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1	PETE SUAZO UTAH ATHLETIC COMMISSION
2	AMENDMENTS
3	2009 GENERAL SESSION
4	STATE OF UTAH
5	Chief Sponsor: Curtis Oda
6	Senate Sponsor: Howard A. Stephenson
7 8	LONG TITLE
9	General Description:
10	This bill makes changes to the Pete Suazo Utah Athletic Commission and eliminates
11	the Utah Sports Authority.
12	Highlighted Provisions:
13	This bill:
14	eliminates the Utah Sports Authority;
15	 removes a provision limiting the number of terms a commissioner may serve;
16	 eliminates the position of secretary of the commission and creates the position of
17	director;
18	► allows the commission to affiliate with a tribal boxing commission or athletic
19	authority;
20	 addresses the licensing of licensees and provides for the commission to make rules
21	concerning license requirements;
22	 allows the commission to establish classifications of officials by rule;
23	removes a provision requiring a licensee to provide a history of the person's
24	matches;
25	makes certain monies nonlapsing;
26	 allows the commission to establish license renewal intervals by rule;
27	addresses the denial of a license;
28	 removes a provision for the transition of license from the Department of
29	Commerce;

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30	 allows the commission to establish fees by rule;
31	 allows the commission to establish weight classes by rule;
32	► allows the commission to permit a contestant to fight another contestant from a
33	different weight class;
34	► allows the commission to establish wait times between contest by rule;
35	 addresses elimination unarmed combat contests; and
36	makes technical changes.
37	Monies Appropriated in this Bill:
38	None
39	Other Special Clauses:
40	This bill provides an effective date.
41	Utah Code Sections Affected:
42	AMENDS:
43	67-22-2, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 86
44	ENACTS:
45	63C-11-203 , Utah Code Annotated 1953
46	63C-11-204 , Utah Code Annotated 1953
47	63C-11-205 , Utah Code Annotated 1953
48	REPEALS AND REENACTS:
49	63C-11-101 , as enacted by Laws of Utah 2007, Chapter 361
50	63C-11-102, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2007, Chapter 361
51	63C-11-201 , as enacted by Laws of Utah 2007, Chapter 361
52	63C-11-202 , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 382
53	63C-11-301, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2007, Chapter 361
54	63C-11-302 , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 382
55	63C-11-303, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2007, Chapter 361

63C-11-304, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 382

63C-11-305, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2007, Chapter 361

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58	63C-11-306, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2007, Chapter 361
59	63C-11-307, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2007, Chapter 361
60	63C-11-308, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 382
61	63C-11-309, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2007, Chapter 361
62	63C-11-310, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 382
63	63C-11-311, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 382
64	63C-11-312, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2007, Chapter 361
65	63C-11-313, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2007, Chapter 361
66	63C-11-314, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2007, Chapter 361
67	63C-11-315, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 382
68	63C-11-316, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 382
69	63C-11-317, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 382
70	63C-11-318 , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 382
71	REPEALS:
72	63C-11-319, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2007, Chapter 361
73	63C-11-320, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2007, Chapter 361
74	63C-11-321, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2007, Chapter 361
75	63C-11-322, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2007, Chapter 361
76	63C-11-323, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2007, Chapter 361
77	63C-11-324, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2007, Chapter 361
78	63C-11-325, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2007, Chapter 361
79	63C-11-326, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2007, Chapter 361
80	Uncodified Material Affected:
81	ENACTS UNCODIFIED MATERIAL
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83	Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
84	Section 1. Section 63C-11-101 is repealed and reenacted to read:
85	CHAPTER 11. PETE SUAZO UTAH ATHLETIC COMMISSION ACT

86	Part 1. General Provisions
87	<u>63C-11-101.</u> Title.
88	This chapter is known as the "Pete Suazo Utah Athletic Commission Act."
89	Section 2. Section 63C-11-102 is repealed and reenacted to read:
90	<u>63C-11-102.</u> Definitions.
91	As used in this chapter:
92	(1) "Bodily injury" is as defined in Section 76-1-601.
93	(2) "Boxing" means the sport of attack and defense using the fist, which is covered by
94	an approved boxing glove.
95	(3) (a) "Club fighting" means any contest of unarmed combat, whether admission is
96	charged or not, where:
97	(i) the rules of the contest are not approved by the commission;
98	(ii) a licensed physician or osteopath approved by the commission is not in
99	attendance;
100	(iii) a correct HIV negative test regarding each contestant has not been provided to the
101	commission;
102	(iv) the contest is not conducted in accordance with commission rules; or
103	(v) the contestants are not matched by the weight standards established in accordance
104	with Section 63C-11-316.
105	(b) "Club fighting" does not include sparring if:
106	(i) it is conducted for training purposes;
107	(ii) no tickets are sold to spectators;
108	(iii) no concessions are available for spectators;
109	(iv) protective clothing, including protective headgear, a mouthguard, and a protective
110	cup, is worn; and
111	(v) for boxing, 16 ounce boxing gloves are worn.
112	(4) "Commission" means the Pete Suazo Utah Athletic Commission created by this
113	chapter.

114	(5) "Contest" means a live match, performance, or exhibition involving two or more
115	persons engaged in unarmed combat.
116	(6) "Contestant" means an individual who participates in a contest.
117	(7) "Designated commission member" means a member of the commission designated
118	<u>to:</u>
119	(a) attend and supervise a particular contest; and
120	(b) act on the behalf of the commission at a contest venue.
121	(8) "Director" means the director appointed by the commission.
122	(9) "Elimination unarmed combat contest" means a contest where:
123	(a) a number of contestants participate in a tournament;
124	(b) the duration is not more than 48 hours; and
125	(c) the loser of each contest is eliminated from further competition.
126	(10) "Exhibition" means an engagement in which the participants show or display
127	their skills without necessarily striving to win.
128	(11) "Judge" means an individual qualified by training or experience to:
129	(a) rate the performance of contestants;
130	(b) score a contest; and
131	(c) determine with other judges whether there is a winner of the contest or whether the
132	contestants performed equally, resulting in a draw.
133	(12) "Licensee" means an individual licensed by the commission to act as a:
134	(a) contestant;
135	(b) judge;
136	(c) manager;
137	(d) promoter;
138	(e) referee;
139	(f) second; or
140	(g) other official established by the commission by rule.
141	(13) "Manager" means an individual who represents a contestant for the purpose of:

