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AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

BOXING CONTROL (AMENDMENT) BILL 1995

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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Outline

The Boxing Control (Amendment) Bill 1995 amends certain provisions of the *Boxing Control Act 1993* (the Principal Act).

The Principal Act provides, in part, that a person shall not conduct a boxing contest without the written approval of the Minister. Where the Minister approves a contest, the Minister shall also approve a code of practice for each individual contest for which approval is given.

It is proposed that the Minister shall approve by instrument a single code of practice which will apply to all contests for which approval is given.

The Principal Act also provides, in part, that a person shall not engage in an amateur kick boxing contest as a kick boxer, or as a kick boxing official unless the amateur kick boxing contest is sanctioned by the World Kickboxing Association, Australasian Region.

It is proposed to delete this specific provision, and in its place to allow that the Minister may approve by instrument one or more organisations to sanction amateur kick boxing contests.

Financial Implications

There will be no financial implications to Government as a result of these amendments.

There may be some increased activity in the boxing industry.

CLAUSE NOTES

Clauses 1,2,3 and 4

Clauses 1,2,3 and 4 are machinery provisions that: specify the title of the Bill; specify that the Bill will commence upon notification in the Gazette; identify the title of the Act being amended; and insert a definition.

Clause 5

Clause 5 will amend section 8 of the Principal Act. Section 8 provides for the approval of an application to conduct a boxing contest. The amendments place an obligation on the Minister to provide a copy of any code of practice when approving the holding of a boxing contest. A code of practice will outline detail of procedures relating to the conduct of boxing contests.

Clause 6

Clause 6 will amend section 12 of the Principal Act. Section 12 prohibits a person from engaging as an official, or as a kick boxer, in an amateur kick boxing contest unless the contest has been sanctioned in writing by the World Kickboxing Association, Australasian Region.

The amendment provides that the Minister may approve organisations which can sanction contests. The purpose of the amendment is to acknowledge that there is more than one organisation that may have the status to control kick boxing.

Clause 7

Clause 7 will repeal Part III of the Principal Act and substitute a new Part III. The new Part III consists of sections 15 and 16. The new section 15 empowers the Minister to determine a code of practice for the conduct of boxing contests. Such a code will be a disallowable instrument for the purposes of section 10 of the *Subordinate Laws Act 1989*. New section 16 lists the matters that may be included in a code of practice.

Clause 8

Clause 8 will amend section 18 of the Principal Act. Section 18 provides for administrative review of prescribed decisions made under the Act. The amendment provides for administrative review of a decision by the Minister to refuse to approve an organisation under section 12.