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AN ACT

RELATING TO BUSINESS LICENSES; PROVIDING FOR JURISDICTION OF  
AMATEUR MIXED MARTIAL ARTS CONTESTS; EXPANDING DEFINITIONS;  
AMENDING AND ENACTING SECTIONS OF THE PROFESSIONAL ATHLETIC  
COMPETITION ACT; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 60-2A-2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1980,  
Chapter 90, Section 2, as amended) is amended to read:

"60-2A-2. DEFINITIONS.--As used in the Professional  
Athletic Competition Act:

A. "board" means the medical advisory board;

B. "commission" means the New Mexico athletic  
commission;

C. "contestant" means a person who engages in  
unarmed combat for remuneration;

D. "department" means the regulation and licensing  
department;

E. "foreign co-promoter" means a promoter who has  
no place of business in this state;

F. "manager":

(1) means a person who:

(a) undertakes to represent the  
interests of another person by contract, agreement or other  
arrangement in procuring, arranging or conducting a

1 professional contest or exhibition in which the represented  
2 person will participate as a contestant;

3 (b) directs or controls the activities  
4 of an unarmed combatant relating to the participation of the  
5 unarmed combatant in professional contests or exhibitions;

6 (c) receives or is entitled to receive  
7 at least ten percent of the gross purse or gross income of  
8 any professional unarmed combatant for services relating to  
9 the participation of the unarmed combatant in a professional  
10 contest or exhibition; or

11 (d) receives compensation for services  
12 as an agent or representative of an unarmed combatant; and

13 (2) does not include an attorney who is  
14 licensed to practice law in this state if the attorney's  
15 participation in any of the activities described in Paragraph  
16 (1) of this subsection is limited solely to the legal  
17 representation of a client who is an unarmed combatant;

18 G. "professional boxer" or "professional wrestler"  
19 means an individual who competes for money, prizes or purses  
20 or who teaches, pursues or assists in the practice of boxing,  
21 wrestling or martial arts as a means of obtaining a  
22 livelihood or pecuniary gain;

23 H. "professional contest" means any professional  
24 boxing, wrestling or martial arts contest or exhibition,  
25 whether or not an admission fee is charged for admission of

1 the public;

2 I. "promoter" means any person, and in the case of  
3 a corporate promoter includes any officer, director or  
4 stockholder of the corporation, who produces or stages any  
5 professional boxing, wrestling or martial arts contest,  
6 exhibition or closed circuit television show;

7 J. "purse" means the financial guarantee or any  
8 other remuneration, or part thereof, for which professional  
9 boxers or professional wrestlers are participating in a  
10 contest or exhibition and includes the participant's share of  
11 any payment received for radio broadcasting, television or  
12 motion picture rights;

13 K. "ring official" means any person who performs  
14 an official function during the progress of a contest or  
15 exhibition;

16 L. "unarmed combat" means boxing, wrestling,  
17 martial arts or any form of competition in which a blow is  
18 usually struck that may reasonably be expected to inflict  
19 injury; and

20 M. "unarmed combatant" means:

21 (1) a person who engages in unarmed combat  
22 in a contest or exhibition, whether or not the person  
23 receives remuneration, including a wrestler, boxer, mixed  
24 martial artist or other contestant; or

25 (2) an amateur boxer who is registered with

1 United States amateur boxing, incorporated, or any other  
2 amateur organization recognized by the commission and  
3 participates in an amateur boxing contest or exhibition in  
4 the state that is registered and sanctioned by United States  
5 amateur boxing, incorporated or golden gloves of America."

6 Section 2. A new section of the Professional Athletic  
7 Competition Act is enacted to read:

8 "JURISDICTION OF COMMISSION OVER UNARMED COMBAT  
9 CONTESTS.--

10 A. The commission shall have sole direction,  
11 management, control and jurisdiction over all contests or  
12 exhibitions of unarmed combat to be conducted, held or given  
13 within New Mexico, and no contest or exhibition may be  
14 conducted, held or given within the state except in  
15 accordance with the provisions of the Professional Athletic  
16 Competition Act.

17 B. Any contest involving a form of Oriental  
18 unarmed self-defense must be conducted pursuant to rules for  
19 that form that are approved by the commission before the  
20 contest is conducted, held or given in the state except in  
21 accordance with the provisions of the Professional Athletic  
22 Competition Act."

23 Section 3. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public  
24 peace, health and safety that this act take effect  
25 immediately.

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