142	(a) obtaining a contest for a contestant;
143	(b) negotiating terms and conditions of the contract under which the contestant will
144	engage in a contest; or
145	(c) arranging for a second for the contestant at a contest.
146	(14) "Promoter" means a person who engages in producing or staging contests and
147	promotions.
148	(15) "Promotion" means a single contest or a combination of contests that:
149	(a) occur during the same time and at the same location; and
150	(b) is produced or staged by a promoter.
151	(16) "Purse" means any money, prize, remuneration, or any other valuable
152	consideration a contestant receives or may receive for participation in a contest.
153	(17) "Referee" means an individual qualified by training or experience to act as the
154	official attending a contest at the point of contact between contestants for the purpose of:
155	(a) enforcing the rules relating to the contest;
156	(b) stopping the contest in the event the health, safety, and welfare of a contestant or
157	any other person in attendance at the contest is in jeopardy; and
158	(c) acting as a judge if so designated by the commission.
159	(18) "Round" means one of a number of individual time periods that, taken together,
160	constitute a contest during which contestants are engaged in a form of unarmed combat.
161	(19) "Second" means an individual who attends a contestant at the site of the contest
162	before, during, and after the contest in accordance with contest rules.
163	(20) "Serious bodily injury" is as defined in Section 76-1-601.
164	(21) "Total gross receipts" means the amount of the face value of all tickets sold to a
165	particular contest plus any sums received as consideration for holding the contest at a
166	particular location.
167	(22) "Ultimate fighting" means a live contest, whether or not an admission fee is
168	charged, in which:
169	(a) contest rules permit contestants to use a combination of boxing, kicking, wrestling,

170	hitting, punching, or other combative contact techniques;
171	(b) contest rules incorporate a formalized system of combative techniques against
172	which a contestant's performance is judged to determine the prevailing contestant;
173	(c) contest rules divide nonchampionship contests into three equal and specified
174	rounds of no more than five minutes per round with a rest period of one minute between each
175	round;
176	(d) contest rules divide championship contests into five equal and specified rounds of
177	no more than five minutes per round with a rest period of one minute between each round; and
178	(e) contest rules prohibit contestants from:
179	(i) using anything that is not part of the human body, except for boxing gloves, to
180	intentionally inflict serious bodily injury upon an opponent through direct contact or the
181	expulsion of a projectile;
182	(ii) striking a person who demonstrates an inability to protect himself from the
183	advances of an opponent;
184	(iii) biting; or
185	(iv) direct, intentional, and forceful strikes to the eyes, groin area, Adam's apple area
186	of the neck, and the rear area of the head and neck.
187	(23) (a) "Unarmed combat" means boxing or any other form of competition in which a
188	blow is usually struck which may reasonably be expected to inflict bodily injury.
189	(b) "Unarmed combat" does not include a competition or exhibition between
190	participants in which the participants engage in simulated combat for entertainment purposes.
191	(24) "Unlawful conduct" means organizing, promoting, or participating in a contest
192	which involves contestants that are not licensed under this chapter.
193	(25) "Unprofessional conduct" means:
194	(a) entering into a contract for a contest in bad faith;
195	(b) participating in any sham or fake contest;
196	(c) participating in a contest pursuant to a collusive understanding or agreement in
197	which the contestant competes in or terminates the contest in a manner that is not based upon

198	honest competition or the honest exhibition of the skill of the contestant;
199	(d) engaging in an act or conduct that is detrimental to a contest, including any foul or
200	unsportsmanlike conduct in connection with a contest;
201	(e) failing to comply with any limitation, restriction, or condition placed on a license;
202	(f) striking of a downed opponent by a contestant while the contestant remains on the
203	contestant's feet, unless the designated commission member or director has exempted the
204	contest and each contestant from the prohibition on striking a downed opponent before the
205	start of the contest;
206	(g) after entering the ring or contest area, penetrating an area within four feet of an
207	opponent by a contestant, manager, or second before the commencement of the contest; or
208	(h) as further defined by rules made by the commission under Title 63G, Chapter 3,
209	<u>Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.</u>
210	(26) "White-collar contest" means a contest conducted at a training facility where no
211	alcohol is served in which:
212	(a) for boxing:
213	(i) neither contestant is or has been a licensed contestant in any state or an amateur
214	registered with USA Boxing, Inc.;
215	(ii) no cash prize, or other prize valued at greater than \$35, is awarded;
216	(iii) protective clothing, including protective headgear, a mouthguard, a protective
217	cup, and for a female contestant a chestguard, is worn;
218	(iv) 16 ounce boxing gloves are worn;
219	(v) the contest is no longer than three rounds of no longer than three minutes each;
220	(vi) no winner or loser is declared or recorded; and
221	(vii) the contestants do not compete in a cage; and
222	(b) for ultimate fighting:
223	(i) neither contestant is or has been a licensed contestant in any state or an amateur
224	registered with USA Boxing, Inc.;
225	(ii) no cash prize, or other prize valued at greater than \$35, is awarded:

226	(iii) protective clothing, including a protective mouthguard and a protective cup, is
227	worn;
228	(iv) downward elbow strikes are not allowed;
229	(v) a contestant is not allowed to stand and strike a downed opponent;
230	(vi) a closed-hand blow to the head is not allowed while either contestant is on the
231	ground;
232	(vii) the contest is no longer than three rounds of no longer than three minutes each;
233	<u>and</u>
234	(viii) no winner or loser is declared or recorded.
235	Section 3. Section 63C-11-201 is repealed and reenacted to read:
236	Part 2. Commission
237	63C-11-201. Commission Creation Appointments Terms Expenses
238	Quorum.
239	(1) There is created within the Governor's Office of Economic Development the Pete
240	Suazo Utah Athletic Commission consisting of five members.
241	(2) (a) The governor shall appoint three commission members.
242	(b) The president of the Senate and the speaker of the House of Representatives shall
243	each appoint one commission member.
244	(c) The commission members may not be licensees under this chapter.
245	(d) A member of the commission serving on June 30, 2009, shall continue as a
246	member of the commission until the expiration of the member's term then existing, or until the
247	expiration of any subsequent term to which the member is appointed.
248	(3) (a) Except as required by Subsection (3)(b), as terms of current members expire,
249	the governor, president, or speaker, respectively, shall appoint each new member or
250	reappointed member to a four-year term.
251	(b) The governor shall, at the time of appointment or reappointment, adjust the length
252	of the governor's appointees' terms to ensure that the terms of members are staggered so that
253	approximately half of the commission is appointed every two years.

