

1 “(3) the ABC should, accordingly, publish and
2 maintain—

3 “(A) a model legislative and regulatory
4 code for professional boxing, derived from—

5 “(i) State policies that are most pro-
6 tective of boxers’ safety, health, wellbeing,
7 and economic opportunity;

8 “(ii) rigorous sporting authority
9 guidelines, such as the USA Boxing proto-
10 cols for medical suspension; and

11 “(iii) expert consensus statements
12 from the Association of Ringside Physi-
13 cians and other sports medicine organiza-
14 tions;

15 “(B) best practices recommendations for
16 oversight of professional boxing and implemen-
17 tation of legal duties by boxing commissions;
18 and

19 “(C) an annual report card of boxing com-
20 mission conformance with such model codes and
21 best practices.”.

22 (c) JUDGES AND REFEREES.—Section 16 of the Pro-
23 fessional Boxing Safety Act of 1996 (15 U.S.C. 6307h)
24 is amended to read as follows:

1 **“SEC. 16. JUDGES AND REFEREES.**

2 “No person may arrange, promote, organize, produce,
3 or fight in a professional boxing match unless all referees
4 and judges participating in the match have been certified
5 and approved by—

6 “(1) the boxing commission responsible for reg-
7 ulating the match in the State where the match is
8 held; or

9 “(2) the Association of Boxing Commissions.”.

10 (d) CONFLICTS OF INTEREST.—Section 17(c)(2)(A)
11 of the Professional Boxing Safety Act of 1996 (15 U.S.C.
12 6308(c)(2)(A)) is amended by striking “or reasonable ex-
13 penses in connection therewith”.

14 (e) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—Paragraphs (1) and
15 (3) of section 21(a) of the Professional Boxing Safety Act
16 of 1996 (15 U.S.C. 6312(a)) are amended by striking “25
17 U.S.C. 450b” and inserting “25 U.S.C. 5304”.

18 **SEC. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE AND APPLICATION.**

19 The amendments made by this Act shall take effect
20 on the date of enactment of this Act, and shall apply with
21 respect to boxing matches that take place on or after the
22 date that is 30 days after such date of enactment.