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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7641

BILL NUMBER: SB 557

NOTE PREPARED: Mar 22, 2007

BILL AMENDED Mar 22, 2007

SUBJECT: Combative Fighting.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Kruse

FIRST SPONSOR: Rep. Kuzman

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 2nd 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 A misdemeanor.

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: *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 fines) and the state General Fund (from court fees) would increase. The maximum fine for a Class A misdemeanor is \$5,000. However, any additional revenue would likely be small.

Explanation of Local Expenditures: (Revised) *Unauthorized Combative Fighting*- A Class A misdemeanor is punishable by up to one year in jail.

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

State Agencies Affected: Professional Licensing Agency.

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

Information Sources:

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