

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0107

Boxing.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Zwonitzer, Dn., Byrd, Carson and Pedersen

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to boxing; prohibiting boxing and sparring
2 contests except as specified; authorizing city boxing
3 ordinances; establishing requirements for city boxing
4 ordinances; providing a penalty; providing definitions; and
5 providing for an effective date.

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7 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 33-8-121 through 33-8-124 are created
10 to read:

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12 **33-8-121. Definitions.**

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14 (a) As used in this act:

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1 (i) "Boxing or sparring" means boxing, wrestling
2 or any form of competition in which a blow is usually
3 struck which may reasonably be expected to inflict injury
4 including, without limitation, toughman fighting, roughman
5 fighting, bar brawls, ultimate fighting, mixed martial arts
6 and extreme fighting. "Boxing or sparring" does not
7 include amateur wrestling conducted in association with any
8 elementary, secondary or post secondary school;

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10 (ii) "Contest" means any boxing or sparring
11 contest, match or exhibition conducted for an audience.
12 "Contest" does not include any training or practice related
13 to boxing or sparring;

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15 (iii) "This act" means W.S. 33-8-121 through
16 33-8-124.

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18 **33-8-122. Sparring and boxing prohibited; exception.**

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20 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this
21 section, no boxing or sparring contest shall be held in
22 this state unless it is held within the limits of an
23 incorporated city or town which has adopted a boxing
24 ordinance in accordance with this act.

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2 (b) Upon the request of the county commissioners of a
3 county, a boxing or sparring contest may be held in a
4 county outside the limits of an incorporated city or town
5 if a city or town in that county issues a special permit in
6 accordance with the boxing ordinance adopted by the city or
7 town pursuant to this act and the contest is conducted in
8 accordance with all boxing ordinances of that city or town
9 and the provisions of this act.

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11 **33-8-123. City boxing ordinance authorized;**
12 **requirements; city boxing commission.**

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14 (a) An incorporated city or town may adopt a boxing
15 ordinance for the purpose of directing, managing and
16 controlling all boxing and sparring contests within the
17 limits of the city or town.

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19 (b) A boxing ordinance adopted pursuant to subsection
20 (a) of this section shall govern all boxing and sparring
21 contests held within the municipality to help ensure the
22 safety of participants and the audience. The ordinance
23 shall include, without limitation:

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1 (i) Limitations on the length and number of
2 rounds of a boxing and sparring contest;

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4 (ii) Requirements for gloves and other equipment
5 used in the contest;

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7 (iii) A requirement for the examination of the
8 participants in a boxing and sparring contest by a
9 physician licensed in Wyoming;

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11 (iv) Requirements for the use of competent
12 referees;

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14 (v) Requirements for the issuance of a special
15 permit pursuant to W.S. 33-8-122(b); and

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17 (vi) An age limit for audience members not
18 accompanied by a parent or guardian.

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20 (c) An incorporated city or town may establish a
21 boxing commission to enforce a boxing ordinance adopted
22 pursuant to this section.

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24 **33-8-124. Penalty.**

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2 Any person who violates any of the provisions of this act
3 shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by
4 imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, a fine of
5 not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), or
6 both.

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8 **Section 2.** W.S. 15-1-103(a) by creating a new
9 paragraph (li) is amended to read:

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11 **15-1-103. General powers of governing bodies.**

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13 (a) The governing bodies of all cities and towns may:

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15 (li) Adopt a boxing ordinance as provided in
16 W.S. 33-8-123(a) and (b) and may establish a municipal
17 boxing commission as provided in W.S. 33-8-123(c).

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19 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2010.

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