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HOUSE BILL NO. 502

BY REPRESENTATIVE ZERINGUE

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 4:83 and to enact R.S. 4:61(G) and 65(A)(4), relative to the regulation of professional wrestling; to provide for professional wrestling bond exception; to provide for certain requirements and exemptions; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 4:83 is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 4:61(G) and 65(A)(4) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§61. State Boxing and Wrestling Commission; domicile; authority

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G. The commission, the individual members of the commission, and the state of Louisiana shall not be liable for damages in any civil action for any event which is promoted pursuant to R.S. 4:83(B). The provisions of this Subsection shall not apply to damages caused by gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct.

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§65. Licenses; fees; bond

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(4) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Subsection, the commission shall not require the furnishing of any bond for a professional wrestling promoter who, during the calendar year the promoter's license is granted, promotes exclusively events authorized by R.S. 4:83(B).

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1 §83. Application of Chapter; professional wrestling events; required notice;
2 exemptions

3 A. The provisions of this Chapter do not apply to amateur contests,
4 competitions, or exhibitions.

5 B. The provisions of R.S. 4:65(A)(2), 67(A) and (B), 68 through 70, 72, 73,
6 and 79(C) shall not apply to any professional wrestling event provided all of the
7 following conditions are met:

8 (1) The promoter and all participants are licensed pursuant to R.S.
9 4:65(A)(1) and (B).

10 (2) The venue for the event is either a primary or secondary school
11 gymnasium or has a capacity of four hundred persons or fewer as certified by the
12 state fire marshal.

13 (3) There is present at each event, from the start of the event until the finish
14 of the event, an individual of the full age of majority, who is not a participant in the
15 event, who has documented current certification in Infant/Child/Adult CPR.

16 (4) The promoter secures a commercial liability policy for a minimum of one
17 hundred thousand dollars or provides proof to the secretary of the commission that
18 the venue provides a liability policy in that amount, which policy shall be in full
19 force and effect at the time of the event.

20 (5) All applicable provisions of this Chapter and the rules and regulations for
21 the commission are observed and obeyed during the event.

22 (6) The promoter provides, no less than fifteen days prior to the event, written
23 notice to the secretary of the commission which certifies the compliance with
24 Paragraphs (1) through (5) of this Subsection and includes verifying documents.

25 C. The following shall apply to any professional wrestling event conducted
26 pursuant to Subsection B of this Section:

27 (1) The promoter shall not be required by the commission to pay any show
28 date reservation fee nor shall any fee be charged for submission of the written notice
29 required by Paragraph (B)(6) of this Section.

1 (2) A promoter shall not be required by the commission to purchase health
2 insurance for the event.

3 (3) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the commission
4 shall not be required to have any representative present at the event.

5 (4) The promoter shall at all times be responsible at the event for compliance
6 with the applicable provisions of this Chapter and the rules and regulations of the
7 commission.

8 (5) The promoter shall, within the fifteen days following the event, report in
9 writing the results of each event.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____