

## VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

*An Act to amend and reenact § 54.1-828 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation; regulation of martial arts competitions.*

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Approved

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:****1. That § 54.1-828 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 54.1-828. Definitions.

As used in this chapter, unless the context requires a different meaning:

"Boxer" means a person competing in the sport of boxing.

"Boxing" means the contact sport of attack or defense using fists, feet, or both, including professional kick boxing, boxing, *martial arts*, or any similar contest.

"Cable television system" means any facility consisting of a set of closed transmission paths and associated equipment designed to provide video programming to multiple subscribers when subscriber interaction is required to select a specific video program for an access fee established by the cable television system for that specific video program.

"Contractor" means any person who has been recognized by the Director, through a contract, as an appropriate responsible party to provide services to assist the Commonwealth in complying with the provisions of this chapter.

"Department" means the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation or its successor.

"Director" means the Director of the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation.

"Event" means any professional boxing or wrestling show which includes one or more contests or matches.

"License" means a method of regulation whereby any person arranging, conducting or participating in boxing or wrestling activities is required to obtain a prior authorization from the Department.

"Manager" means any person who receives compensation for service as a representative or agent of a boxer or wrestler to arrange for his participation in an event.

*"Martial arts" means any of several Asian arts of combat or self-defense, including but not limited to aikido, karate, judo, or tae kwon do, usually practiced as sport and which may involve the use of striking weapons.*

"Matchmaker" means any person who proposes, selects, arranges for, or in any manner procures specific individuals to be contestants in an event.

"Person" means a natural person, corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, firm, enterprise, franchise, association or any other entity.

"Promote" or "promotion" means to organize, arrange, publicize, or conduct an event in the Commonwealth.

"Promoter" means any person who undertakes to promote an event.

"Trainer," "second" or "cut man" means an individual who undertakes to assure the well-being of a boxer by providing instruction or advice concerning techniques or strategies of boxing, and who may work in the corner with a boxer between the rounds of a match to assure his well-being and provide necessary equipment and advice concerning match participation.

"Wrestler" means any person competing or participating as an opponent in wrestling.

"Wrestling" means any contact sport or exhibition in which individuals attempt to subdue or unbalance an opponent.

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