Representative Gregory H. Hughes proposes the following substitute bill:

1	PETE SUAZO ATHLETIC COMMISSION
2	2007 GENERAL SESSION
3	STATE OF UTAH
4	Chief Sponsor: Gregory H. Hughes
5	Senate Sponsor: Ed Mayne
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7	LONG TITLE
8	General Description:
9	This bill modifies the Pete Suazo Utah Athletic Commission Act.
10	Highlighted Provisions:
11	This bill:
12	excludes sparring from the definition of club fighting;
13	 moves the Pete Suazo Utah Athletic Commission from the Department of
14	Commerce to the Department of Community and Culture;
15	 changes the number and manner of appointment of commission members;
16	 removes a restriction limiting the number of terms a commission member may
17	serve;
18	removes a requirement that a security guard for an unarmed combat contest be
19	licensed by the commission;
20	 eliminates some provisions concerning an applicant's character;
21	 addresses a ringside physician's duties and authority;
22	 changes the calculation of a license fee from a gross receipts calculation to one
23	based on venue size;
24	 permits a contract in which a contestant agrees to fight within a weight range
25	narrower than that permitted by the statutory weight classes;



26	 provides that final approval for a contest under ten rounds may be granted in a time
27	determined by the commission, instead of seven days before the contest;
28	 provides that a third party may not receive or submit a contestant's medical
29	information;
30	eliminates a report to the commission; and
31	makes technical changes.
32	Monies Appropriated in this Bill:
33	None
34	Other Special Clauses:
35	This bill takes effect on July 1, 2007.
36	This bill coordinates with S.B. 167, Utah Sports Authority, by providing substantive
37	and technical amendments.
38	Utah Code Sections Affected:
39	ENACTS:
40	9-16-101 , Utah Code Annotated 1953
41	9-16-102 , Utah Code Annotated 1953
42	9-16-201 , Utah Code Annotated 1953
43	9-16-202 , Utah Code Annotated 1953
44	9-16-203 , Utah Code Annotated 1953
45	9-16-204 , Utah Code Annotated 1953
46	9-16-205 , Utah Code Annotated 1953
47	9-16-301 , Utah Code Annotated 1953
48	9-16-302 , Utah Code Annotated 1953
49	9-16-303 , Utah Code Annotated 1953
50	9-16-304 , Utah Code Annotated 1953
51	9-16-305 , Utah Code Annotated 1953
52	9-16-401 , Utah Code Annotated 1953
53	9-16-402 , Utah Code Annotated 1953
54	9-16-403 , Utah Code Annotated 1953
55	9-16-404 , Utah Code Annotated 1953
56	9-16-405 , Utah Code Annotated 1953

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57	9-16-406 , Utah Code Annotated 1953
58	9-16-407 , Utah Code Annotated 1953
59	9-16-408 , Utah Code Annotated 1953
60	9-16-409 , Utah Code Annotated 1953
61	9-16-501 , Utah Code Annotated 1953
62	9-16-502 , Utah Code Annotated 1953
63	9-16-503 , Utah Code Annotated 1953
64	9-16-504 , Utah Code Annotated 1953
65	9-16-505 , Utah Code Annotated 1953
66	REPEALS:
67	13-33-101, as last amended by Chapter 9, Laws of Utah 2001, Second Special Session
68	13-33-102, as last amended by Chapter 72, Laws of Utah 2006
69	13-33-201, as last amended by Chapter 72, Laws of Utah 2006
70	13-33-202, as last amended by Chapter 72, Laws of Utah 2006
71	13-33-203, as last amended by Chapter 72, Laws of Utah 2006
72	13-33-204, as enacted by Chapter 91, Laws of Utah 2001
73	13-33-205, as enacted by Chapter 91, Laws of Utah 2001
74	13-33-301, as last amended by Chapter 72, Laws of Utah 2006
75	13-33-302, as enacted by Chapter 91, Laws of Utah 2001
76	13-33-303, as last amended by Chapter 72, Laws of Utah 2006
77	13-33-304, as last amended by Chapter 304, Laws of Utah 2002
78	13-33-305, as enacted by Chapter 91, Laws of Utah 2001
79	13-33-401, as last amended by Chapter 72, Laws of Utah 2006
80	13-33-402, as last amended by Chapter 104, Laws of Utah 2005
81	13-33-403, as last amended by Chapter 72, Laws of Utah 2006
82	13-33-404, as last amended by Chapter 72, Laws of Utah 2006
83	13-33-405, as last amended by Chapter 104, Laws of Utah 2005
84	13-33-406, as enacted by Chapter 72, Laws of Utah 2006
85	13-33-502, as last amended by Chapter 9, Laws of Utah 2001, Second Special Session
86	13-33-503, as enacted by Chapter 91, Laws of Utah 2001
87	13-33-504, as last amended by Chapter 72, Laws of Utah 2006

