

Senate Bill 153

By: Senators Henson of the 41st, James of the 35th and Lucas of the 26th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 4B of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to general provisions regarding the Georgia Athletic and Entertainment Commission,
3 so as to revise the method of appointments to the commission; to provide for related matters;
4 to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Article 1 of Chapter 4B of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
8 general provisions regarding the Georgia Athletic and Entertainment Commission, is
9 amended by revising Code Section 43-4B-3, relating to the composition of the commission,
10 as follows:

11 "43-4B-3.

12 (a) ~~The State Boxing Commission~~ Georgia Athletic and Entertainment Commission in
13 existence immediately prior to July 1, ~~2001~~ 2013, is continued in existence subject to the
14 provisions of this chapter. ~~On and after July 1, 2001, the name of such commission shall~~
15 ~~be the Georgia Athletic and Entertainment Commission.~~ The membership of the
16 commission shall continue unchanged except as otherwise expressly provided by this
17 chapter.

18 (b)(1) Beginning on July 1, 2014, the ~~The~~ commission shall be composed of five members
19 appointed ~~by the Governor~~ as follows:

20 (A) The Governor shall appoint three members;

21 (B) The Lieutenant Governor shall appoint one member; and

22 (C) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint one member.

23 (2) One of the initial appointments to the commission by the Governor and the initial
24 appointment to the commission by the Lieutenant Governor shall serve a term of three
25 years. All other initial and subsequent appointments shall be for a term of four years and
26 until their successors are appointed.

27 (3) Two of the initial appointments to the commission and their successors shall have a
 28 minimum of five years' experience in mixed martial arts.

29 ~~Each member of the commission shall be appointed for a term of four years and until his~~
 30 ~~or her successor is appointed.~~

31 (4) Vacancies shall be filled for ~~the~~ unexpired terms under the same procedures and
 32 requirements as appointments for full terms.

33 (c) The commission shall elect a chairperson from among its membership for a term of one
 34 year. The commission may elect a vice chairperson from its membership for a term of one
 35 year. Any member serving as chairperson shall be eligible for successive election to such
 36 office by the commission.

37 (d) The commission's medical advisory panel, appointed by the Governor, shall consist of
 38 four persons licensed to practice medicine in Georgia pursuant to the provisions of Chapter
 39 34 of this title. They shall represent the specialties of neurology, ophthalmology, sports
 40 medicine, and general medicine. The medical advisory panel shall advise and assist the
 41 commission and its staff regarding issues and questions concerning the medical safety of
 42 applicants or licensees, including, but not limited to, matters relating to medical
 43 suspensions. The medical advisory panel may meet separately from the commission to
 44 discuss and formulate recommendations for the commission in connection with medical
 45 safety. Members of the medical advisory panel shall not be counted in determining a
 46 quorum of the commission and shall not vote as commission members.

47 (e) Each member of the commission and the medical advisory panel shall be reimbursed
 48 for expenses and travel as provided for members of various professional licensing boards
 49 in subsection (f) of Code Section 43-1-2."

50 **SECTION 2.**

51 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
 52 without such approval.

53 **SECTION 3.**

54 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.