

# **Professional Boxing Control Bill**

## **EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

### **Outline**

The purpose of the Bill is to upgrade and strengthen controls over professional boxing, to obviate malpractice and to further promote safety standards for professional boxing.

### **Notes on Clauses**

#### **PART I.—PRELIMINARY**

*Clause 1* contains the short title.

*Clause 2* provides for the proclamation of the date or dates of commencement.

*Clause 3* outlines the purpose of the Act.

*Clause 4* provides for the continuation of licences and registrations issued under the *Professional Boxing Control Act 1975*.

*Clause 5* contains interpretations of various terms used in the Act.

#### **PART II. PROFESSIONAL BOXING CONTESTS**

##### **Division 1—Licences and Permits**

*Clause 6* provides for the issue and renewal of licences by the Minister for various classes of participants in the professional boxing industry.

*Clause 7* requires a permit to be obtained by a licensed promoter for a promotion.

*Clause 8* makes it unlawful for a person to act without a licence or permit or in breach of a licence or permit. It also contains exemptions to the licensing requirements.

*Clause 9* provides for conditions to be attached to licences and permits, cancellation and suspension of licences and permits, suspension of licences and disqualification from holding a licence or permit.

##### **Division 2—Registration**

*Clause 10* provides for the registration of professional boxers by the Minister and the conditions for obtaining registration including medical requirements. It also provides for the suspension and cancellation of a boxer's registration.

##### **Division 3—Medical Examination Before Contests**

*Clause 11* deals with the appointment of accredited medical officers for the examination of professional boxers.

*Clause 12* deals with medical examinations of professional boxers before and after contests and provides for the suspension or cancellation of a registration if an unfit boxer engages in a contest.

#### **Division 4—Duties of Promoters**

*Clause 13* deals with the duties of promoters in relation to professional boxing contests together with penalties for breaches of these duties.

#### **Division 5—Professional Boxing Control Board**

*Clause 14* provides for the establishment of the Professional Boxing Control Board and sets out its functions.

### **PART III.—DELEGATION BY MINISTER**

*Clause 15* provides for the delegation of Ministerial powers to the Professional Boxing Control Board or to the Director-General of Sport and Recreation and outlines appeal procedures to the Minister regarding a promoter's licence and a permit for a promotion.

### **PART IV.—REVIEW OF DECISIONS OF MINISTER**

*Clause 16* provides for appeals to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal against decisions of the Minister regarding all licences and permits except for a promoter's licence and a permit for a promotion.

### **PART V.—OFFENCES**

*Clauses 17–21* provide for proceedings for offences against the Act and the use of certificates and copy documents as evidence.

### **PART VI.—REGULATIONS**

*Clause 22* empowers the Governor in Council to make regulations.

### **PART VII.—REPEALS**

*Clause 23* lists the Acts repealed by the Bill.