88	13-33-505, as enacted by Chapter 91, Laws of Utah 2001
89	13-33-506, as last amended by Chapter 17, Laws of Utah 2004
90	13-33-507, as enacted by Chapter 104, Laws of Utah 2005
91	13-33-508, as last amended by Chapter 72, Laws of Utah 2006
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93	Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
94	Section 1. Section 9-16-101 is enacted to read:
95	CHAPTER 16. PETE SUAZO UTAH ATHLETIC COMMISSION ACT
96	Part 1. General Provisions
97	<u>9-16-101.</u> Title.
98	This chapter is known as the "Pete Suazo Utah Athletic Commission Act."
99	Section 2. Section 9-16-102 is enacted to read:
100	<u>9-16-102.</u> Definitions.
101	As used in this chapter:
102	(1) "Bodily injury" is as defined in Section 76-1-601.
103	(2) "Boxing" means the sport of attack and defense using the fist, covered by an
104	approved boxing glove.
105	(3) (a) "Club fighting" means any contest of unarmed combat, whether or not
106	admission is charged, if:
107	(i) the rules of the contest are not approved by the commission;
108	(ii) a licensed physician or osteopath is not in attendance;
109	(iii) a negative result from an HIV test performed on each contestant not less than 180
110	days before the contest has not been provided to the commission;
111	(iv) the contest is not conducted in accordance with commission rules; or
112	(v) the contestants are not matched by the weight standards described in Section
113	<u>9-16-407.</u>
114	(b) "Club fighting" does not include sparring if it is conducted for training purposes
115	and no tickets are sold to spectators.
116	(4) "Commission" means the Pete Suazo Utah Athletic Commission created in this
117	<u>chapter.</u>
118	(5) "Contest" means a live match, performance, or exhibition involving two or more

119	persons engaged in unarmed combat.
120	(6) "Contestant" means a person who participates in a contest.
121	(7) "Designated commission member" means a member of the commission designated
122	<u>to:</u>
123	(a) attend and supervise a particular contest; and
124	(b) act on the behalf of the commission at a contest venue.
125	(8) "Elimination boxing contest" means:
126	(a) a contest where a number of contestants participate in a tournament over a period of
127	time not exceeding 48 hours; and
128	(b) the loser of each contest is eliminated from further competition.
129	(9) "Exhibition" means an engagement in which the participants show or display their
130	skills without necessarily striving to win.
131	(10) "Federal identification card" means an identification card issued under 15 U.S.C.
132	Sec. 6305.
133	(11) "Judge" means an individual qualified by training or experience to:
134	(a) rate the performance of contestants;
135	(b) score a contest; and
136	(c) determine with other judges whether there is a winner of the contest or whether the
137	contestants performed equally resulting in a draw.
138	(12) "Licensee" means an individual licensed by the commission to act as a:
139	(a) contestant;
140	(b) judge;
141	(c) manager;
142	(d) promoter:
143	(e) referee; or
144	(f) second.
145	(13) "Manager" means an individual who represents a contestant for the purposes of:
146	(a) obtaining a contest;
147	(b) negotiating terms and conditions of the contract under which the contestant will
148	engage in a contest; or
149	(c) arranging for a second for the contestant at a contest.

150	(14) "Promoter" means a person who engages in producing or staging contests and
151	promotions.
152	(15) "Promotion" means a single contest or a combination of contests that occur during
153	the same time at the same location and that is produced or staged by a promoter.
154	(16) "Purse" means any money, prize, remuneration, or any other valuable
155	consideration a contestant receives or may receive for participation in a contest.
156	(17) "Referee" means an individual qualified by training or experience to act as the
157	official attending a contest at the point of contact between contestants for the purpose of:
158	(a) enforcing the rules relating to the contest;
159	(b) stopping the contest in the event the health, safety, and welfare of a contestant or
160	any other person in attendance at the contest is in jeopardy; and
161	(c) to act as a judge if so designated by the commission.
162	(18) "Round" means one of a number of individual time periods that, taken together,
163	constitute a contest during which contestants are engaged in a form of unarmed combat.
164	(19) "Second" means an individual who attends a contestant at the site of the contest
165	before, during, and after the contest in accordance with contest rules.
166	(20) "Secretary" means the secretary of the Pete Suazo Utah Athletic Commission.
167	(21) "Serious bodily injury" is as defined in Section 76-1-601.
168	(22) "Ultimate fighting" means a live contest, whether or not an admission fee is
169	charged in which:
170	(a) contest rules permit contestants to use a combination of boxing, kicking, wrestling,
171	hitting, punching, or other combative, contact techniques;
172	(b) contest rules incorporate a formalized system of combative techniques against
173	which a contestant's performance is judged to determine the prevailing contestant;
174	(c) contest rules divide nonchampionship contests into three equal and specified rounds
175	of no more than five minutes per round with a rest period of one minute between each round;
176	(d) contest rules divide championship contests into five equal and specified rounds of
177	no more than five minutes per round with a rest period of one minute between each round; and
178	(e) contest rules prohibit contestants from:
179	(i) using anything that is not part of the human body, except for boxing gloves, to
180	intentionally inflict serious bodily injury upon an opponent through direct contact or the

