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I believe simplification of licensing requirements would save a tremendous amount of labor both at the Athletic Commission and for the promoters. A few suggestions are:

\* Streamline the actual fighter's application. It is currently 2 pages with another "Mass Debut" application required. Every question on the "debut" form is redundant of not only the questions on the application, but on it's own form. There is no reason for it in any way. The addition of a letter stating amateur credentials for actual professional debuts would more than suffice.

\* Allowing seconds to be licensed at weigh-in is far more practical than disallowing it. Often, cornermen do not know until the last minute if they are going to be available as most are involved in boxing on a part time basis. It seems a waste that the \$50 licensing fee is often lost when seconds cannot be licensed. I generally will have 2 licensed seconds standing by for emergencies, but the fighters are not happy and it is certainly not fair to anyone involved.

\* Medical requirements should be altered slightly. Most large stated only require an EKG done once as a baseline, or as a comprehensive for fighters over a certain age. It's not generally considered a necessary examination for boxers in most states. I would strongly suggest changing it, as well as CT/MRI/neuro evaluation requirements to a comprehensive status to fighters 40 and over. If a fighter is knocked out or shows signs of damage, the ringside doctor may easily requirement an MRI or CT scan in order to box again. It's a very expensive exam and most young fighters do not have the funds to pay for it. It is currently not required for the initial license but is for renewals which is not a logical strategy.

\* Fighter's licenses should be available in a Word format to facilitate easier completion by fighter or promoter, rather than the waste of paper printing them. They are not printed, scanned, emailed, printed in the office, and shredded. It is a terribly inefficient method.

\* Actual licenses for trainers and fighters are processed and printed and mailed out. They are very professional looking with laminated picture and all, however there is also a computerized list on file and most fighters and trainers promptly misplace their document. Most states use a much simpler paper license, and it's quite sufficient. Again this would save time and money at the Commission office.

\* The State could easily provide their own form for physical applications in which the fighter's physician can provide all required information; rather than requiring separate examinations (neurological eval, ct, mri, ekg). The basic acceptable neurological exam can easily be administered by a gp, and he can likewise detect a heart murmur which is the only defect the EKG would indicate that would prohibit the athlete from competing.

Please accept these suggestions from the point of view of a person involved in boxing as a full time profession. I have worked both as a full-time matchmaker as well as trainer and manager for over 30 years at a world class level, and have been involved in fights in over 20 states and a dozen countries and am very familiar with their requirements as well as our own. As Massachusetts is my home, and I have worked hard to help keep boxing going in the State, I would certainly hope that those making the decisions at the legislative side of the State Government would consider these suggestions.

Thank you for your consideration.  
Mark Vaz