

1-1 By: Alvarado S.B. No. 1181
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 7, 2025; February 28, 2025,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Business & Commerce;
1-4 April 22, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 11,
1-5 Nays 0; April 22, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the regulation of combative sports by the Texas
1-22 Department of Licensing and Regulation; creating a criminal
1-23 offense.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. Section 2052.110, Occupations Code, is amended
1-26 to read as follows:

1-27 Sec. 2052.110. LICENSE AND BONDING EXCEPTIONS. If the
1-28 contestants are amateurs, the licensing and bonding requirements of
1-29 this chapter do not apply to:

1-30 (1) an event conducted by a college, school, or
1-31 university that is part of the institution's athletic program in
1-32 which only students of educational institutions participate;

1-33 (2) an event ~~[which is]~~ conducted by a troop, battery,
1-34 company, or unit of the Texas National Guard or a law enforcement
1-35 agency ~~[and]~~ in which only members of military or law enforcement
1-36 organizations participate; or

1-37 (3) an event ~~[which is]~~ conducted by:

1-38 (A) a member ~~[an]~~ organization or recognized
1-39 sports organization of the United States Olympic & ~~[Games, the]~~
1-40 Paralympic Committee; or

1-41 (B) an international sports federation or
1-42 recognized federation of the International Olympic Committee
1-43 ~~[Games, or the Pan-American Games and in which participants train~~
1-44 ~~or compete for advancement to or within the games].~~

1-45 SECTION 2. Section 2052.115, Occupations Code, is amended
1-46 to read as follows:

1-47 Sec. 2052.115. PROMOTER RESPONSIBILITIES. For each
1-48 promoted event, a promoter shall:

1-49 (1) before holding the event, obtain department
1-50 approval in the form and manner required by the department;

1-51 (2) ensure ~~[assure—that]~~ all contestants
1-52 participating in the event satisfy the eligibility requirements for
1-53 licensure ~~[scheduled to participate are licensed before the event];~~

1-54 (3) ~~[(2)]~~ provide ~~[that]~~ an ambulance, serviced by at
1-55 least two emergency medical technicians, ~~[is present]~~ on the
1-56 premises where the event is held;

1-57 (4) ~~[(3)]~~ provide for a physical examination of each
1-58 contestant that complies with rules adopted under this chapter; and

1-59 (5) ~~[(4)]~~ comply with all commission rules.

1-60 SECTION 3. Section 2052.254, Occupations Code, is amended
1-61 to read as follows:

2-1 Sec. 2052.254. ELIMINATION TOURNAMENTS. Except as
2-2 authorized by commission rule, an [~~A~~] elimination tournament may
2-3 not be conducted in this state.

2-4 SECTION 4. Subchapter G, Chapter 2052, Occupations Code, is
2-5 amended by adding Section 2052.301 to read as follows:

2-6 Sec. 2052.301. UNAUTHORIZED EVENT; CRIMINAL OFFENSE. (a)
2-7 A person commits an offense if the person knowingly acts as a
2-8 promoter of an event the department has not approved as required by
2-9 Section 2052.115.

2-10 (b) An offense under this section is a Class A misdemeanor.

2-11 SECTION 5. Section 2052.3015, Occupations Code, is
2-12 repealed.

2-13 SECTION 6. (a) The change in law made by this Act does not
2-14 affect the validity of a proceeding pending before a court or other
2-15 governmental entity on the effective date of this Act.

2-16 (b) The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation shall
2-17 prescribe the form and manner of approval required by Section
2-18 2052.115, Occupations Code, as amended by this Act. The Texas
2-19 Commission of Licensing and Regulation may adopt any rules
2-20 necessary to implement the changes in law made by this Act.

2-21 (c) An offense or other violation of law committed before
2-22 the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect when
2-23 the offense or violation was committed, and the former law is
2-24 continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of this
2-25 subsection, an offense or violation was committed before the
2-26 effective date of this Act if any element of the offense or
2-27 violation occurred before that date.

2-28 SECTION 7. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-29 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-30 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-31 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-32 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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