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H.B. No. 5506

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to immunity for ringside physicians assigned to combative sports events.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 2052, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 2052.255 to read as follows:

Sec. 2052.255. IMMUNITY FOR RINGSIDE PHYSICIANS.

(a) Except as otherwise provided by this section, a ringside physician is immune from civil liability arising from acts within the scope of the physician's responsibilities at a combative sports event.

(b) The immunity from civil liability provided by Subsection (a) does not apply to a cause of action arising from an act or omission constituting gross negligence of the physician.

SECTION 2. Section 2052.255, Occupations Code, as added by this Act, applies only to an action commenced on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. 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 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.