

1 **State of Arkansas**  
2 **79th General Assembly**  
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4 **By: Representative Fairchild**

# **A Bill**

**ACT 1277 OF 1993**  
**HOUSE BILL 1404**

## **For An Act To Be Entitled**

8 *"AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 17-19-204, 17-19-302,*  
9 *17-19-303, AND 17-19-305 CONCERNING THE POWERS AND DUTIES*  
10 *OF THE STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."*

## **Subtitle**

13 *"AN ACT CONCERNING THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE STATE*  
14 *ATHLETIC COMMISSION."*

16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

18 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 17-19-204 is amended to read as follows:*

19 *"17-19-204. (a) The commission shall have the authority to appoint and*  
20 *issue annual licenses to boxers, wrestlers, managers, matchmakers, promoters,*  
21 *referees, physicians, timekeepers, and other persons arranging, participating*  
22 *in, or otherwise dealing in matches and exhibitions regulated by this chapter.*  
23 *Fees for the licenses shall be established by the Commission. All licenses*  
24 *so issued shall expire annually on June 30.*

25 *(b) It shall also have authority to appoint inspectors and other*  
26 *officials necessary to properly conduct the matches, exhibitions, or other*  
27 *performances authorized in this chapter."*

29 *SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 17-19-302 is amended to read as follows:*

30 *"17-19-302. (a) (1) The commission shall permit any patriotic*  
31 *organization chartered by a special act of the Congress of the United States,*  
32 *any chartered civic club, a nonprofit corporation, or part of any such*  
33 *organization to hold matches and exhibitions under the rules and regulations*  
34 *prescribed by the commission.*

35 *(2) The commission shall have no authority to limit the number of*  
36 *organizations or nonprofit organizations which may sponsor athletic matches*

1 and exhibitions in any area of the state, nor to limit or restrict the number  
2 of wrestling organizations or federations promoting or organizing wrestling  
3 matches or exhibitions in the state.

4 (3) If there is no qualified patriotic organization or civic club which  
5 wishes to sponsor such matches and exhibitions in any city or town or area of  
6 the state, the Secretary of State may sponsor these activities in such city,  
7 town, or area.

8 (b) The commission shall have the authority to issue annual licenses to  
9 the boxer, wrestler, manager, matchmaker, promoter, referee, physician, and  
10 timekeeper. Permission shall be given by also granting a license to the  
11 sponsoring unit or to the Secretary of State for a fee of five percent (5%) of  
12 the total gross receipts received from admission charges for each main or  
13 principal exhibition held under authority of this chapter but in no event to  
14 exceed two hundred dollars (\$200) per exhibition.

15 (c) The fees shall be paid by the sponsoring unit or the Secretary of  
16 State to the Secretary of the State Athletic Commission for each main or  
17 principal exhibition held under authority of this chapter. No license shall be  
18 issued to any unit or part of any organization composed of persons under the  
19 age of twenty-one (21) years.

20 (d) Fees for the licenses shall be established by the commission. All  
21 licenses so issued shall expire annually on June 30."

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23 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code 17-19-303 is amended to read as follows:

24 "17-19-303. (a) Any person engaging in wrestling, boxing, sparring,  
25 karate, judo, or any combination thereof, or engaging in the promotion of an  
26 exhibition within this state without first securing a license from the State  
27 Athletic Commission shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon  
28 conviction shall be fined in any sum not less than one thousand dollars  
29 (\$1,000) nor more than two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500).

30 (b) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed so as to apply to  
31 wrestling, boxing, sparring, karate, judo, or any combination thereof in which  
32 all of the contestants are amateurs."

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34 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code 17-19-305 is amended to read as follows:

35 "17-19-305. The State Athletic Commission may, for good cause, refuse

1 to grant a license to any sponsoring unit of such organizations as are  
2 mentioned in this chapter, as well as boxers, wrestlers, managers,  
3 matchmakers, promoters, referees, physicians, and timekeepers, and may, for  
4 good cause, revoke any license granted under authority of this chapter."  
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6 SECTION 5. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature  
7 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
8 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.  
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10 SECTION 6. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
11 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
12 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
13 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
14 act are declared to be severable.  
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16 SECTION 7. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
17 hereby repealed.

18 /s/B. Fairchild

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