

1-1 By: Schwertner S.B. No. 842
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed January 17, 2025; February 13, 2025,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Business & Commerce;
1-4 March 4, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 11,
1-5 Nays 0; March 4, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	Schwertner	X		
1-9	King	X		
1-10	Blanco	X		
1-11	Campbell	X		
1-12	Creighton	X		
1-13	Johnson	X		
1-14	Kolkhorst	X		
1-15	Menéndez	X		
1-16	Middleton	X		
1-17	Nichols	X		
1-18	Zaffirini	X		

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to immunity for ringside physicians assigned to combative
1-22 sports events.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 2052, Occupations Code, is
1-25 amended by adding Section 2052.255 to read as follows:

1-26 Sec. 2052.255. IMMUNITY FOR RINGSIDE PHYSICIANS.

1-27 (a) Except as otherwise provided by this section, a ringside
1-28 physician is immune from civil liability arising from acts within
1-29 the scope of the physician's responsibilities at a combative sports
1-30 event.

1-31 (b) The immunity from civil liability provided by
1-32 Subsection (a) does not apply to a cause of action arising from an
1-33 act or omission constituting gross negligence of the physician.

1-34 SECTION 2. Section 2052.255, Occupations Code, as added by
1-35 this Act, applies only to an action commenced on or after the
1-36 effective date of this Act.

1-37 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-38 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-39 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-40 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-41 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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