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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Maestas **ORIGINAL DATE** 2/15/15
LAST UPDATED 3/03/15 **HB** 336/aHJC

SHORT TITLE Unarmed Combat Competition Act **SB** _____

ANALYST Elkins

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY15	FY16	FY17		
	See Text	See Text	Recurring	Athletic Commission Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Revenue Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Regulation and Licensing Department (RLD)

Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of House Judiciary Committee Amendment

House Judiciary Committee Amendment clarifies that a cooperative agreement between an Indian nation, tribe, or pueblo for the commission to approve or sanction an unarmed contest is voluntary and that nothing in this section of the act is requiring an Indian nation, tribe, or pueblo to enter into such a cooperative agreement.

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 336 changes the name of the Professional Athletic Competition Act to the Unarmed Combat Competition Act. Unarmed combat means boxing, wrestling, eastern or western Asian or other martial arts, or any form of unarmed competition in which a blow is usually struck that may be reasonably expected to inflict injury. Any member of the commission who misses three consecutive meetings after receiving notice is automatically removed from the commission unless the absences are excused. The bill requires promoters to file a \$10 thousand bond with the commission before a license can be granted. Currently, promoters are required to fill a \$2 thousand bond. The bill allows the commission to suspend a license without holding a hearing

as long as the licensee is notified of the suspension and given an opportunity for a post-suspension license-reinstatement hearing. The sunset date for the commission is extended from July 1, 2017 to July 1, 2019.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

House Bill 336 allows RLD to collect an administrative fee of up to fifty dollars from every person who submits an application for a state or federal identification license. This application fee will increase revenue for the commission.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

According to RLD:

The Professional Athletic Competition Act grants the Athletic Commission authority to regulate professional boxing, professional wrestling, professional mixed martial arts, and amateur mixed martial arts. The proposed Unarmed Combat Competition Act covers all participants of unarmed contests, including amateur unarmed combatants.

Currently, the Commission may only revoke or suspend a license for limited reasons. Licensees of the act are currently governed by the due process requirements of the Uniform Licensing Act (ULA). The ULA guarantees a licensee the right to a hearing before any disciplinary action may be imposed.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

RLD suggests changing Section 14(A) of the bill from “except amateur boxer” to “amateur unarmed combatant”.

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