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**ENGROSSED**  
**SENATE BILL No. 557**

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DIGEST OF SB 557 (Updated March 26, 2007 2:27 pm - DI 69)

**Citations Affected:** IC 25-9; IC 35-45; noncode.

**Synopsis:** Combative fighting. Defines "combative fighting". Provides that a person who knowingly or intentionally: (1) participates in combative fighting commits unauthorized combative fighting, a Class C misdemeanor; and (2) promotes or organizes combative fighting commits unlawful promotion or organization of combative fighting, a Class A misdemeanor. Makes unlawful promotion or organization of combative fighting a Class D felony if, within the five years preceding the commission of the offense, the person had a prior unrelated conviction for unlawful promotion or organization of combative fighting. Requires the state boxing commission to adopt rules to define ultimate fighting, Ultimate Fighting Championships, mixed martial arts, martial arts, including jujutsu, karate, kickboxing, kung fu, and tae kwon do, and professional wrestling.

**Effective:** July 1, 2007.

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(HOUSE SPONSORS — KUZMAN, WHETSTONE)

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January 23, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on Commerce, Public Policy & Interstate Cooperation.

February 22, 2007, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.

February 26, 2007, read second time, ordered engrossed. Engrossed.

February 27, 2007, read third time, passed. Yeas 42, nays 5.

HOUSE ACTION

March 6, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on Courts and Criminal Code.

March 22, 2007, amended, reported — Do Pass.

March 26, 2007, read second time, amended, ordered engrossed.

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Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2006 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

## ENGROSSED SENATE BILL No. 557

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 25-9-1-4.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
3 1, 2007]: **Sec. 4.5. In accordance with IC 35-45-18-1(b), the**  
4 **commission shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to define the**  
5 **following:**

- 6 (1) **Ultimate fighting.**  
7 (2) **Ultimate Fighting Championships.**  
8 (3) **Mixed martial arts.**  
9 (4) **Martial arts, including the following:**  
10 (A) **Jujutsu.**  
11 (B) **Karate.**  
12 (C) **Kickboxing.**  
13 (D) **Kung fu.**  
14 (E) **Tae kwon do.**  
15 (5) **Professional wrestling.**

16 SECTION 2. IC 35-45-18 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
17 AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE

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JULY 1, 2007]:

**Chapter 18. Combative Fighting**

**Sec. 1. (a) As used in this chapter, "combative fighting" (also known as "toughman fighting", "badman fighting", and "extreme fighting") means a match, contest, or exhibition that involves at least (2) contestants, with or without gloves or protective headgear, in which the contestants:**

**(1) use their:**

**(A) hands;**

**(B) feet; or**

**(C) both hands and feet;**

**to strike each other; and**

**(2) compete for a financial prize or any item of pecuniary value.**

**(b) The term does not include:**

**(1) a boxing or sparring match regulated under IC 25-9;**

**(2) ultimate fighting, as defined by the state boxing commission in rules adopted under IC 25-9-1-4.5;**

**(3) Ultimate Fighting Championships, as defined by the state boxing commission in rules adopted under IC 25-9-1-4.5;**

**(4) mixed martial arts, as defined by the state boxing commission in rules adopted under IC 25-9-1-4.5;**

**(5) martial arts, as defined by the state boxing commission in rules adopted under IC 25-9-1-4.5;**

**(6) professional wrestling, as defined by the state boxing commission in rules adopted under IC 25-9-1-4.5; or**

**(7) a match, contest, or game in which a fight breaks out among the participants as an unplanned, spontaneous event and not as an intended part of the match, contest, or game.**

**Sec. 2. A person who knowingly or intentionally participates in combative fighting commits unlawful combative fighting, a Class C misdemeanor.**

**Sec. 3. A person who knowingly or intentionally promotes or organizes combative fighting commits unlawful promotion or organization of combative fighting, a Class A misdemeanor. However, the offense is a Class D felony if, within the five (5) years preceding the commission of the offense, the person had a prior unrelated conviction under this section.**

**SECTION 3. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007] IC 35-45-18-2 and IC 35-45-18-3, both as added by this act, apply only to crimes committed after June 30, 2007.**

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Commerce, Public Policy and Interstate Cooperation, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 557, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Delete the title and insert the following:

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

(SEE TEXT OF BILL)

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 557 as introduced.)

RIEGSECKER, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 11, Nays 0.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Courts and Criminal Code, to which was referred Senate Bill 557, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Page 2, line 18, delete "Class D felony." and insert "**Class A misdemeanor**".

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 557 as printed February 23, 2007.)

HOY, Chair

Committee Vote: yeas 12, nays 0.

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HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Engrossed Senate Bill 557 be amended to read as follows:

Page 1, line 4, delete "ultimate" and insert "**the following**:"

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- (1) Ultimate fighting.
- (2) Ultimate Fighting Championships.
- (3) Mixed martial arts.
- (4) Martial arts, including the following:
  - (A) Jujutsu.
  - (B) Karate.
  - (C) Kickboxing.
  - (D) Kung fu.
  - (E) Tae kwon do.
- (5) Professional wrestling."

Page 1, delete lines 5 through 6.

Page 2, line 8, delete "or Ultimate Fighting Championships".

Page 2, between lines 10 and 11, begin a new line block indented and insert:

- "(3) Ultimate Fighting Championships, as defined by the state boxing commission in rules adopted under IC 25-9-1-4.5;
- (4) mixed martial arts, as defined by the state boxing commission in rules adopted under IC 25-9-1-4.5;
- (5) martial arts, as defined by the state boxing commission in rules adopted under IC 25-9-1-4.5;"

Page 2, line 11, delete "(3)" and insert "(6)".

Page 2, line 13, delete "(4)" and insert "(7)".

Page 2, line 16, delete "promotes or".

Page 2, line 18, delete "Class A" and insert "Class C".

Page 2, between lines 18 and 19, begin a new paragraph and insert:

**"Sec. 3. A person who knowingly or intentionally promotes or organizes combative fighting commits unlawful promotion or organization of combative fighting, a Class A misdemeanor. However, the offense is a Class D felony if, within the five (5) years preceding the commission of the offense, the person had a prior unrelated conviction under this section."**

Page 2, line 19, delete "," and insert "**and IC 35-45-18-3, both**".

Page 2, line 20, delete "applies" and insert "**apply**".

(Reference is to ESB 557 as printed March 23, 2007.)

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