

By: Senator(s) White

To: Public Health and Welfare

SENATE BILL NO. 2793

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 75-75-109, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
 2 TO PROVIDE THAT ATHLETIC COMMISSION MEMBERS OR APPOINTED
 3 INSPECTORS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO ATTEND EVERY WRESTLING EXHIBITION;
 4 TO AMEND SECTION 75-75-119, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE
 5 THE FINE FOR VIOLATING RULES OR REGULATIONS OF THE ATHLETIC
 6 COMMISSION; TO AMEND SECTION 75-75-123, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
 7 TO EXEMPT EVENTS SANCTIONED BY USA AMATEUR BOXING FROM
 8 JURISDICTION OF THE COMMISSION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

10 **SECTION 1.** Section 75-75-109, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
 11 amended as follows:

12 75-75-109. The commission may appoint and remove at
 13 pleasure, such number of inspectors of athletics as in its
 14 judgment is necessary to aid in the proper discharge of its
 15 duties. Compensation may be paid an inspector as the commission
 16 may determine, but he shall be paid, when ordered to attend a
 17 match or exhibition, his actual traveling expenses in the same way
 18 and manner as expenses of members of the commission are paid. It
 19 shall be the duty of the commission, either by one of its members
 20 or by a duly appointed inspector, to attend every boxing,
 21 wrestling or sparring match or exhibition held in the State of
 22 Mississippi. However, it is not required that they attend every
 23 wrestling exhibition. The commission may appoint and remove at
 24 pleasure, a secretary to the commission, who shall perform such
 25 duties as the commission may prescribe, and who shall keep a full,
 26 complete and up-to-date record of all proceedings of said
 27 commission, including all licenses and all sums collected, and
 28 make a report thereof to the State Auditor annually, on or before
 29 the fifteenth day of January in each year.

30 **SECTION 2.** Section 75-75-119, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
31 amended as follows:

32 75-75-119. Any person who shall willfully violate any rule
33 or regulation passed or adopted by the Mississippi Athletic
34 Commission, relating to boxing, sparring or wrestling, on
35 conviction shall be fined not * * * more than Five Hundred Dollars
36 (\$500.00) per violation or, if a competitor, not more than ten
37 percent (10%) of the contract purse per violation.

38 **SECTION 3.** Section 75-75-123, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
39 amended as follows:

40 75-75-123. Amateur boxing, sparring and wrestling matches in
41 colleges, universities or high schools shall be exempted from the
42 jurisdiction of the commission herein created and shall be
43 permitted and supervised by the governing body of such high
44 school, college or university. Events sanctioned by USA Amateur
45 Boxing shall also be exempt.

46 **SECTION 4.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
47 and after July 1, 2005.