

March 26, 2009

S 994. ESTABLISH STATE ATHLETICS COMMISSION. Filed 3/25/09. *TO ESTABLISH THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE ATHLETICS COMMISSION.*

Enacts Article 68A entitled North Carolina State Athletics Commission, in GS Chapter 143. Creates the 8-member Commission within the Division of Tourism, Film, and Sports Development of the Department of Commerce to regulate live boxing and kickboxing matches for which admission is charged for viewing or the contestants compete for a purse or prize of value greater than \$25. Sets out qualifications to serve as a Commission member, provides for appointment of Commission members, and states that Commission members may not receive compensation for their service, but may be reimbursed for expenses. Provides the Commission with rulemaking authority. Enacts GS 143-659.4 providing that no one may promote, conduct, or engage in an unarmed combat match, except as authorized by the new Article. Enacts GS 143-659.5 pertaining to licensing and permitting, GS 143-659.6 pertaining to fees and establishing the State Athletics Commission Revenue Account, GS 143-659.7 regarding contracts and financial arrangements, and GS 143-659.8 pertaining to sanctioned amateur matches. Enacts GS 143-659.9 authorizing the Commission to impose a civil penalty of up to \$5,000 for a single violation or of up to \$25,000 for multiple violations of the new Article. Provides for notice and an opportunity for a contested case hearing. Provides that a willful violation of any provision of the Article is a Class 2 misdemeanor. Also authorizes the Commission to bring actions for injunctions against violators. Provides that each member serving on the North Carolina Boxing Advisory Commission on the effective date of the act shall continue to serve the term for which the member was appointed and, upon the expiration of a member's term, a member shall be appointed to the Commission. Defines relevant terms. Repeals Article 68 of GS Chapter 143 (Regulation of Boxing). Transfers the regulation of boxing under the authority of the Alcohol Law Enforcement Division of the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety to the North Carolina State Athletics Commission by a Type II transfer, as defined by GS 143A-6(b).

Intro. by Clodfelter.

GS 143

June 24, 2009

S 994. ESTABLISH STATE ATHLETICS COMMISSION. Filed 3/25/09. Senate committee amendment makes the following changes to 1st edition. Amends proposed GS 143-659.3 to clarify that one voting member each of the State Athletics Commission is to be appointed by the General Assembly *upon recommendation* by the President Pro Tem. of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.