254	(c) When a vacancy occurs in the membership for any reason, the replacement shall be
255	appointed for the unexpired term.
256	(d) If a commission member fails or refuses to fulfill the responsibilities and duties of
257	a commission member, including the attendance at commission meetings, the governor,
258	president, or speaker, respectively, with the approval of the commission, may remove the
259	commission member and replace the member in accordance with this section.
260	(4) (a) A majority of the commission members constitutes a quorum.
261	(b) A majority of a quorum is sufficient authority for the commission to act.
262	(5) (a) (i) Members who are not government employees shall receive no compensation
263	or benefits for their services, but may receive per diem and expenses incurred in the
264	performance of the members' official duties at the rates established by the Division of Finance
265	under Sections 63A-3-106 and 63A-3-107.
266	(ii) Members may decline to receive per diem and expenses for their service.
267	(b) (i) State government officer and employee members who do not receive salary, per
268	diem, or expenses from their agency for their service may receive per diem and expenses
269	incurred in the performance of their official duties at the rates established by the Division of
270	Finance under Sections 63A-3-106 and 63A-3-107.
271	(ii) State government officer and employee members may decline to receive per diem
272	and expenses for their service.
273	(6) The commission shall annually designate one of its members to serve as chair for a
274	one-year period.
275	Section 4. Section 63C-11-202 is repealed and reenacted to read:
276	63C-11-202. Commission powers and duties.
277	(1) The commission shall:
278	(a) purchase and use a seal;
279	(b) adopt rules for the administration of this chapter in accordance with Title 63G,
280	Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act;
281	(c) prepare all forms of contracts between sponsors, licensees, promoters, and

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282	contestants; and
283	(d) hold hearings relating to matters under its jurisdiction, including violations of this
284	chapter or rules made under this chapter.
285	(2) The commission may subpoena witnesses, take evidence, and require the
286	production of books, papers, documents, records, contracts, recordings, tapes, correspondence,
287	or other information relevant to an investigation if the commission or its designee considers it
288	necessary.
289	Section 5. Section 63C-11-203 is enacted to read:
290	63C-11-203. Commission director.
291	(1) The commission shall employ a director, who may not be a member of the
292	commission, to conduct the commission's business.
293	(2) The director serves at the pleasure of the commission.
294	Section 6. Section 63C-11-204 is enacted to read:
295	<u>63C-11-204.</u> Inspectors.
296	(1) The commission may appoint one or more official representatives to be designated
297	as inspectors, who shall serve at the pleasure of the commission.
298	(2) Each inspector must receive from the commission a card authorizing that inspector
299	to act as an inspector for the commission.
300	(3) An inspector may not promote or sponsor any contest.
301	(4) Each inspector may receive a fee approved by the commission for the performance
302	of duties under this chapter.

304 <u>63C-11-205.</u> Affiliation with other commissions.
 305 <u>The commission may affiliate with any other state, tribal, or national boxing</u>
 306 <u>commission or athletic authority.</u>
 307 Section 8. Section 63C-11-301 is repealed and reenacted to read:
 308 <u>Part 3. Contests</u>
 309 <u>63C-11-301.</u> Licensing.

Section 7. Section **63C-11-205** is enacted to read:

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310	(1) A license is required for a person to act as or to represent that the person is:
311	(a) a promoter;
312	(b) a manager;
313	(c) a contestant;
314	(d) a second;
315	(e) a referee;
316	(f) a judge; or
317	(g) another official established by the commission by rule.
318	(2) The commission shall issue to a person who qualifies under this chapter a license
319	in the classifications of:
320	(a) promoter;
321	(b) manager;
322	(c) contestant;
323	(d) second;
324	(e) referee;
325	(f) judge; or
326	(g) another official who meets the requirements established by rule under Subsection
327	(1)(g).
328	(3) (a) All monies collected pursuant to this section and Sections 63C-11-304,
329	63C-11-307, 63C-11-310, and 63C-11-313 shall be retained as dedicated credits to pay for
330	commission expenses.
331	(b) All monies available to the commission under Subsection (3)(a) to pay for
332	commission expenses are nonlapsing for fiscal year 2009-10 only.
333	(4) Each applicant for licensure as a promoter shall:
334	(a) submit an application in a form prescribed by the commission;
335	(b) pay the fee determined by the commission under Section 63J-1-303;
336	(c) provide to the commission evidence of financial responsibility, which shall include
337	financial statements and other information that the commission may reasonably require to

338	determine that the applicant or licensee is able to competently perform as and meet the
339	obligations of a promoter in this state;
340	(d) make assurances that the applicant:
341	(i) is not engaging in illegal gambling with respect to sporting events or gambling with
342	respect to the promotions the applicant is promoting;
343	(ii) has not been found in a criminal or civil proceeding to have engaged in or
344	attempted to engage in any fraud or misrepresentation in connection with a contest or any
345	other sporting event; and
346	(iii) has not been found in a criminal or civil proceeding to have violated or attempted
347	to violate any law with respect to a contest in any jurisdiction or any law, rule, or order
348	relating to the regulation of contests in this state or any other jurisdiction;
349	(e) acknowledge in writing to the commission receipt, understanding, and intent to
350	comply with this chapter and the rules made under this chapter; and
351	(f) if requested by the commission or the director, meet with the commission or the
352	director to examine the applicant's qualifications for licensure.
353	(5) Each applicant for licensure as a contestant shall:
354	(a) be not less than 18 years of age at the time the application is submitted to the
355	commission;
356	(b) submit an application in a form prescribed by the commission;
357	(c) pay the fee established by the commission under Section 63J-1-303;
358	(d) provide a certificate of physical examination, dated not more than 60 days prior to
359	the date of application for licensure, in a form provided by the commission, completed by a
360	licensed physician and surgeon certifying that the applicant is free from any physical or mental
361	condition that indicates the applicant should not engage in activity as a contestant;
362	(e) make assurances that the applicant:
363	(i) is not engaging in illegal gambling with respect to sporting events or gambling with
364	respect to a contest in which the applicant will participate;
365	(ii) has not been found in a criminal or civil proceeding to have engaged in or

