

By: Representative Ellington

To: Ways and Means

HOUSE BILL NO. 1499

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 75-75-105, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO INCREASE FROM \$100.00 TO \$500.00 THE FEE IMPOSED BY THE
3 MISSISSIPPI ATHLETIC COMMISSION FOR THE ANNUAL LICENSE OR PERMIT
4 ISSUED BY THE COMMISSION TO A BOXER, WRESTLER, REFEREE, JUDGE,
5 MATCHMAKER, PROMOTER, MANAGER, TRAINER, SECOND, DIRECTOR OR
6 TIMEKEEPER, OF A BOXING, SPARRING OR WRESTLING MATCH UNDER THE
7 JURISDICTION OF THE COMMISSION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

9 **SECTION 1.** Section 75-75-105, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
10 amended as follows:

11 75-75-105. The commission shall have a seal and shall have
12 and is hereby vested with the sole direction, management, control
13 and jurisdiction over all boxing, sparring and wrestling matches
14 or exhibitions to be conducted, held or given within the State of
15 Mississippi.

16 The commission has full power and authority and it shall be
17 its duty:

18 (a) To make and publish rules and regulations governing
19 the conduct of boxing, sparring and wrestling matches and
20 exhibitions, the time and place thereof, and the prices charged
21 for admission thereto;

22 (b) To accept application for and, in its discretion,
23 order a license or permit issued to promoters and participants of
24 these events, and to revoke the license or permit;

25 (c) To collect through the recorder of permits and
26 licenses a fee of six percent (6%) of the gross receipts of every
27 boxing, sparring or wrestling match or exhibition, and a
28 reasonable fee not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for
29 each annual license or permit issued to a boxer, wrestler,

30 referee, judge, matchmaker, promoter, manager, trainer, second,
31 director or timekeeper; and

32 (d) To revoke any license or permit when, in its
33 judgment, the public welfare requires it.

34 The commission is prohibited from issuing regulations which
35 may be construed as granting a franchised or exclusive territory,
36 and from the issuing of any type of monopolistic license or
37 permit.

38 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
39 and after July 1, 2007.