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Bill 492

An Act to amend certain regulatory provisions in order to promote the protection of professional contestants in combat sports

Introduction

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

This bill amends certain regulatory provisions in order to strengthen the measures that promote the protection of professional contestants in combat sports.

For that purpose, the bill amends the Regulation respecting combat sports so that the medical examinations the contestants must undergo include additional tests such as a brain magnetic resonance imaging scan.

Additionally, the bill provides that all medical examinations must be carried out in Québec, whether or not the contestant is domiciled there, and that such examinations be carried out not later than 30 days before a bout listed on a program is to take place.

The bill also amends the Regulation respecting combat sports licensing so that the medical examinations prescribed for a licence are carried out not later than 30 days before an application for the issuance of a licence is made.

Lastly, to give full effect to its amending provisions, the bill empowers the Régie des alcools, des courses et des jeux to make any accessory amendment to the regulations mentioned above.

REGULATIONS AMENDED BY THIS BILL:

- Regulation respecting combat sports licensing (chapter S-3.1, r. 7);
- Regulation respecting combat sports (chapter S-3.1, r. 11).

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AN ACT TO AMEND CERTAIN REGULATORY PROVISIONS IN ORDER TO PROMOTE THE PROTECTION OF PROFESSIONAL CONTESTANTS IN COMBAT SPORTS

THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

REGULATION RESPECTING COMBAT SPORTS LICENSING

1. Section 13 of the Regulation respecting combat sports licensing (chapter S-3.1, r. 7) is amended by replacing “2 months” in paragraph 4 by “30 days”.

2. Section 15 of the Regulation is amended by replacing “, within 1 year of undergoing the tests prescribed in Division IV of that form” in paragraph 1 by “; the tests prescribed by Section IV having been undergone not more than 30 days prior”.

REGULATION RESPECTING COMBAT SPORTS

3. Section 159 of the Regulation respecting combat sports (chapter S-3.1, r. 11) is amended

(1) by replacing “required when a contestant domiciled in Québec wishes to participate” in subparagraph 2 of the first paragraph by “to be undergone not more than 30 days prior to the contestant’s participation”;

(2) by striking out subparagraph 6 of the first paragraph;

(3) by adding the following paragraphs at the end:

“All medical examinations shall be carried out in Québec.

The costs of the medical examinations shall be borne by the organizer.”

4. The form appearing in Schedule 1-A to the Regulation is amended,

(1) in the portion that precedes Section I,

(a) by striking out “Boxing” and “Kickboxing” and the associated checkboxes;

(b) by replacing “a combat sports event (Complete sections I, III and V)” by “a combat sports event (Complete sections I, II, III, IV and V)”;

(2) by inserting the following elements after “the nervous system” in point 3.10 of Section III:

“Does the examination of the state of consciousness and cognition reveal any abnormality?”

“Does the examination of the cranial nerve pairs reveal any abnormality?”

“Does the examination of motor and sensory functions reveal any abnormality?”

“Does the examination of deep tendon and plantar reflexes reveal any abnormality?”

“Does the examination of cerebellar functions and gait reveal any abnormality?”

“Does the assessment of concussions with the Sport Concussion Assessment Tool (SCAT6) or, as the case may be, the Sport Concussion Office Assessment Tool – 6 (SCOAT6) reveal any abnormality?”;

(3) by replacing “EEG” in point 4.1 of Section IV by “Brain magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scan or a computed tomography (CT) brain scan without and with a contrast agent if a brain MRI is contraindicated”.

APPLICATION MEASURES

5. The Régie des alcools, des courses et des jeux may make any accessory amendment to the Regulation respecting combat sports (chapter S-3.1, r. 11) to give full effect to sections 1 to 4.

The amendments made under this section are not, despite section 55.3 of the Act respecting safety in recreation and sports (chapter S-3.1), subject to the approval of the Government or to the requirements concerning publication and date of coming into force set out in sections 8 and 17 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1).

FINAL PROVISION

6. This Act comes into force on (*insert the date that is six months after the date of assent to this Act*).