

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Finance to which was referred House Bill No. 289  
3 entitled “An act relating to professions and occupations regulated by the Office  
4 of Professional Regulation” respectfully reports that it has considered the same  
5 and recommends that the report of the Committee on Government Operations  
6 be amended by adding a new section to be Sec. 15a to read as follows:

7 Sec. 15a. 31 V.S.A. § 1101 is redesignated and amended to read:

8 § ~~1101~~ 6001. DEFINITIONS

9 As used in this ~~chapter~~ subchapter:

10 (1) “Boxer” means an individual who participates in a boxing match.

11 (2) “Boxing match” or “match” means a contest or training exhibition  
12 for a prize or purse where an admission fee is charged and where individuals  
13 score points by striking the head and upper torso of an opponent with padded  
14 fists. An amateur match is a match held under the supervision of a school,  
15 college, or university; under the supervision of United States Amateur Boxing,  
16 Inc. or its successor as the nationally designated governing body for amateur  
17 boxing; or, for any other amateur match, under the supervision of a nationally  
18 designated governing body. All other matches shall be considered professional  
19 matches. ~~Kickboxing, martial arts, and mixed martial arts, as defined in this~~  
20 ~~section, shall be considered “matches” for the purposes of this chapter.~~

1           (3) “Director” means the Director of the Office of Professional  
2 Regulation.

3           (4) “Disciplinary action” includes any action by the administrative law  
4 officer appointed under 3 V.S.A. § 129, premised upon a finding of  
5 wrongdoing. It includes all sanctions of any kind, including denying,  
6 suspending, or revoking a registration and issuing warnings.

7           (5) “Health care provider” means a health care practitioner licensed in  
8 Vermont who is permitted under ~~his or her~~ the practitioner’s statutory or  
9 regulatory scope of practice to conduct the types of examinations set forth in  
10 this ~~chapter~~ subchapter.

11           ~~(6) “Kickboxing” means unarmed combat involving the use of striking~~  
12 ~~techniques delivered with the upper and lower body and in which the~~  
13 ~~competitors remain standing while striking.~~

14           ~~(7) “Martial arts” means any form of unarmed combative sport or~~  
15 ~~unarmed combative entertainment that allows contact striking, except boxing~~  
16 ~~or wrestling.~~

17           ~~(8) “Mixed martial arts” means unarmed combat involving the use of a~~  
18 ~~combination of techniques from different disciplines of the martial arts,~~  
19 ~~including grappling, submission holds, and strikes with the upper and lower~~  
20 ~~body.~~

1           ~~(9)~~(6) “Manager” means a person who receives compensation for  
2 service as an agent or representative of a professional boxer.

3           ~~(10)~~(7) “National Boxer Registry” means an entity certified by the  
4 Association of Boxing Commissions for the purpose of maintaining records for  
5 the identification of professional boxers and for tracking their records and  
6 suspensions.

7           ~~(11)~~(8) “Participant” means managers, seconds, referees, and judges in a  
8 professional boxing match.

9           ~~(12)~~(9) “Promoter” means a person that organizes, holds, advertises, or  
10 otherwise conducts a professional boxing match.

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13           (Committee vote: \_\_\_\_\_)

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Senator \_\_\_\_\_

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FOR THE COMMITTEE