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**BOXING AND WRESTLING  
CONTROL AMENDMENT BILL**

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*(As amended by the Portfolio Committee on Sport and Recreation  
(National Assembly))*

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(MINISTER OF SPORT AND RECREATION)

**[B 37B—98]**

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DIE BEHEER VAN BOKS EN STOEI**

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(d) by the substitution for paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of the following paragraph:

“(b) the **[chairman]** chairperson of each of the **[six]** nine provincial commissions.”; and

(e) by the addition of the following subsection: 5

“(3) The members of the commission shall among their number elect a person to act as a chairperson of the commission, subject to the ratification of such an appointment by the Minister: Provided that the Minister shall appoint such a chairperson if the members fail to elect a chairperson within the period determined by the Minister in writing.” 10

**Amendment of section 5 of Act 39 of 1954, as amended by section 3 of Act 51 of 1973, section 4 of Act 30 of 1988 and section 4 of Act 88 of 1993**

3. Section 5 of the principal Act is hereby amended—

(a) by the substitution in the words preceding paragraph (a) of subsection (1) for the expression “4(1)(a)(ii)” of the expression “4(1)(a)(iii)”; and 15

(b) by the substitution for subsection (3) of the following subsection:

“(3) The members of the commission **[shall receive no remuneration]** may out of the funds of the commission be paid—

(a) annually, such honoraria in respect of their services on the commission **[but]** ; and 20

(b) **[may, out of the funds of the commission, be paid]** such allowances to cover expenses reasonably incurred by them in respect of their attendance of the meetings of the commission or while otherwise engaged on the business of the commission,

as the Minister may determine.” 25

**Amendment of section 7 of Act 39 of 1954, as amended by section 3 of Act 62 of 1980 and section 6 of Act 30 of 1988**

4. Section 7 of the principal Act is hereby amended—

(a) by the deletion at the end of paragraph (o) of the word “and”;

(b) by the addition of the following paragraphs: 30

“(q) to impose a fine not exceeding R50 000 on any boxer, official, trainer, manager or promoter for any contravention of or failure to comply with any provision not referred to in section 23 and to suspend his or her certificate until such fine has been paid; and

(r) to require of any boxer taking part in a tournament in any place outside the Republic to furnish the commission beforehand with full details in writing of the purse money agreed to between such boxer and a promoter and to disclose to the commission any other information relating to the boxer’s participation in a tournament, as the commission may from time to time determine.”; and 35 40

(c) by the addition of the following subsection, the existing section becoming subsection (1):

“(2) The commission shall give written reasons to any person whose rights have been adversely affected by any administrative action of the commission, and shall offer such a person the opportunity of a hearing to show cause why such action should not have been taken.” 45

**Amendment of section 9 of Act 39 of 1954, as amended by section 4 of Act 51 of 1973, section 4 of Act 62 of 1980, section 7 of Act 30 of 1988, section 1 of Act 134 of 1991 and section 6 of Act 88 of 1993**

5. Section 9 of the principal Act is hereby amended by the substitution in subsection (2) for the expression “R2 000” of the expression “R5 000”. 50

**Amendment of section 10 of Act 39 of 1954, as amended by section 8 of Act 30 of 1988**

6. Section 10 of the principal Act is hereby amended by the substitution for subsection (3) of the following subsection: 55

“(3) The Minister may out of moneys appropriated by Parliament for the purpose, advance to the commission such amounts not exceeding in the aggregate **[R10 000]** R100 000 as he or she may deem necessary to enable it to carry out its functions.”.

**Amendment of section 23 of Act 39 of 1954, as substituted by section 10 of Act 62 of 1980 and amended by section 13 of Act 30 of 1988 and section 4 of Act 134 of 1991** 5

7. Section 23 of the principal Act is hereby amended—

- (a) by the substitution in paragraph (i) for the expression “R4 000” of the expression “R10 000”; and
- (b) by the substitution in paragraph (ii) for the expression “R2 000” of the expression “R10 000”. 10

**Short title and commencement**

8. (1) This Act shall be called the Boxing and Wrestling Control Amendment Act, 1998.

(2) Section 2 shall come into operation on a date determined by the President by proclamation in the *Gazette*. 15

## **MEMORANDUM ON THE OBJECTS OF THE BOXING AND WRESTLING CONTROL AMENDMENT BILL, 1998**

It is necessary to amend the Boxing and Wrestling Control Act, 1954 (Act No. 39 of 1954), to make provision for the following:

The definition of Minister (clause 1), is amended in order for Minister to be defined as the Minister "of Sport and Recreation", instead of "for Sport".

Clause 2 makes provision for the expunction of the present chairperson and the additional member of the South African National Boxing Control Commission and for the chairperson of each of the nine provincial boxing commissions to be included as members of the Commission. The members of the Commission shall among their number elect a person to act as chairperson of the Commission, subject to the ratification of such an appointment by the Minister.

Payment of honoraria and allowances to the members of the Commission shall be determined by the Minister (clause 3), to compensate the members for their services and sacrifices in the above regard.

Provision is made for the imposing of a fine not exceeding R50 000 on any boxer, official, trainer, manager or promoter for any contravention of or failure to comply with any provision not already referred to in section 23 of the Act and to suspend the certificate of such person until such fine is paid (clause 4), empowering the Commission with more punitive powers to control boxing. Provision is also made for the control of such powers.

The Commission may require any boxer fighting outside the Republic to furnish the Commission with full details in writing regarding the purse money as well as any other information relating to such fight as the Commission may determine (clause 4), in order to protect the interests of boxers fighting abroad.

Provision is made for the increase of the maximum fine to be prescribed for any contravention of or failure to comply with any regulation (clause 5).

The Minister may advance to the Commission out of money appropriated by Parliament an amount not exceeding R100 000 (as opposed to R10 000 in the Act), as he or she may deem necessary to enable the Commission to carry out its functions (clause 6).

Provision has also been made for heavier penalties not exceeding R10 000 for offences in terms of section 23 of the Act (clause 7).

Save for clause 2, the Bill will come into operation on promulgation in the *Gazette* (clause 8).

### **PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE**

The Department and the State Law Advisers are of the view that this Bill must be dealt with in accordance with the procedure established by section 75 of the Constitution.

### **PERSONS AND BODIES CONSULTED**

- \* The provincial departments of Sport and Recreation
- \* The National Sports Council
- \* The South African National Boxing Control Commission
- \* The provincial boxing control commissions