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## SENATE ENROLLED ACT No. 557

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

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

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

- (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.**

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

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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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