

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE PAY-AS-YOU-GO ESTIMATE

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H.R. 1832 Muhammad Ali Boxing Reform Act

As cleared by the Congress on May 23, 2000

H.R. 1832 aims to protect professional boxers from unfair business practices of managers and promoters. The bill would require the Association of Boxing Commissioners to establish guidelines for minimum provisions that should be included in boxing contracts; prohibit managers and promoters from having shared financial interests; and require the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to provide information about organizations that sanction professional boxing matches. H.R. 1832 would allow the FTC to charge the sanctioning organizations fees to offset the costs of providing such information. The bill also would make violations of certain provisions of the Professional Boxing Safety Act of 1996 federal crimes. Finally, the bill would clarify that federal laws that regulate boxing also apply in the United States Virgin Islands.

Enacting H.R. 1832 could increase governmental receipts from the collection of criminal fines, but CBO estimates that any such increase would be less than \$500,000 annually. Criminal fines are deposited in the Crime Victims Fund and are spent in subsequent years. Thus, any change in direct spending from the fund would also amount to less than \$500,000 annually.

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