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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/25/07
 LAST UPDATED 2/22/07 HB 351/aHFL#1

SPONSOR Park

SHORT TITLE Mixed Martial Art Contest Jurisdiction SB _____

ANALYST White

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08	FY09		
NFI	16.0	25.0	Recurring	Athletic Commission Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Revenue Decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY07	FY08	FY09	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
Total	NFI	9.0	15.0		Recurring	Athletic Commission Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates SB 305

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Athletic Commission of the NM Regulation Licensing Department

SUMMARY

Synopsis of House Floor Amendment #1

House Floor Amendment #1 attaches an emergency clause to House Bill 351. The emergency clause signifies that if adopted this bill will go into effect immediately upon the endorsement of the Governor. There is no additional fiscal impact associated with this amendment.

Synopsis of Original Bill

House Bill 351 amends definitions found in Section 60-2A-2, NMSA 1978 to better reflect terminology currently used in the boxing and mixed martial arts industries. Additionally House Bill 351 proposes a new section giving control and jurisdiction over all contests or exhibitions of unarmed combat to be conducted, held or given within the State of New Mexico to the New Mexico Athletic Commission. Furthermore all such contests involving unarmed combat must be held or given in compliance with the Professional Athletic Competition Act.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Mixed Martial Arts is currently the fastest growing sport in the United States and has the potential to create substantial revenues to individual businesses throughout the State if they are able to attract large-profile contests to New Mexico. However, despite minor revenue increases that will occur due to the increased number of licensing fees, this bill will have minimal fiscal impact on the state itself.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Despite the growth in popularity and regulation of Mixed Martial Arts over the past decade it is still inherently dangerous. The regulation of these contests is imperative in order to protect the health and overall welfare of combatants.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The New Mexico Athletic Commission will need to add one part-time assistant to help administer the Commission's new role in regulating these contests.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

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WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Serious injuries and even deaths have occurred during Mixed Martial Arts Contests in the past. If these contests are not regulated in order to ensure the safety and welfare of combatants than more serious injuries and deaths could occur in future within the State of New Mexico.

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