

SENATE BILL 3264

By Tate

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68,
Chapter 115, relative to the "Tennessee Athletic
Commission Act of 2008".

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-115-102, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() "Pro-Am event" means a professional event or amateur contest of unarmed combat contestants in which the event may feature a combination of amateur and professional competitions or contests;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-115-103(b), is amended by deleting the introductory sentence in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

Subject to subsection (k), the commission shall consist of five (5) members.

Except for initial appointments, the term of office shall be four (4) years.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-115-103(b), is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection (k):

(k) The commission shall remain as a nine (9) member commission until the expiration of the terms of the first four (4) members serving on the commission as of this act's effective date. When those terms expire, those position shall not be filled. At the expiration of the terms of the remaining five (5) members of the commission, those positions shall be filled as follows:

(1) The public member shall continue to be appointed by the governor;

(2) One (1) of the members having knowledge of and experience in boxing shall continue to be appointed by the governor and the remaining member shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives; and

(3) One (1) of the members having knowledge of and experience in mixed martial arts, shall continue to be appointed by the governor and the remaining member shall be appointed by the speaker of the senate.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-115-103(b), is further amended by:

(1) Deleting subdivision (2);

(2) Deleting the language "Three (3)" in subdivision (3) and substituting instead the language "Two (2)", and by deleting the language "one (1) to be appointed by the speaker of the senate";

(3) Deleting the language "Three (3)" in subdivision (4) and substituting instead the language "Two (2)", and by deleting the language "one (1) of the members to be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives"; and

(4) By adding the following language as a new subdivision (5):

(5) All changes in this subsection (b) pursuant to this act shall be subject to the expiration of terms of the commission members pursuant to subsection (k).

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-115-103(g), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

As the commission members decrease in number pursuant to subsection (k), a quorum shall be a majority of the members remaining on the commission and a concurrence of a majority of the members present shall be necessary to render a choice or decision by the commission.

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-115-103, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection (l):

(l) Each commissioner shall attend at least three (3) events or contests annually.

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-115-108(b), is amended by deleting the language "shall each receive" and by substituting instead the language "may each receive".

SECTION 8. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-115-108(a), is amended by designating the existing language as subdivision (1) and by adding the following language to be designated as subdivision (2):

(2) If a procedure permits a commissioner to attend a meeting from a remote location by telephone, television, teleconferencing or other electronic means, such procedure shall only permit a commissioner to utilize such method no more than twice in any year unless an emergency situation arises.

SECTION 9. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-115-203(a), is amended by inserting the language "and pro-am competition or contests" between the language "professional contests" and the language "of unarmed combat".

SECTION 10. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-115-208(a), is amended by designating the existing language as subdivision (1), adding the following as subdivision (2) and redesignating accordingly:

(2) In addition, if an amateur event is broadcasted or televised, such event shall be subject to the same percentage of gross receipts as are required pursuant to subdivision (a)(1)(A) for professional contests and the percentage of total gross receipts required pursuant to subdivision (a)(1)(B) for professional contests related to broadcasting, television and motion picture rights.

SECTION 11. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-115-213, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection (d):

(d) The Tennessee athletic commission shall be the sole regulatory authority for pro-am events. Pro-am combatants shall be subject to the professional licensing requirements, the professional permit fee and the athletic commission recognized amateur sanctioning body medical requirements.

SECTION 12. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012, the public welfare requiring it.