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H.B. No. 1572

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the regulation of certain combative sports.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 2052.253, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2052.253. GENERAL RULES [~~KICKBOXING~~]. (a) A professional combative sport [~~kickboxing~~] event must be fought on the basis of the contestants' best efforts.

(b) A contestant must wear four-ounce boxing gloves, unless the commissioner by rule requires or permits a contestant to wear heavier gloves.

(c) A contestant may deliver blows with a closed-fist to any part of the body, except the kidneys and the spine. A closed-fist may not be used to deliver blows to the head if one or both of the contestants is on the ground.

(d) A contestant may deliver blows with the knee to any part of the body except the kidneys, spine, and head.

(e) Subsections (c) and (d) do not prohibit a person from adopting rules that prohibit the use of a blow permitted by those subsections in a particular competition of a combative sport.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.