181	expulsion of a projectile;
182	(ii) striking a person who demonstrates an inability to protect himself from the
183	advances of an opponent;
184	(iii) biting; or
185	(iv) direct, intentional, and forceful strikes to the eyes, groin area, adam's apple area of
186	the neck, and temple area of the head.
187	(23) (a) "Unarmed combat" means boxing or any other form of competition in which a
188	blow is usually struck that may reasonably be expected to inflict bodily injury.
189	(b) "Unarmed combat" does not include a competition or exhibition between
190	participants in which the participants engage in simulated combat for entertainment purposes.
191	(24) "Unlawful conduct" means organizing, promoting, or participating in a contest
192	involving contestants that are not licensed under this chapter.
193	(25) "Unprofessional conduct" means:
194	(a) entering into a contract for a contest in bad faith;
195	(b) participating in any sham or fake contest;
196	(c) participating in a contest pursuant to a collusive understanding or agreement in
197	which the contestant competes in or terminates the contest in a manner that is not based upon
198	honest competition or the honest exhibition of the skill of the contestant;
199	(d) engaging in an act or conduct that is detrimental to a contest, including any foul or
200	unsportsmanlike conduct in connection with a contest;
201	(e) failing to comply with any limitation, restriction, or condition placed on a license;
202	(f) striking of a downed opponent by a contestant while the contestant remains on the
203	contestant's feet unless the commission, following a hearing conducted under Subsection
204	9-16-404(3) and before the contest, has exempted the contest and each contestant from this
205	Subsection (25)(f);
206	(g) after entering the ring or contest area, penetrating an area within four feet of an
207	opponent by a contestant, manager, or second before the commencement of the contest; or
208	(h) as further defined by rule by the commission.
209	(26) "White-collar boxing contest" means a contest in which:
210	(a) neither contestant is a professional boxer or an amateur registered with USA
211	Boxing, Inc. and

212	(b) no cash prize, or other prize valued at greater than \$35, is awarded.
213	Section 3. Section 9-16-201 is enacted to read:
214	Part 2. Commission
215	9-16-201. Pete Suazo Utah Athletic Commission Membership Appointment
216	Terms Removal Quorum Compensation Chair.
217	(1) There is created within the Department of Community and Culture the Pete Suazo
218	<u>Utah Athletic Commission consisting of three members.</u>
219	(2) (a) The governor, president of the Senate, and speaker of the House shall each
220	appoint one commission member.
221	(b) The commission members may not be licensees under this chapter.
222	(3) (a) Except as required by Subsection (3)(b), as terms of current members expire, the
223	governor, president, or speaker, respectively, shall appoint each new member or reappointed
224	member to a four-year term.
225	(b) The governor shall, at the time of appointment or reappointment, adjust the length
226	of the governor's appointee's term to ensure that the terms of members are staggered so that at
227	least one member of the commission is appointed every two years.
228	(c) When a vacancy occurs in the membership for any reason, the replacement shall be
229	appointed for the unexpired term.
230	(d) If a commission member fails or refuses to fulfill the responsibilities and duties of a
231	commission member, including the attendance at commission meetings, the governor,
232	president, or speaker, respectively, with the approval of the commission, may remove the
233	commission member and replace the member in accordance with this section.
234	(4) (a) A majority of the commission members constitutes a quorum.
235	(b) A quorum is sufficient authority for the commission to act.
236	(5) (a) (i) Members who are not government employees shall receive no compensation
237	or benefits for their services, but may receive per diem and expenses incurred in the
238	performance of the member's official duties at the rates established by the Division of Finance
239	under Sections 63A-3-106 and 63A-3-107.
240	(ii) Members may decline to receive per diem and expenses for their service.
241	(b) (i) State government officer and employee members who do not receive salary, per
242	diem, or expenses from their agency for their service may receive per diem and expenses

243	incurred in the performance of their official duties at the rates established by the Division of
244	Finance under Sections 63A-3-106 and 63A-3-107.
245	(ii) State government officer and employee members may decline to receive per diem
246	and expenses for their service.
247	(6) The commission shall annually designate one of its members to serve as chair for a
248	one-year period.
249	Section 4. Section 9-16-202 is enacted to read:
250	9-16-202. Commission powers and duties.
251	(1) The commission shall:
252	(a) purchase and use a seal;
253	(b) adopt rules for the administration of this chapter in accordance with Title 63,
254	Chapter 46a, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act;
255	(c) prepare all forms of contracts between sponsors, licensees, promoters, and
256	contestants; and
257	(d) hold hearings relating to matters under its jurisdiction, including violations of this
258	chapter or rules made under this chapter.
259	(2) The commission may subpoena witnesses, take evidence, and require the
260	production of books, papers, documents, records, contracts, recordings, tapes, correspondence,
261	or other information relevant to an investigation if the commission or the commission's
262	designee considers it necessary.
263	Section 5. Section 9-16-203 is enacted to read:
264	9-16-203. Commission secretary.
265	(1) The commission shall employ a secretary to conduct the commission's business,
266	who must not be a member of the commission.
267	(2) The secretary serves at the pleasure of the commission.
268	Section 6. Section 9-16-204 is enacted to read:
269	<u>9-16-204.</u> Inspectors.
270	(1) (a) The commission may appoint one or more official representatives to be
271	designated as inspectors.
272	(b) An inspector serves at the pleasure of the commission.
273	(2) An inspector may not act as an inspector before receiving from the commission a

