

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE**  
**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **HB 405** HLS 19RS 539

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Dept./Agy.:</b> State Boxing and Wrestling Commission		<b>Analyst:</b> David Neef
<b>Subject:</b> Deregulation of Professional Wrestling		

BOARDS/COMMISSIONS EG -\$64,000 SG RV See Note  
Provides relative to the deregulation of professional wrestling

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Present law creates the State Boxing and Wrestling Commission within the office of the governor. The commission shall have sole and full discretion, authority, management, regulation, and control of all professional boxing, mixed technique events, and wrestling contests held. Furthermore, the commission may make rules and regulations, and may issue promoter's and applicant licenses. Present law authorizes the commission to charge a \$250 fee for licensing for Wrestling and mixed technique event promoters, as well as \$25 for Professional wrestling contestants.

Proposed law changes the name of the commission to the State Boxing Commission and removes wrestling from the commission's authority. Furthermore removes professional wrestling from the subject matter of the commission, and therefore removes all duties, events, collection of fees, license issuance, hosting and promotion requirements, and appointment requirements as they relate to professional wrestling.

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	(\$64,000)	(\$64,000)	(\$64,000)	(\$64,000)	(\$64,000)	<b>(\$320,000)</b>
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Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

There will be a decrease in expenditures of the State Boxing and Wrestling Commission of approximately \$64,000 annually as a result of the elimination of professional wrestling oversight of the commission.

FY 18 operating expenditures were \$132,000. The Commission has not determined the specific expenditure type or amount to be implemented to effect this reduction. However, based on a preliminary assessment, the Commission anticipates the following: a reduction in office supplies (\$12,862 in FY 18); the elimination of mileage and travel (meals, lodging, parking, airline to conferences/training) for 3 part-time assistants (\$13,736); and elimination of the Deputy Commissioner for boxing and wrestling (\$30,581 salary and expenses). The Commission would continue to fund training (\$5,000), ring supplies (\$1,500), payroll for the Commissioners and the Administrative Assistant (\$51,360), and a state approved CPA (\$900).

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

There will be a decrease in revenues for the State Boxing and Wrestling Commission of approximately \$64,000 annually as a result of the elimination of professional wrestling oversight of the commission.

The commission collects license fees and a 4% fee on gate tickets at sporting events that the commission oversees. For the past four years, revenue collections from professional wrestling tickets and license fees have been \$71,722 (FY 15), \$54,169 (FY 16), \$66,299 (FY 17), and \$218,460 (FY 18). Revenue in FY 18 increased due to a World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE) week long event in April. Based on the FY 15 through FY 17 revenues, the commission estimated an average \$64,063 annual reduction in revenue. However, revenue amounts are based on the number and extent of tickets sold and licenses purchased, thus actual revenue loss could be more or less than this amount.

Senate  
Dual Referral Rules  
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}  
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House  
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}  
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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