366	attempted to have engaged in any fraud or misrepresentation in connection with a contest or
367	any other sporting event; and
368	(iii) has not been found in a criminal or civil proceeding to have violated or attempted
369	to violate any law with respect to contests in any jurisdiction or any law, rule, or order relating
370	to the regulation of contests in this state or any other jurisdiction;
371	(g) acknowledge in writing to the commission receipt, understanding, and intent to
372	comply with this chapter and the rules made under this chapter; and
373	(h) if requested by the commission or the director, meet with the commission or the
374	director to examine the applicant's qualifications for licensure.
375	(6) Each applicant for licensure as a manager or second shall:
376	(a) submit an application in a form prescribed by the commission;
377	(b) pay a fee determined by the commission under Section 63J-1-303;
378	(c) make assurances that the applicant:
379	(i) is not engaging in illegal gambling with respect to sporting events or gambling with
380	respect to a contest in which the applicant is participating;
381	(ii) has not been found in a criminal or civil proceeding to have engaged in or
382	attempted to have engaged in any fraud or misrepresentation in connection with a contest or
383	any other sporting event; and
384	(iii) has not been found in a criminal or civil proceeding to have violated or attempted
385	to violate any law with respect to a contest in any jurisdiction or any law, rule, or order
386	relating to the regulation of contests in this state or any other jurisdiction;
387	(d) acknowledge in writing to the commission receipt, understanding, and intent to
388	comply with this chapter and the rules made under this chapter; and
389	(e) if requested by the commission or director, meet with the commission or the
390	director to examine the applicant's qualifications for licensure.
391	(7) Each applicant for licensure as a referee or judge shall:
392	(a) submit an application in a form prescribed by the commission;
393	(b) pay a fee determined by the commission under Section 63J-1-303;

394	(c) make assurances that the applicant:
395	(i) is not engaging in illegal gambling with respect to sporting events or gambling with
396	respect to a contest in which the applicant is participating;
397	(ii) has not been found in a criminal or civil proceeding to have engaged in or
398	attempted to have engaged in any fraud or misrepresentation in connection with a contest or
399	any other sporting event; and
400	(iii) has not been found in a criminal or civil proceeding to have violated or attempted
401	to violate any law with respect to contests in any jurisdiction or any law, rule, or order relating
402	to the regulation of contests in this state or any other jurisdiction;
403	(d) acknowledge in writing to the commission receipt, understanding, and intent to
404	comply with this chapter and the rules made under this chapter;
405	(e) provide evidence satisfactory to the commission that the applicant is qualified by
406	training and experience to competently act as a referee or judge in a contest; and
407	(f) if requested by the commission or the director, meet with the commission or the
408	director to examine the applicant's qualifications for licensure.
409	(8) The commission may make rules concerning the requirements for a license under
410	this chapter, that deny a license to an applicant for the violation of a crime that, in the
411	commission's determination, would have a material affect on the integrity of a contest held
412	under this chapter.
413	(9) (a) A licensee serves at the pleasure, and under the direction, of the commission
414	while participating in any way at a contest.
415	(b) A licensee's license may be suspended, or a fine imposed, if the licensee does not
416	follow the commission's direction at an event or contest.
417	Section 9. Section 63C-11-302 is repealed and reenacted to read:
418	63C-11-302. Term of license Expiration Renewal.
419	(1) The commission shall issue each license under this chapter in accordance with a
420	renewal cycle established by rule.
421	(2) At the time of renewal, the licensee shall show satisfactory evidence of compliance

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422	with renewal requirements established by rule by the commission.
423	(3) Each license automatically expires on the expiration date shown on the license
424	unless the licensee renews it in accordance with the rules established by the commission.
425	Section 10. Section 63C-11-303 is repealed and reenacted to read:
426	63C-11-303. Grounds for denial of license Disciplinary proceedings
427	Reinstatement.
428	(1) The commission shall refuse to issue a license to an applicant and shall refuse to
429	renew or shall revoke, suspend, restrict, place on probation, or otherwise act upon the license
430	of a licensee who does not meet the qualifications for licensure under this chapter.
431	(2) The commission may refuse to issue a license to an applicant and may refuse to
432	renew or may revoke, suspend, restrict, place on probation, issue a public or private reprimand
433	to, or otherwise act upon the license of any licensee if:
434	(a) the applicant or licensee has engaged in unlawful or unprofessional conduct, as
435	defined by statute or rule under this chapter;
436	(b) the applicant or licensee has been determined to be mentally incompetent for any
437	reason by a court of competent jurisdiction; or
438	(c) the applicant or licensee is unable to practice the occupation or profession with
439	reasonable skill and safety because of illness, drunkenness, excessive use of drugs, narcotics,
440	chemicals, or any other type of material, or as a result of any other mental or physical
441	condition, when the licensee's condition demonstrates a threat or potential threat to the public
442	health, safety, or welfare, as determined by a ringside physician or the commission.
443	(3) Any licensee whose license under this chapter has been suspended, revoked, or
444	restricted may apply for reinstatement of the license at reasonable intervals and upon
445	compliance with any conditions imposed upon the licensee by statute, rule, or terms of the
446	license suspension, revocation, or restriction.
447	(4) The commission may issue cease and desist orders:
448	(a) to a licensee or applicant who may be disciplined under Subsection (1) or (2); and
449	(b) to any person who otherwise violates this chapter or any rules adopted under this