274	card authorizing that inspector to act as an inspector for the commission.
275	(3) An inspector may not promote or sponsor any contest.
276	(4) Each inspector is entitled to receive a fee approved by the commission for the
277	performance of duties under this chapter.
278	Section 7. Section 9-16-205 is enacted to read:
279	9-16-205. Affiliation with other commissions.
280	The commission may affiliate with any other state or national boxing commission or
281	athletic authority.
282	Section 8. Section 9-16-301 is enacted to read:
283	Part 3. Licensing
284	<u>9-16-301.</u> Licenses.
285	(1) A license is required for a person to act as or to represent that the person is a:
286	(a) promoter;
287	(b) manager;
288	(c) contestant;
289	(d) second;
290	(e) referee; or
291	(f) judge.
292	(2) The commission shall issue to a person who qualifies under this chapter a license in
293	the classifications of:
294	(a) promoter;
295	(b) manager;
296	(c) contestant;
297	(d) second;
298	(e) referee; or
299	(f) judge.
300	(3) All moneys collected pursuant to this section and Sections 9-16-304, 9-16-403, and
301	9-16-503 shall be deposited in the General Fund.
302	(4) Each applicant for licensure as a promoter shall:
303	(a) submit an application in a form prescribed by the commission;
304	(b) pay the fee determined by the commission under Section 63-38-3.2:

305	(c) provide to the commission evidence of financial responsibility, which shall include
306	financial statements and other information that the commission may reasonably require to
307	determine that the applicant or licensee is able to competently perform as and meet the
308	obligations of a promoter in this state;
309	(d) produce information, documentation, and assurances as may be required by the
310	commission that the applicant:
311	(i) has not been convicted in any jurisdiction of a crime that the commission
312	determines because of the nature of the crime and circumstances surrounding the crime should
313	disqualify the applicant from licensure in the public interest;
314	(ii) is not engaging in illegal gambling with respect to sporting events or gambling with
315	respect to the promotions the applicant is promoting;
316	(iii) has not been found in a criminal or civil proceeding to have engaged in or
317	attempted to engage in any fraud or misrepresentation in connection with a contest or any other
318	sporting event; and
319	(iv) has not been found in a criminal or civil proceeding to have violated or attempted
320	to violate any law with respect to a contest in any jurisdiction or any law, rule, or order relating
321	to the regulation of contests in this state or any other jurisdiction;
322	(e) acknowledge in writing to the commission receipt, understanding, and intent to
323	comply with this chapter and the rules made under this chapter; and
324	(f) if requested by the commission or the secretary, meet with the commission or the
325	secretary to examine the applicant's qualifications for licensure.
326	(5) Each applicant for licensure as a contestant shall:
327	(a) be not less than 18 years of age at the time the application is submitted to the
328	commission;
329	(b) submit an application in a form prescribed by the commission;
330	(c) pay the fee established by the commission under Section 63-38-3.2;
331	(d) provide a certificate of physical examination, dated not more than 60 days before
332	the date of application for license:
333	(i) in a form provided by the commission; and
334	(ii) completed by a licensed physician certifying that the applicant is free from any
335	physical or mental condition indicating that the applicant should not engage in activity as a

336	<u>contestant;</u>
337	(e) provide the commission with an accurate history of all contests in which the
338	applicant has engaged since becoming a contestant, including:
339	(i) whether the applicant won or lost each contest; and
340	(ii) identifying any contest in which there was a knockout or technical knockout;
341	(f) produce information, documentation, and assurances as may be required by the
342	commission that the applicant:
343	(i) has not been convicted in any jurisdiction of a crime that the commission
344	determines because of the nature of the crime and circumstances surrounding that crime should
345	disqualify the applicant from licensure in the public interest;
346	(ii) is not engaging in illegal gambling with respect to sporting events or gambling with
347	respect to a contest in which the applicant will participate;
348	(iii) has not been found in a criminal or civil proceeding to have engaged in or
349	attempted to have engaged in any fraud or misrepresentation in connection with a contest or
350	any other sporting event; and
351	(iv) has not been found in a criminal or civil proceeding to have violated or attempted
352	to violate any law with respect to a contest in any jurisdiction or any law, rule, or order relating
353	to the regulation of contests in this state or any other jurisdiction;
354	(g) acknowledge in writing to the commission receipt, understanding, and intent to
355	comply with this chapter and the rules made under this chapter; and
356	(h) if requested by the commission or the secretary, meet with the commission or the
357	secretary to examine the applicant's qualifications for licensure.
358	(6) Each applicant for licensure as a manager or second shall:
359	(a) submit an application in a form prescribed by the commission;
360	(b) pay a fee determined by the commission under Section 63-38-3.2;
361	(c) produce information, documentation, and assurances as may be required by the
362	commission that the applicant:
363	(i) has not been convicted in any jurisdiction of a crime that the commission
364	determines because of the nature of the crime and circumstances surrounding that crime should
365	disqualify the applicant from licensure in the public interest;
366	(ii) is not engaging in illegal gambling with respect to sporting events or gambling with

