

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:

- 1 Delete the title and insert the following:
2 A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning
3 criminal law and procedure.
4 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:
5 SECTION 1. IC 25-9-1-4.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
6 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
7 1, 2007]: **Sec. 4.5. In accordance with IC 35-45-18-1(b), the**
8 **commission shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to define ultimate**
9 **fighting, Ultimate Fighting Championships, and professional**
10 **wrestling.**
11 SECTION 2. IC 35-45-18 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
12 AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
13 JULY 1, 2007]:
14 **Chapter 18. Combative Fighting**
15 **Sec. 1. (a) As used in this chapter, "combative fighting" (also**
16 **known as "toughman fighting", "badman fighting", and "extreme**
17 **fighting") means a match, contest, or exhibition that involves at**
18 **least (2) contestants, with or without gloves or protective headgear,**
19 **in which the contestants:**
20 **(1) use their:**
21 **(A) hands;**

- 1 **(B) feet; or**
 2 **(C) both hands and feet;**
 3 **to strike each other; and**
 4 **(2) compete for a financial prize or any item of pecuniary**
 5 **value.**

- 6 **(b) The term does not include:**
 7 **(1) a boxing or sparring match regulated under IC 25-9;**
 8 **(2) ultimate fighting or Ultimate Fighting Championships, as**
 9 **defined by the state boxing commission in rules adopted under**
 10 **IC 25-9-1-4.5;**
 11 **(3) professional wrestling, as defined by the state boxing**
 12 **commission in rules adopted under IC 25-9-1-4.5; or**
 13 **(4) a match, contest, or game in which a fight breaks out**
 14 **among the participants as an unplanned, spontaneous event**
 15 **and not as an intended part of the match, contest, or game.**

16 **Sec. 2. A person who knowingly or intentionally promotes or**
 17 **participates in combative fighting commits unlawful combative**
 18 **fighting, a Class D felony.**

19 **SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007] IC 35-45-18-2, as**
 20 **added by this act, applies only to crimes committed after June 30,**
 21 **2007.**

(Reference is to SB 557 as introduced.)

and when so amended that said bill do pass .

Committee Vote: Yeas 11, Nays 0.

Senator Riegsecker, Chairperson