450	<u>chapter.</u>
451	(5) (a) The commission may impose an administrative fine for acts of unprofessional
452	or unlawful conduct under this chapter.
453	(b) An administrative fine under this Subsection (5) may not exceed \$2,500 for each
454	separate act of unprofessional or unlawful conduct.
455	(c) The commission shall comply with Title 63G, Chapter 4, Administrative
456	Procedures Act, in any action to impose an administrative fine under this chapter.
457	(d) The imposition of a fine under this Subsection (5) does not affect any other action
458	the commission or department may take concerning a license issued under this chapter.
459	(6) (a) The commission may not take disciplinary action against any person for
460	unlawful or unprofessional conduct under this chapter, unless the commission initiates an
461	adjudicative proceeding regarding the conduct within four years after the conduct is reported
462	to the commission, except under Subsection (6)(b).
463	(b) The commission may not take disciplinary action against any person for unlawful
464	or unprofessional conduct more than ten years after the occurrence of the conduct, unless the
465	proceeding is in response to a civil or criminal judgment or settlement and the proceeding is
466	initiated within one year following the judgment or settlement.
467	(7) (a) Notwithstanding Title 63G, Chapter 4, Administrative Procedures Act, the
468	following may immediately suspend the license of a licensee at such time and for such period
469	that the following believes is necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the
470	licensee, another licensee, or the public:
471	(i) the commission;
472	(ii) a designated commission member; or
473	(iii) if a designated commission member is not present, the director.
474	(b) The commission shall establish by rule appropriate procedures to invoke the
475	suspension and to provide a suspended licensee a right to a hearing before the commission
476	with respect to the suspension within a reasonable time after the suspension.
477	Section 11. Section 63C-11-304 is repealed and reenacted to read:

478	63C-11-304. Additional fees for license of promoter Dedicated credits
479	Promotion of contests Annual exemption of showcase event.
480	(1) In addition to the payment of any other fees and money due under this chapter,
481	every promoter shall pay a license fee determined by the commission and established in rule.
482	(a) License fees collected under Subsection (1)(a) from professional boxing contests or
483	exhibitions shall be retained by the commission as a dedicated credit to be used by the
484	commission to award grants to organizations that promote amateur boxing in the state and
485	cover commission expenses.
486	(b) Monies available to the commission for awarding grants to organizations that
487	promote amateur boxing in the state and covering commission expenses are nonlapsing for
488	fiscal year 2009-10 only.
489	(2) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act,
490	the commission shall adopt rules:
491	(a) governing the manner in which applications for grants under Subsection (1) may
492	be submitted to the commission; and
493	(b) establishing standards for awarding grants under Subsection (1) to organizations
494	which promote amateur boxing in the state.
495	(3) (a) For the purpose of creating a greater interest in contests in the state, the
496	commission may exempt from the payment of license fees under this section one contest or
497	exhibition in each calendar year, intended as a showcase event.
498	(b) The commission shall select the contest or exhibition to be exempted based on
499	factors which include:
500	(i) attraction of the optimum number of spectators;
501	(ii) costs of promoting and producing the contest or exhibition;
502	(iii) ticket pricing;
503	(iv) committed promotions and advertising of the contest or exhibition;
504	(v) rankings and quality of the contestants; and
505	(vi) committed television and other media coverage of the contest or exhibition.

506	Section 12. Section 63C-11-305 is repealed and reenacted to read:
507	63C-11-305. Jurisdiction of commission.
508	(1) (a) The commission has the sole authority concerning direction, management,
509	control, and jurisdiction over all contests or exhibitions of unarmed combat to be conducted,
510	held, or given within this state.
511	(b) A contest or exhibition may not be conducted, held, or given within this state
512	except in accordance with this chapter.
513	(2) Any contest involving a form of unarmed self-defense must be conducted pursuant
514	to rules for that form which are approved by the commission before the contest is conducted,
515	held, or given.
516	(3) (a) An area not less than six feet from the perimeter of the ring shall be reserved for
517	the use of:
518	(i) the designated commission member;
519	(ii) other commission members in attendance;
520	(iii) the director;
521	(iv) commission employees;
522	(v) officials;
523	(vi) licensees participating or assisting in the contest; and
524	(vii) others granted credentials by the commission.
525	(b) The promoter shall provide security at the direction of the commission or
526	designated commission member to secure the area described in Subsection (3)(a).
527	(4) The area described in Subsection (3), the area in the dressing rooms, and other
528	areas considered necessary by the designated commission member for the safety and welfare
529	of a licensee and the public shall be reserved for the use of:
530	(a) the designated commission member;
531	(b) other commission members in attendance;
532	(c) the director;
533	(d) commission employees;

534	(e) officials;
535	(f) licensees participating or assisting in the contest; and
536	(g) others granted credentials by the commission.
537	(5) The promoter shall provide security at the direction of the commission or
538	designated commission member to secure the areas described in Subsections (3) and (4).
539	(6) (a) The designated commission member may direct the removal from the contest
540	venue and premises, of any individual whose actions:
541	(i) are disruptive to the safe conduct of the contest; or
542	(ii) pose a danger to the safety and welfare of the licensees, the commission, or the
543	public, as determined by the designated commission member.
544	(b) The promoter shall provide security at the direction of the commission or
545	designated commission member to effectuate a removal under Subsection (6)(a).
546	Section 13. Section 63C-11-306 is repealed and reenacted to read:
547	63C-11-306. Club fighting prohibited.
548	(1) Club fighting is prohibited.
549	(2) Any person who publicizes, promotes, conducts, or engages in a club fighting
550	match is:
551	(a) guilty of a class A misdemeanor as provided in Section 76-9-705; and
552	(b) subject to license revocation under this chapter.
553	Section 14. Section 63C-11-307 is repealed and reenacted to read:
554	63C-11-307. Approval to hold contest or promotion Bond required.
555	(1) An application to hold a contest or multiple contests as part of a single promotion
556	shall be made by a licensed promoter to the commission on forms provided by the
557	commission.
558	(2) The application shall be accompanied by a contest fee determined by the
559	commission under Section 63J-1-304.
560	(3) (a) The commission may approve or deny approval to hold a contest or promotion
561	permitted under this chapter.