367	respect to a contest in which the applicant is participating;
368	(iii) has not been found in a criminal or civil proceeding to have engaged in or
369	attempted to have engaged in any fraud or misrepresentation in connection with a contest or
370	any other sporting event; and
371	(iv) has not been found in a criminal or civil proceeding to have violated or attempted
372	to violate any law with respect to a contest in any jurisdiction or any law, rule, or order relating
373	to the regulation of a contest in this state or any other jurisdiction;
374	(d) acknowledge in writing to the commission receipt, understanding, and intent to
375	comply with this chapter and the rules made under this chapter; and
376	(e) if requested by the commission or secretary, meet with the commission or the
377	secretary to examine the applicant's qualifications for licensure.
378	(7) Each applicant for licensure as a referee or judge shall:
379	(a) submit an application in a form prescribed by the commission;
380	(b) pay a fee determined by the commission under Section 63-38-3.2;
381	(c) produce information, documentation, and assurances as may be required by the
382	commission that the applicant:
383	(i) has not been convicted in any jurisdiction of a crime that the commission
384	determines because of the nature of the crime and circumstances surrounding the crime should
385	disqualify the applicant from licensure in the public interest;
386	(ii) is not engaging in illegal gambling with respect to sporting events or gambling with
387	respect to a contest in which the applicant is participating;
388	(iii) has not been found in a criminal or civil proceeding to have engaged in or
389	attempted to have engaged in any fraud or misrepresentation in connection with a contest or
390	any other sporting event; and
391	(iv) has not been found in a criminal or civil proceeding to have violated or attempted
392	to violate any law with respect to contests in any jurisdiction or any law, rule, or order relating
393	to the regulation of a contest in this state or any other jurisdiction;
394	(d) acknowledge in writing to the commission receipt, understanding, and intent to
395	comply with this chapter and the rules made under this chapter;
396	(e) provide evidence satisfactory to the commission that the applicant is qualified by
397	training and experience to competently act as a referee or judge in a contest; and

398	(f) if requested by the commission or the secretary, meet with the commission or the
399	secretary to examine the applicant's qualifications for licensure.
400	(8) (a) A licensee serves at the pleasure, and under the direction, of the commission
401	while participating in any way at a contest.
402	(b) A licensee's license may be suspended, or a fine imposed, if the licensee does not
403	follow the commission's direction at an event or contest.
404	Section 9. Section 9-16-302 is enacted to read:
405	9-16-302. Term of license Expiration Renewal.
406	(1) (a) The commission shall issue each license under this chapter in accordance with a
407	two-year renewal cycle established by rule.
408	(b) The commission may by rule extend or shorten a renewal period by as much as one
409	year to stagger the renewal cycles it administers.
410	(2) At the time of renewal, the licensee shall show satisfactory evidence of compliance
411	with renewal requirements established by rule by the commission.
412	(3) Each license automatically expires on the expiration date shown on the license
413	unless the licensee renews it in accordance with the rules established by the commission.
414	Section 10. Section 9-16-303 is enacted to read:
415	9-16-303. Denial of license Discipline Reinstatement.
416	(1) The commission shall refuse to issue a license to an applicant and shall refuse to
417	renew or shall revoke, suspend, restrict, place on probation, or otherwise act upon the license of
418	a licensee who does not meet the qualifications for licensure under this chapter.
419	(2) The commission may refuse to issue a license to an applicant and may refuse to
420	renew or may revoke, suspend, restrict, place on probation, issue a public or private reprimand
421	to, or otherwise act upon the license of any licensee in any of the following cases:
422	(a) the applicant or licensee has engaged in unlawful or unprofessional conduct, as
423	defined by statute or rule under this chapter;
424	(b) the applicant or licensee has been determined to be mentally incompetent for any
425	reason by a court of competent jurisdiction; or
426	(c) the applicant or licensee is unable to practice the occupation or profession with
427	reasonable skill and safety because of:
428	(i) illness, drunkenness, excessive use of drugs, narcotics, chemicals, or any other type

429	of material; or
430	(ii) any other mental or physical condition, if the licensee's condition demonstrates a
431	threat or potential threat to the public health, safety, or welfare.
432	(3) Any licensee whose license under this chapter has been suspended, revoked, or
433	restricted may apply for reinstatement of the license at reasonable intervals and upon
434	compliance with any conditions imposed upon the licensee by statute, rule, or terms of the
435	license suspension, revocation, or restriction.
436	(4) The commission may issue cease and desist orders:
437	(a) to a licensee or applicant who may be disciplined under Subsection (1) or (2); and
438	(b) to any person who otherwise violates this chapter or any rules adopted under this
439	chapter.
440	(5) (a) The commission may impose an administrative fine for acts of unprofessional or
441	unlawful conduct under this chapter.
442	(b) An administrative fine under this Subsection (5) may not exceed \$2,500 for each
443	separate act of unprofessional or unlawful conduct.
444	(c) The commission shall comply with Title 63, Chapter 46b, Administrative
445	Procedures Act, in any action to impose an administrative fine under this chapter.
446	(d) The imposition of a fine under this Subsection (5) does not affect any other action
447	the commission may take concerning a license issued under this chapter.
448	(6) (a) The commission may not take disciplinary action against any person for
449	unlawful or unprofessional conduct under this title, unless the commission initiates an
450	adjudicative proceeding regarding the conduct within four years after the conduct is reported to
451	the commission, except under Subsection (6)(b).
452	(b) The commission may not take disciplinary action against any person for unlawful
453	or unprofessional conduct more than ten years after the occurrence of the conduct, unless the
454	proceeding is in response to a civil or criminal judgment or settlement and the proceeding is
455	initiated within one year following the judgment or settlement.
456	(7) (a) Notwithstanding Title 63, Chapter 46b, Administrative Procedures Act, the
457	following have the authority to immediately suspend the license of a licensee at such time and
458	for such period that the following believes is necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare
459	of the licensee, another licensee, or the public:

