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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Changes the "State Boxing and Wrestling Commission" to the "State Boxing Commission" and removes the commission's authority to regulate professional wrestling.

Present law creates the "State Boxing and Wrestling Commission" (the commission) within the office of the governor which has full and sole discretion, authority, management, regulation, and control of all professional boxing, mixed technique events, and wrestling contests held, conducted, or given within this state. Proposed law changes the name of the commission to the "State Boxing Commission" and removes wrestling from the authority of the commission.

Present law provides that the commission, the individual members of the commission, and the state of La. shall not be liable for damages in any civil action for any wrestling event which is promoted pursuant to present law. Proposed law repeals present law.

Present law provides duties of the commission relating to the regulation of professional boxing, mixed technique events, and professional wrestling. Proposed law retains present law but removes professional wrestling from the subject matter of the commission, and therefore removes all duties as they relate to professional wrestling.

Present law allows the commission to make rules and regulation governing all boxing, mixed technique events, and wrestling contests under its jurisdiction. Proposed law retains present law but removes wrestling events from the subject matter of the commission, and therefore no longer allows the commission to make rules and regulations governing wrestling contests.

Present law allows the commission to issue, suspend, or revoke licenses, collect fees, and require bonds related to holding, conducting, and participating in professional boxing, mixed technique events, and professional wrestling contests or exhibitions. Proposed law retains present law but removes professional wrestling from the subject matter of the commission, and therefore no longer allows the commission to issue, suspend, or revoke licenses, collect fees, or require bonds related to professional wrestling contests or exhibitions.

Present law requires the commission to appoint a physician to examine contestants, be present at ringside, and render advice or services requested by the commission for each professional boxing, mixed technique, or professional wrestling event. Proposed law retains present law but removes professional wrestling from the subject matter of the commission, and therefore removes the requirement that the commission appoint a physician for professional wrestling events.

Present law requires each club promoting a boxing, mixed technique, or wrestling event to pay for and obtain emergency medical personnel and an ambulance to be in attendance at the event. Proposed law retains present law but removes the requirement that each club promoting a wrestling event provide medical personnel and an ambulance.

Present law provides building and structural requirements for clubs holding a boxing or wrestling event. Proposed law retains present law but removes the building and structural requirements for clubs holding wrestling events. Proposed law places these requirements on clubs hosting mixed technique events.

Present law provides for a monetary and criminal penalty for a person who conducts, promotes, or in any manner participates in any boxing, mixed technique, or wrestling event without complying with present law. Proposed law retains present law but removes professional wrestling from the subject matter of the commission, and therefore removes the penalties for a person who conducts, promotes, or participates in any wrestling event without complying with present law.

Proposed law directs the Louisiana State Law Institute to change all references in present law to the "State Boxing and Wrestling Commission" to the "State Boxing Commission".

(Amends the heading of Chapter 3 of Title 4 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, R.S. 4:61(A),(B), and (E), 63(C), 64, 65(A), (B), and (C)(3), (4), and (5), 66(A), 67(C)(1), 70(A) and (B), 71, 75, 76, 81.1(A), 82, 82.1(A), 83, 85(3) and (4), R.S. 14:102.11(B), R.S. 36:4.1(D)(12), and R.S. 37:36(E)(1)(g); Repeals R.S. 4:61(G) and 85(7) and (8))