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(The President)(By Request - Department of Legislative Services)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Economic Matters

State Athletic Commission - Sunset Extension

This bill extends the termination date for the State Athletic Commission by 10 years to July 1, 2031, and requires the Department of Legislative Services (DLS) to conduct a preliminary evaluation of the commission by December 15, 2028.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: General fund revenues and expenditures for the State Athletic Commission are maintained beyond FY 2021.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law/Background: The State Athletic Commission in the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation (DLLR) manages, supervises, and regulates boxing, kickboxing, wrestling, and mixed martial arts (MMA). Specifically, the commission is responsible for the supervision of all professional and amateur boxing, kickboxing, wrestling, and MMA events in the State, with the exception of specified intercollegiate, interscholastic, and intramural events as well as amateur boxing events under the supervision of a nationally recognized amateur organization.

The commission promulgates and enforces regulations to govern these activities and also licenses all contestants, referees, managers, promoters, seconds (individuals who work the corners in a contest), matchmakers, and participants in such activities.

Maryland Program Evaluation Act

The State Athletic Commission is 1 of approximately 70 regulatory entities and activities currently subject to periodic evaluation under the Maryland Program Evaluation Act. The Act establishes a process better known as “sunset review” as most entities evaluated are also subject to termination, including the commission, which is scheduled to terminate July 1, 2021. The sunset review process traditionally begins with a preliminary evaluation conducted by DLS on behalf of the Legislative Policy Committee (LPC), although a few entities are subject to direct full evaluation. LPC decides whether to waive an entity from further (or full) evaluation. If waived, legislation to reauthorize the entity typically is enacted. Otherwise, a full evaluation usually is undertaken the following year. The commission was waived from full evaluation.

A copy of the DLS sunset [report](#) on the commission can be found at the department’s website.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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