160	(i) the commission;
461	(ii) a designated commission member; or
462	(iii) if a designated commission member is not present, the secretary.
463	(b) The commission shall establish by rule appropriate procedures to invoke a
464	suspension under Subsection (7)(a) and to provide a suspended licensee a right to a hearing
465	before the commission with respect to the suspension within a reasonable time after the
466	suspension.
467	Section 11. Section 9-16-304 is enacted to read:
468	9-16-304. License fee Exemption.
169	(1) In addition to the payment of any other fees and money due under this chapter,
470	every promoter shall pay a license fee of:
471	(a) \$200 for a contest or event occurring in a venue of 500 seats or fewer; or
472	(b) \$500 for a contest or event occurring in a venue of more than 500 seats.
473	(2) One-half of license fees collected under Subsection (1)(a) from professional boxing
174	contests or exhibitions shall be deposited in the General Fund as a dedicated credit to be used
475	by the commission to award grants to organizations that promote amateur boxing in the state.
476	(3) In accordance with Title 63, Chapter 46a, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the
177	commission shall adopt rules:
478	(a) governing the manner in which applications for grants under Subsection (3) may be
179	submitted to the commission; and
480	(b) establishing standards for awarding grants under Subsection (3) to organizations
481	that promote amateur boxing in the state.
182	(4) (a) For the purpose of creating a greater interest in contests in the state, the
183	commission may exempt from the payment of license fees under this section one contest or
184	exhibition in each calendar year, intended as a showcase event.
485	(b) The commission shall select the contest or exhibition to be exempted based on
486	factors established by rule, including:
187	(i) attraction of the optimum number of spectators;
488	(ii) costs of promoting and producing the contest or exhibition;
189	(iii) ticket pricing;
190	(iv) committed promotions and advertising of the contest or exhibition;

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491	(v) rankings and quality of the contestants; and
492	(vi) committed television and other media coverage of the contest or exhibition.
493	Section 12. Section 9-16-305 is enacted to read:
494	9-16-305. Transition of licenses.
495	(1) A license that was issued by the Pete Suazo Utah Athletic Commission under Title
496	13, Chapter 33, Pete Suazo Utah Athletic Commission, before July 1, 2007:
497	(a) is considered a valid license under this chapter until the expiration date indicated on
498	the license;
499	(b) is subject to the provisions of this chapter, including provisions relating to
500	disciplinary action against the license; and
501	(c) may not be renewed under Title 13, Chapter 33, Pete Suazo Utah Athletic
502	Commission.
503	(2) Upon the expiration of a license described in Subsection (1), a person desiring to
504	continue licensure in the profession shall meet the same requirements as those required for new
505	licensure under Section 9-16-301.
506	Section 13. Section 9-16-401 is enacted to read:
507	Part 4. Contests
508	9-16-401. Commission jurisdiction over contest.
509	(1) (a) The commission has the sole direction, management, control, and jurisdiction
510	over all contests or exhibitions of unarmed combat within this state.
511	(b) A contest or exhibition may not be conducted within this state except in accordance
512	with this chapter.
513	(2) Any contest involving a form of unarmed self-defense must be conducted pursuant
514	to rules for that form that are approved by the commission before the contest is conducted.
515	(3) (a) An area not less than six feet from the perimeter of the ring shall be reserved for
516	the use of:
517	(i) the designated commission member;
518	(ii) other commission members in attendance;
519	(iii) the secretary;
520	(iv) any commission employee;
521	(v) the referee;

522	(vi) a licensee participating or assisting in the contest; and
523	(vii) any other person granted credentials by the commission.
524	(b) The promoter shall provide security at the direction of the commission or
525	designated commission member to secure the area described in Subsection (3)(a).
526	(4) The area described in Subsection (3), area in the dressing rooms, and other areas
527	considered necessary by the designated commission member for the safety and welfare of a
528	licensee and the public shall be reserved for the use of:
529	(a) the designated commission member;
530	(b) other commission members in attendance;
531	(c) the secretary:
532	(d) any commission employee;
533	(e) the referee;
534	(f) a licensee participating or assisting in the contest; and
535	(g) any other person granted credentials by the commission.
536	(5) The promoter shall provide security at the direction of the commission or
537	designated commission member to secure the areas described in Subsections (3) and (4).
538	(6) (a) The designated commission member may direct the removal from the contest
539	venue and premises, of any person whose actions:
540	(i) are disruptive to the safe conduct of the contest; or
541	(ii) pose a danger to the safety and welfare of the licensees, the commission, or the
542	public.
543	(b) The promoter shall provide security at the direction of the commission or
544	designated commission member to remove a person under Subsection (6)(a).
545	Section 14. Section 9-16-402 is enacted to read:
546	9-16-402. Club fighting prohibited.
547	(1) Club fighting is prohibited.
548	(2) Any person who publicizes, promotes, conducts, or engages in a club fighting
549	match is:
550	(a) guilty of a class A misdemeanor as provided in Section 76-9-705; and
551	(b) subject to license revocation under this chapter.
552	Section 15. Section 9-16-403 is enacted to read:

553	9-16-403. Contest application Fee Requirements.
554	(1) An application to hold a contest or multiple contests as part of a single promotion
555	shall be made by a licensed promoter to the commission on forms provided by the commission
556	(2) The application shall be accompanied by a contest fee determined by the
557	department under Section 63-38-3.2.
558	(3) (a) The commission may approve, provisionally approve, or deny approval to hold
559	a contest or promotion permitted under this chapter.
560	(b) Provisional approval under Subsection (3)(a) shall be granted upon a determination
561	by the commission that:
562	(i) the promoter of the contest or promotion is properly licensed;
563	(ii) a bond meeting the requirements of Subsection (5) has been posted by the promote
564	of the contest or promotion; and
565	(iii) the contest or promotion will be held in accordance with this chapter and rules
566	made under this chapter.
567	(4) Final approval to hold a contest or promotion may not be granted unless the
568	commission receives, not less than seven days before the day of a contest with ten or more
569	rounds:
570	(a) proof of a negative result from an HIV test performed on each contestant not more
571	than 180 days before the day of the contest;
572	(b) a copy of each contestant's federal identification card;
573	(c) a copy of a signed contract between each contestant and the promoter for the
574	contest;
575	(d) a statement specifying the maximum number of rounds of the contest;
576	(e) a statement specifying the site, date, and time of weigh-in; and
577	(f) the name of the physician selected from among a list of registered and
578	commission-approved ringside physicians who shall act as ringside physician for the contest.
579	(5) Final approval for a contest under ten rounds in duration may be granted as
580	determined by the commission after receiving the materials identified in Subsection (4) at a
581	time determined by the commission.
582	(6) An applicant shall post a surety bond or cashier's check with the commission in the
583	greater of \$10,000 or the amount of the purse, providing for forfeiture and disbursement of the

584	proceeds if the applicant fails to comply with:
585	(a) the requirements of this chapter; or
586	(b) rules made under this chapter relating to the promotion or conduct of the contest or
587	promotion.
588	Section 16. Section 9-16-404 is enacted to read:
589	<u>9-16-404.</u> Contest rules.
590	(1) The commission shall adopt rules in accordance with the provisions of Title 63,
591	Chapter 46a, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, for the conduct of contests in the state.
592	(2) The rules shall include:
593	(a) authority for:
594	(i) stopping contests; and
595	(ii) impounding purses with respect to contests when there is a question with respect to
596	the contest, contestants, or any other licensee associated with the contest; and
597	(b) reasonable and necessary provisions to ensure that all obligations of a promoter
598	with respect to any promotion or contest are paid in accordance with agreements made by the
599	promoter.
600	(3) (a) The commission may, in its discretion, exempt a contest and each contestant
601	from the definition of unprofessional conduct found in Subsection 9-16-102(25)(f) after:
602	(i) a promoter requests the exemption; and
603	(ii) the commission considers relevant factors, including:
604	(A) the experience of the contestants;
605	(B) the win and loss records of each contestant;
606	(C) each contestant's level of training; and
607	(D) any other evidence relevant to the contestants' professionalism and the ability to
608	safely conduct the contest.
609	(b) The commission's hearing of a request for an exemption under this Subsection (3)
610	is an informal adjudicative proceeding under Section 63-46b-4.
611	(c) The commission's decision to grant or deny a request for an exemption under this
612	Subsection (3) is not subject to agency review under Section 63-46b-12.
613	Section 17. Section 9-16-405 is enacted to read:
614	9-16-405. Rules Medical examinations and drug tests.

615	(1) The commission shall adopt rules in accordance with Title 63, Chapter 46a, Utah
616	Administrative Rulemaking Act, for medical examinations and drug testing of contestants
617	including:
618	(a) provisions under which a contestant shall produce evidence based upon competent
619	laboratory examination that the contestant is HIV negative as a condition of participating as a
620	contestant in any contest;
621	(b) provisions under which a contestant is subject to random drug testing before or
622	after participation in a contest, and sanctions, including barring participation in a contest or
623	withholding a percentage of any purse, that shall be placed against a contestant testing positive
624	for alcohol or any other drug that in the opinion of the commission is inconsistent with the safe
625	and competent participation of that contestant in a contest;
626	(c) provisions under which a contestant is subject to a medical examination by the
627	ringside physician not more than 30 hours before the contest to identify any physical ailment or
628	communicable disease that, in the opinion of the commission or designated commission
629	member, is inconsistent with the safe and competent participation of that contestant in the
630	contest; and
631	(d) provisions under which a contestant is subject to medical testing for communicable
632	diseases as considered necessary by the commission to protect the health, safety, and welfare of
633	the licensees and the public.
634	(2) (a) Medical information concerning a contestant shall be provided by the contestant
635	or medical professional or laboratory.
636	(b) A promoter or manager may not receive from, or provide to, the commission
637	medical information concerning a contestant.
638	Section 18. Section 9-16-406 is enacted to read:
639	9-16-406. Ringside physician.
640	(1) The commission shall maintain a list of ringside physicians registered with the
641	commission as approved to act as a ringside physician and meeting the requirements of
642	Subsection (2).
643	(2) (a) The commission shall appoint a registered ringside physician to perform the
644	duties of a ringside physician at each contest held pursuant to this chapter.
645	(b) The promoter of a contest shall pay the ringside physician's fee.