562	(b) Provisional approval under Subsection (3)(a) shall be granted upon a determination
563	by the commission that:
564	(i) the promoter of the contest or promotion is properly licensed;
565	(ii) a bond meeting the requirements of Subsection (6) has been posted by the
566	promoter of the contest or promotion; and
567	(iii) the contest or promotion will be held in accordance with this chapter and rules
568	made under this chapter.
569	(4) (a) Final approval to hold a contest or promotion may not be granted unless the
570	commission receives, not less than seven days before the day of the contest with ten or more
571	rounds:
572	(i) proof of a negative HIV test performed not more than 180 days before the day of
573	the contest for each contestant;
574	(ii) a copy of each contestant's federal identification card;
575	(iii) a copy of a signed contract between each contestant and the promoter for the
576	contest;
577	(iv) a statement specifying the maximum number of rounds of the contest;
578	(v) a statement specifying the site, date, and time of weigh-in; and
579	(vi) the name of the physician selected from among a list of registered and
580	commission-approved ringside physicians who shall act as ringside physician for the contest.
581	(b) Notwithstanding Subsection (4)(a), the commission may approve a contest or
582	promotion if the requirements under Subsection (4)(a) are not met because of unforeseen
583	circumstances beyond the promoter's control.
584	(5) Final approval for a contest under ten rounds in duration may be granted as
585	determined by the commission after receiving the materials identified in Subsection (4) at a
586	time determined by the commission.
587	(6) An applicant shall post a surety bond or cashier's check with the commission in the
588	greater of \$10,000 or the amount of the purse, providing for forfeiture and disbursement of the
589	proceeds if the applicant fails to comply with:

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is an informal adjudicative proceeding under Section 63G-4-202.

Subsection (3) is not subject to agency review under Section 63G-4-301.

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(c) The commission's decision to grant or deny a request for an exemption under this

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018	Section 16. Section 63C-11-309 is repealed and reenacted to read:
519	63C-11-309. Medical examinations and drug tests.
520	(1) The commission shall adopt rules in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah
521	Administrative Rulemaking Act, for medical examinations and drug testing of contestants,
522	including provisions under which contestants shall:
523	(a) produce evidence based upon competent laboratory examination that they are HIV
524	negative as a condition of participating as a contestant in any contest;
525	(b) be subject to random drug testing before or after participation in a contest, and
526	sanctions, including barring participation in a contest or withholding a percentage of any
527	purse, that shall be placed against a contestant testing positive for alcohol or any other drug
528	that in the opinion of the commission is inconsistent with the safe and competent participation
529	of that contestant in a contest;
530	(c) be subject to a medical examination by the ringside physician not more than 30
531	hours before the contest to identify any physical ailment or communicable disease that, in the
532	opinion of the commission or designated commission member, are inconsistent with the safe
533	and competent participation of that contestant in the contest; and
534	(d) be subject to medical testing for communicable diseases as considered necessary
535	by the commission to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the licensees and the public.
636	(2) (a) Medical information concerning a contestant shall be provided by the
537	contestant or medical professional or laboratory.
538	(b) A promoter or manager may not provide to or receive from the commission
539	medical information concerning a contestant.
640	Section 17. Section 63C-11-310 is repealed and reenacted to read:
541	<u>63C-11-310.</u> Contests.
542	(1) Except as provided in Section 63C-11-317, a licensee may not participate in an
543	unarmed combat contest within a predetermined time after another unarmed combat contest,
544	as prescribed in rules made by the commission.
545	(2) During the period of time beginning 60 minutes before the beginning of a contest,

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646	the promoter shall demonstrate the promoter's compliance with the commission's security
647	requirements to all commission members present at the contest.
648	(3) The commission shall establish fees in accordance with Section 63J-1-303 to be
649	paid by a promoter for the conduct of each contest or event composed of multiple contests
650	conducted under this chapter.
651	Section 18. Section 63C-11-311 is repealed and reenacted to read:
652	63C-11-311. Ringside physician.
653	(1) The commission shall maintain a list of ringside physicians who hold a Doctor of
654	Medicine (MD) degree and are registered with the commission as approved to act as a ringside
655	physician and meet the requirements of Subsection (2).
656	(2) (a) The commission shall appoint a registered ringside physician to perform the
657	duties of a ringside physician at each contest held pursuant to this chapter.
658	(b) The promoter of a contest shall pay a fee determined by the commission by rule to
659	the commission for a ringside physician.
660	(3) An applicant for registration as a ringside physician shall:
661	(a) submit an application for registration;
662	(b) provide the commission with evidence of the applicant's licensure to practice
663	medicine in the state; and
664	(c) satisfy minimum qualifications established by the department by rule.
665	(4) A ringside physician at attendance at a contest:
666	(a) may stop the contest at any point if the ringside physician determines that a
667	contestant's physical condition renders the contestant unable to safely continue the contest;
668	<u>and</u>
669	(b) works under the direction of the commission.

Section 19. Section **63C-11-312** is repealed and reenacted to read:

63C-11-312. Contracts.

