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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides for changes to the State Boxing and Wrestling Commission.

Present law provides that the State Boxing and Wrestling Commission (commission) has authority to regulate boxing and wrestling contests.

Proposed law changes the name of the commission to the Louisiana State Athletic Commission and otherwise retains present law.

Present law establishes fixed salaries for members of the commission and commission employees.

Proposed law removes the fixed amounts provided for in present law and allows the commission to establish those salaries.

Present law establishes fixed fees for various license types issued by the commission.

Proposed law retains the same license types of present law but removes the fixed amounts of the fees for those licenses and allows the commission to establish those fees.

Proposed law creates a safety zone for events which proposed law defines as an area around the ring or cage extending no less than eight feet as measured from the ring, cage, or from the catwalk which shall be partitioned at that distance of eight feet using ropes, fencing, police barriers, bicycle barriers, or other emplacements from the public seating.

Proposed law further provides that no one not specifically authorized by commission members in attendance may sit in the safety zone and non-compliance can result in a person being ejected from the event.

The proposed law safety zone replaces the present law provisions regarding seat proximity to the ring.

Proposed law provides that no state funds shall be used for any commission expenditure or for the benefit of any commission employee or member.

Present law provides that the commission may appoint an events coordinator, not on the commission, for any boxing event the commission deems necessary, whose fee shall be paid by the club promoting the event in question, which amount shall not exceed \$350 per event.

Proposed law removes prohibition that the events coordinator cannot be on the commission and removes the \$350 amount of the fee and allows the fee to be set by commission.

Proposed law changes the name of the State Boxing and Wrestling Commission to the Louisiana State Athletic Commission in applicable present law.

(Amends R.S. 4:61(A), 65(A)(2) and (B), 67(C)(1), 72, 79(C), 81.1(A), 83(B)(2) and (C)(1), and 85(3) and R.S. 36:4.1(C)(11); Adds R.S. 4:67(C)(4))