

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Business Regulation

4-304.

(a) A licensee shall be examined by a licensed physician who is chosen by the Commission and who specializes in neurology or neurosurgery prior to the licensee's first appearance as a contestant in a kick boxing or boxing contest following the issuance or renewal of a license.

~~(b) A LICENSEE SHALL SUBMIT TO A BLOOD TEST FOR HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS (HIV) AND HEPATITIS B BY A LICENSED LABORATORY CHOSEN BY THE COMMISSION PRIOR TO THE LICENSEE'S FIRST APPEARANCE AS A CONTESTANT IN A KICK BOXING OR BOXING CONTEST FOLLOWING THE ISSUANCE OR RENEWAL OF A LICENSE AND EVERY 3 MONTHS AFTER THE ISSUANCE OR RENEWAL OF A LICENSE.~~

~~(c) The Commission shall pay the cost of the neurological examination AND BLOOD TESTS required under this section from license fees collected under this subtitle.~~

4-304.1.

(A) EACH APPLICANT FOR A LICENSE TO PARTICIPATE AS A BOXER OR KICK BOXER IN A CONTEST SHALL PRESENT DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE, SATISFACTORY TO THE COMMISSION, THAT:

(1) WITHIN THE PRIOR 30-DAY PERIOD, THE APPLICANT HAS BEEN TESTED FOR THE PRESENCE OF ANTIBODIES TO THE HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS (HIV) AND FOR THE PRESENCE OF THE ANTIGEN OF VIRUS HEPATITIS B; AND

(2) THE RESULTS OF BOTH TESTS ARE NEGATIVE.

(B) WHENEVER DIRECTED BY THE COMMISSION, AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS LICENSED TO PARTICIPATE AS A BOXER OR KICK BOXER IN A CONTEST SHALL PRESENT DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE, SATISFACTORY TO THE COMMISSION, THAT:

(1) WITHIN 30 DAYS PRIOR TO PARTICIPATING IN A CONTEST, THE INDIVIDUAL HAS BEEN TESTED FOR THE PRESENCE OF ANTIBODIES TO THE HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS (HIV) AND FOR THE PRESENCE OF THE ANTIGEN OF VIRUS HEPATITIS B; AND

(2) THE RESULTS OF BOTH TESTS ARE NEGATIVE.

(C) A TEST FOR THE PRESENCE OF HIV CONDUCTED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE 4, SUBTITLE 3 AND § 18-336 OF THE HEALTH - GENERAL ARTICLE.

~~(c) (d) (1) IF THE COMMISSION DENIES A LICENSE, SUSPENDS, OR REVOKES A LICENSE, DENIES RENEWAL OF A LICENSE, OR DOES NOT ALLOW AN INDIVIDUAL TO PARTICIPATE IN A CONTEST BECAUSE OF THE FAILURE OF THE~~