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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7641**

**BILL NUMBER: SB 557**

**NOTE PREPARED:** Feb 26, 2007

**BILL AMENDED:** Feb 22, 2007

**SUBJECT:** Combative Fighting.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Kruse

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading - 1<sup>st</sup> House

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**  GENERAL  
 DEDICATED  
 FEDERAL

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) *Definition of Combative Fighting-* The bill defines "combative fighting."

*Unauthorized Combative Fighting-* The bill provides that a person who knowingly or intentionally promotes or participates in combative fighting commits unauthorized combative fighting, a Class D felony.

*State Boxing Commission-* The bill requires the State Boxing Commission (SBC) to adopt rules to define ultimate fighting, Ultimate Fighting Championships, and professional wrestling.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2007.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** (Revised) *Unauthorized Combative Fighting-* A Class D felony is punishable by a prison term ranging from six months to three years or reduction to Class A misdemeanor depending upon mitigating and aggravating circumstances. Assuming offenders can be housed in existing facilities with no additional staff, the average cost for medical care, food, and clothing is approximately \$1,825 annually, or \$5 daily, per prisoner. However, any additional expenditures are likely to be small. The average length of stay in Department of Correction (DOC) facilities for all Class D felony offenders is approximately ten months.

*State Boxing Commission-* The SBC conducts several meetings and conference calls during a given year. The SBC would be able to adopt the rules required by the bill within existing resources and scheduled meetings.

*Background-* As of October 2006, the PLA had 92 full-time employees. The PLA reverted \$63,329 back to

the state General Fund at the close of FY 2006.

**Explanation of State Revenues:** (Revised) *Unauthorized Combative Fighting*- If additional court cases occur and fines are collected, revenue to both the Common School Fund (from criminal fines) and the state General Fund (from court fees) would increase. The maximum fine for a Class D felony is \$10,000. However, any additional revenues would likely be small.

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** (Revised) *Unauthorized Combative Fighting*- If more defendants are detained in county jails prior to their court hearings, local expenditures for jail operations may increase. However, any additional expenditures would likely be small.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:** (Revised) *Unauthorized Combative Fighting*- If additional court actions occur and a guilty verdict is entered, local governments would receive revenue from court fees. However, the amounts would likely be small.

**State Agencies Affected:** Professional Licensing Agency, Department of Correction.

**Local Agencies Affected:** Trial courts, local law enforcement agencies.

**Information Sources:**

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