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Before a contest is held, a copy of the signed contract or agreement between the

promoter of the contest and each contestant shall be filed with the commission. Approval of

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674	the contract's terms and conditions shall be obtained from the commission as a condition
675	precedent to the contest.
676	Section 20. Section 63C-11-313 is repealed and reenacted to read:
677	63C-11-313. Withholding of purse.
678	(1) The commission, the director, or any other agent authorized by the commission
679	may order a promoter to withhold any part of a purse or other money belonging or payable to
680	any contestant, manager, or second if, in the judgment of the commission, director, or other
681	agent:
682	(a) the contestant is not competing honestly or to the best of the contestant's skill and
683	ability or the contestant otherwise violates any rules adopted by the commission or any of the
684	provisions of this chapter; or
685	(b) the manager or second violates any rules adopted by the commission or any of the
686	provisions of this chapter.
687	(2) This section does not apply to any contestant in a wrestling exhibition who appears
688	not to be competing honestly or to the best of the contestant's skill and ability.
689	(3) Upon the withholding of any part of a purse or other money pursuant to this
690	section, the commission shall immediately schedule a hearing on the matter, provide adequate
691	notice to all interested parties, and dispose of the matter as promptly as possible.
692	(4) If it is determined that a contestant, manager, or second is not entitled to any part
693	of that person's share of the purse or other money, the promoter shall pay the money over to
694	the commission.
695	Section 21. Section 63C-11-314 is repealed and reenacted to read:
696	63C-11-314. Penalty for unlawful conduct.
697	A person who engages in any act of unlawful conduct, as defined in Section
698	63C-11-102, is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.
699	Section 22. Section 63C-11-315 is repealed and reenacted to read:
700	<u>63C-11-315.</u> Exemptions.
701	This chapter does not apply to:

702	(1) any amateur contest or exhibition of unarmed combat conducted by or participated
703	in exclusively by:
704	(a) a school accredited by the Utah Board of Education;
705	(b) a college or university accredited by the United States Department of Education; or
706	(c) any association or organization of a school, college, or university described in
707	Subsections (1)(a) and (b), when each participant in the contests or exhibitions is a bona fide
708	student in the school, college, or university;
709	(2) any contest or exhibition of unarmed combat conducted in accordance with the
710	standards and regulations of USA Boxing, Inc.; or
711	(3) a white-collar contest.
712	Section 23. Section 63C-11-316 is repealed and reenacted to read:
713	63C-11-316. Contest weights and classes Matching contestants.
714	(1) The commission shall make rules in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah
715	Administrative Rulemaking Act, establishing boxing contest weights and classes consistent
716	with those adopted by the Association of Boxing Commissions.
717	(2) The commission shall make rules in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah
718	Administrative Rulemaking Act, establishing contest weights and classes for unarmed combat
719	that is not boxing.
720	(3) (a) As to any unarmed combat contest, a contestant may not fight another
721	contestant who is outside of the contestant's weight classification.
722	(b) Notwithstanding Subsection (3)(a), the commission may permit a contestant to
723	fight another contestant who is outside of the contestant's weight classification.
724	(4) Except as provided in Subsection (3)(b), as to any unarmed combat contest:
725	(a) a contestant who has contracted to participate in a given weight class may not be
726	permitted to compete if the contestant is not within that weight class at the weigh-in; and
727	(b) a contestant may have two hours to attempt to gain or lose not more than three
728	pounds in order to be reweighed.
729	(5) (a) As to any unarmed combat contest, the commission may not allow a contest in

730	which the contestants are not fairly matched.	
731	(b) Factors in determining if contestants are fairly matched include:	
732	(i) the win-loss record of the contestants;	
733	(ii) the weight differential between the contestants;	
734	(iii) the caliber of opponents for each contestant;	
735	(iv) each contestant's number of fights; and	
736	(v) previous suspensions or disciplinary actions of the contestants.	
737	Section 24. Section 63C-11-317 is repealed and reenacted to read:	
738	63C-11-317. Elimination contests Conduct of contests Applicability of	
739	provisions Limitations on license Duration of contests Equipment Limitations	
740	on contests.	
741	(1) An elimination unarmed combat contest shall be conducted under the supervision	
742	and authority of the commission.	
743	(2) Except as otherwise provided in this section and except as otherwise provided by	
744	specific statute, the provisions of this chapter pertaining to boxing apply to an elimination	
745	unarmed combat contest.	
746	(3) (a) All contests in an elimination unarmed combat contest shall be no more than	
747	three rounds in duration.	
748	(b) A round of unarmed combat in an elimination unarmed combat contest shall:	
749	(i) be no more than one minute in duration; or	
750	(ii) be up to three minutes in duration if there is only a single round.	
751	(c) A period of rest following a round shall be no more than one minute in duration.	
752	(4) A contestant:	
753	(a) shall wear gloves approved by the commission; and	
754	(b) shall wear headgear approved by the commission, the designated commission	
755	member, or the director if a designated commission member is not present.	
756	(5) A contestant may participate in more than one contest, but may not participate in	
757	more than a total of seven rounds in the entire tournament.	

758	Section 25. Section 63C-11-318 is repealed and reenacted to read:
759	63C-11-318. Commission rulemaking.
760	The commission may make rules governing the conduct of a contest held under this
761	chapter to protect the health and safety of licensees and members of the public.
762	Section 26. Section 67-22-2 is amended to read:
763	67-22-2. Compensation Other state officers.
764	(1) As used in this section:
765	(a) "Appointed executive" means the:
766	(i) Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture and Food;
767	(ii) Commissioner of the Insurance Department;
768	(iii) Commissioner of the Labor Commission;
769	(iv) Director, Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission;
770	(v) Commissioner of the Department of Financial Institutions;
771	(vi) Executive Director, Department of Commerce;
772	(vii) Executive Director, Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice;
773	(viii) Adjutant General;
774	(ix) Executive Director, Department of Community and Culture;
775	(x) Executive Director, Department of Corrections;
776	(xi) Commissioner, Department of Public Safety;
777	(xii) Executive Director, Department of Natural Resources;
778	(xiii) Director, Governor's Office of Planning and Budget;
779	(xiv) Executive Director, Department of Administrative Services;
780	(xv) Executive Director, Department of Human Resource Management;
781	(xvi) Executive Director, Department of Environmental Quality;
782	(xvii) Director, Governor's Office of Economic Development;
783	(xviii) Executive Director, Utah Science Technology and Research Governing
784	Authority;

(xix) Executive Director, Department of Workforce Services;

