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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Liston Bill Status: House Business Affairs and Labor

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TITLE: CONCERNING THE CONTINUATION OF THE REGULATION OF BOXING BY THE

BOXING COMMISSION.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2010-2011	FY 2011-2012
State Revenue General Fund Division of Registrations Cash Fund	< \$100 (< 100)	< \$100 (< 100)
State Expenditures		
FTE Position Change		
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**Effective Date:** Upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

Appropriation Summary for FY 2010-2011: None required.

Local Government Impact: None.

## **Summary of Legislation**

This bill implements the recommendations of the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA) in its sunset review of the Colorado Boxing Commission and the Office of Boxing. The bill continues the functions of the commission and the office until July 1, 2017. In addition to other provisions, this bill:

- places responsibility for the commission with the Division of Registrations in the DORA and removes the requirement that the commission communicate monthly with the DORA director;
- expands the definition of boxing to include mixed martial arts;
- repeals the requirement that the DORA adopt standards for amateur "tough person" fighting;
- requires annual meetings of the commission instead of quarterly;
- ► transfers the commission's authority to collect fees and fines to the Division of Registrations;
- credits any fine revenue to the General Fund instead of the Division of Registrations Cash Fund; and
- transfers enforcement authority from the commission to the director of the Office of Boxing.

## Background

The Colorado Professional Boxing Safety Act (Section 12-10-101 et. seq., C.R.S.) provides regulatory oversight for fighters, officials, promoters, and corner persons, all of whom must obtain a license from the Office of Boxing. The act allows the state to regulate professional boxing, kickboxing, and mixed martial arts. Without an established commission, federal law requires that the state adhere to another state's boxing commission and regulations related to the oversight of events. In FY 2007-08, total expenditures for the office were \$181,992 and 1.4 FTE.

## **State Revenue and Expenditures**

Under current law, fines imposed on professional boxing are deposited in the Division of Registrations Cash Fund. In each of the past two fiscal years, \$20 in fine revenue was collected. If HB 10-1245 is enacted, this minimal fine revenue will be deposited into the General Fund, instead of into the division's cash fund.

The remainder of the bill is assessed as having no fiscal impact. The bill does not change the administrative burden, existing expenditures, or other revenue obtained at the DORA. The Division of Registrations will continue its regulation of professional boxing within established appropriations.

## **Departments Contacted**

Regulatory Agencies