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786	(xx) Executive Director, Department of Health, Nonphysician;
787	(xxi) Executive Director, Department of Human Services;
788	(xxii) Executive Director, Department of Transportation;
789	(xxiii) Executive Director, Department of Technology Services; and
790	(xxiv) Executive Director, Department of Veterans Affairs[; and].
791	[(xxv) Executive Director, Utah Sports Authority.]
792	(b) "Board or commission executive" means:
793	(i) Members, Board of Pardons and Parole;
794	(ii) Chair, State Tax Commission;
795	(iii) Commissioners, State Tax Commission;
796	(iv) Executive Director, State Tax Commission;
797	(v) Chair, Public Service Commission; and
798	(vi) Commissioners, Public Service Commission.
799	(c) "Deputy" means the person who acts as the appointed executive's second in
800	command as determined by the Department of Human Resource Management.
801	(2) (a) The executive director of the Department of Human Resource Management
802	shall:
803	(i) before October 31 of each year, recommend to the governor a compensation plan
804	for the appointed executives and the board or commission executives; and
805	(ii) base those recommendations on market salary studies conducted by the
806	Department of Human Resource Management.
807	(b) (i) The Department of Human Resource Management shall determine the salary
808	range for the appointed executives by:
809	(A) identifying the salary range assigned to the appointed executive's deputy;
810	(B) designating the lowest minimum salary from those deputies' salary ranges as the
811	minimum salary for the appointed executives' salary range; and
812	(C) designating 105% of the highest maximum salary range from those deputies'
813	salary ranges as the maximum salary for the appointed executives' salary range.

814 (ii) If the deputy is a medical doctor, the Department of Human Resource 815 Management may not consider that deputy's salary range in designating the salary range for 816 appointed executives. 817 (c) In establishing the salary ranges for board or commission executives, the 818 Department of Human Resource Management shall set the maximum salary in the salary range 819 for each of those positions at 90% of the salary for district judges as established in the annual 820 appropriation act under Section 67-8-2. 821 (3) (a) (i) Except as provided in Subsection (3)(a)(ii), the governor shall establish a 822 specific salary for each appointed executive within the range established under Subsection 823 (2)(b). 824 (ii) If the executive director of the Department of Health is a physician, the governor 825 shall establish a salary within the highest physician salary range established by the Department 826 of Human Resource Management. 827 (iii) The governor may provide salary increases for appointed executives within the 828 range established by Subsection (2)(b) and identified in Subsection (3)(a)(ii). 829 (b) The governor shall apply the same overtime regulations applicable to other FLSA 830 exempt positions. 831 (c) The governor may develop standards and criteria for reviewing the appointed 832 executives. 833 (4) Salaries for other Schedule A employees, as defined in Section 67-19-15, that are 834 not provided for in this chapter, or in Title 67, Chapter 8, Utah [Executive] Elected Official 835 and Judicial Salary Act, shall be established as provided in Section 67-19-15. 836 (5) (a) The Legislature fixes benefits for the appointed executives and the board or 837 commission executives as follows: 838 (i) the option of participating in a state retirement system established by Title 49, Utah 839 State Retirement and Insurance Benefit Act, or in a deferred compensation plan administered

by the State Retirement Office in accordance with the Internal Revenue Code and its

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accompanying rules and regulations;

842	(ii) health insurance;
843	(iii) dental insurance;
844	(iv) basic life insurance;
845	(v) unemployment compensation;
846	(vi) workers' compensation;
847	(vii) required employer contribution to Social Security;
848	(viii) long-term disability income insurance;
849	(ix) the same additional state-paid life insurance available to other noncareer service
850	employees;
851	(x) the same severance pay available to other noncareer service employees;
852	(xi) the same leave, holidays, and allowances granted to Schedule B state employees
853	as follows:
854	(A) sick leave;
855	(B) converted sick leave if accrued prior to January 1, 2014;
856	(C) educational allowances;
857	(D) holidays; and
858	(E) annual leave except that annual leave shall be accrued at the maximum rate
859	provided to Schedule B state employees;
860	(xii) the option to convert accumulated sick leave to cash or insurance benefits as
861	provided by law or rule upon resignation or retirement according to the same criteria and
862	procedures applied to Schedule B state employees;
863	(xiii) the option to purchase additional life insurance at group insurance rates
864	according to the same criteria and procedures applied to Schedule B state employees; and
865	(xiv) professional memberships if being a member of the professional organization is a
866	requirement of the position.
867	(b) Each department shall pay the cost of additional state-paid life insurance for its
868	executive director from its existing budget.
869	(6) The Legislature fixes the following additional benefits:

870	(a) for the executive director of the State Tax Commission a vehicle for official and
871	personal use;
872	(b) for the executive director of the Department of Transportation a vehicle for official
873	and personal use;
874	(c) for the executive director of the Department of Natural Resources a vehicle for
875	commute and official use;
876	(d) for the Commissioner of Public Safety:
877	(i) an accidental death insurance policy if POST certified; and
878	(ii) a public safety vehicle for official and personal use;
879	(e) for the executive director of the Department of Corrections:
880	(i) an accidental death insurance policy if POST certified; and
881	(ii) a public safety vehicle for official and personal use;
882	(f) for the Adjutant General a vehicle for official and personal use; and
883	(g) for each member of the Board of Pardons and Parole a vehicle for commute and
884	official use.
885	Section 27. Repealer.
886	This bill repeals:
887	Section 63C-11-319, Ringside physician.
888	Section 63C-11-320, Contracts.
889	Section 63C-11-321, Withholding of purse.
890	Section 63C-11-322, Penalty for unlawful conduct.
891	Section 63C-11-323, Exemptions.
892	Section 63C-11-324, Contest weights and classes Matching contestants.
893	Section 63C-11-325, Elimination boxing contests Conduct of contests
894	Applicability of provisions Limitations on license Duration of contests Equipment
895	Limitations on contests.
896	Section 63C-11-326, Commission rulemaking.

Section 28. Transition of Funds.

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All monies remaining in the accounts of the Pete Suazo Utah Athletic Commission
located within the Utah Sports Authority on June 30, 2009 shall be nonlapsing and transfer to
the Pete Suazo Utah Athletic Commission, located within the Governor's Office of Economic
Development, on July 1, 2009.
Section 29. Effective date.
This bill takes effect on July 1, 2009, except that Uncodified Section 28, Transition of
funds, takes effect on May 12, 2009.

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