646	(3) An applicant for registration as a ringside physician shall:
647	(a) submit an application for registration;
648	(b) pay a fee determined by the commission under Section 63-38-3.2;
649	(c) provide the commission with evidence of the applicant's licensure to practice
650	medicine in the state; and
651	(d) satisfy minimum qualifications established by the department by rule.
652	(4) A ringside physician at attendance at a contest may stop the contest at any point if
653	the ringside physician determines that a contestant's physical condition renders the contestant
654	unable to safely continue the contest.
655	Section 19. Section 9-16-407 is enacted to read:
656	9-16-407. Contest weights and classes Matching contestants.
657	(1) Boxing contest weights and classes are established as follows:
658	(a) strawweight is up to and including 105 lbs. (47.627 kgs.);
659	(b) light flyweight is over 105 lbs. (47.627 kgs.) to 108 lbs. (48.988 kgs.);
660	(c) flyweight is over 108 lbs. (48.988 kgs.) to 112 lbs. (50.802 kgs.);
661	(d) super flyweight is over 112 lbs. (50.802 kgs.) to 115 lbs. (52.163 kgs.);
662	(e) bantamweight is over 115 lbs. (52.163 kgs.) to 118 lbs. (53.524 kgs.);
663	(f) super bantamweight is over 118 lbs. (53.524 kgs.) to 122 lbs. (55.338 kgs.);
664	(g) featherweight is over 122 lbs. (55.338 kgs.) to 126 lbs. (57.153 kgs.);
665	(h) super featherweight is over 126 lbs. (57.153 kgs.) to 130 lbs. (58.967 kgs.);
666	(i) lightweight is over 130 lbs. (58.967 kgs.) to 135 lbs. (61.235 kgs.);
667	(j) super lightweight is over 135 lbs. (61.235 kgs.) to 140 lbs. (63.503 kgs.);
668	(k) welterweight is over 140 lbs. (63.503 kgs.) to 147 lbs. (66.678 kgs.);
669	(1) super welterweight is over 147 lbs. (66.678 kgs.) to 154 lbs. (69.853 kgs.);
670	(m) middleweight is over 154 lbs. (69.853 kgs.) to 160 lbs. (72.574 kgs.);
671	(n) super middleweight is over 160 lbs. (72.574 kgs.) to 168 lbs. (76.204 kgs.);
672	(o) light heavyweight is over 168 lbs. (76.204 kgs.) to 175 lbs. (79.378 kgs.);
673	(p) cruiserweight is over 175 lbs. (79.378 kgs.) to 200 lbs. (90.720 kgs.); and
674	(q) heavyweight is over 200 lbs. (90.720 kgs.).
675	(2) Contest weights and classes for unarmed combat that is not boxing are established
676	as follows:

677	(a) flyweight is up to and including 125 lbs. (56.82 kgs.);
678	(b) bantamweight is over 125 lbs. (56.82 kgs.) to 135 lbs. (61.36 kgs.);
679	(c) featherweight is over 135 lbs. (61.36 kgs.) to 145 lbs. (65.91 kgs.);
680	(d) lightweight is over 145 lbs. (65.91 kgs.) to 155 lbs. (70.45 kgs.);
681	(e) welterweight is over 155 lbs. (70.45 kgs.) to 170 lbs. (77.27 kgs.);
682	(f) middleweight is over 170 lbs. (77.27 kgs.) to 185 lbs. (84.09 kgs.);
683	(g) light heavyweight is over 185 lbs. (84.09 kgs.) to 205 lbs. (93.18 kgs.);
684	(h) heavyweight is over 205 lbs. (93.18 kgs.) to 265 lbs. (120.45 kgs.); and
685	(i) super heavyweight is over 265 lbs. (120.45 kgs.).
686	(3) As to any unarmed combat contest, a contestant may not fight another contestant
687	who is outside of the contestant's weight classification.
688	(4) As to any unarmed combat contest:
689	(a) a contestant who has contracted to participate in a given weight class may not be
690	permitted to compete if the contestant is not within that weight class at the weigh-in;
691	(b) a contestant may have two hours to attempt to gain or lose not more than three
692	pounds in order to be reweighed; and
693	(c) a contestant may contract to participate in a contest within a smaller weight range i
694	the contracted weight range is within a contest weight and class identified in Subsections (1)
695	and (2).
696	(5) (a) As to any unarmed combat contest, the commission may not allow a contest in
697	which the contestants are not fairly matched.
698	(b) Factors in determining if contestants are fairly matched include:
699	(i) the win-loss record of the contestants;
700	(ii) the weight differential between the contestants;
701	(iii) the caliber of opponents for each contestant;
702	(iv) each contestant's number of fights; and
703	(v) previous suspensions or disciplinary actions of the contestants.
704	Section 20. Section 9-16-408 is enacted to read:
705	9-16-408. Contests Frequency Security Fee.
706	(1) Except as provided in Section 9-16-409, a licensee may not participate in:
707	(a) a boxing contest as a contestant if that person has participated in another boxing

708	contest as a contestant within 30 days before the proposed boxing contest; or
709	(b) an ultimate fighting contest as a contestant if that person has participated in another
710	ultimate fighting contest as a contestant within six days before the proposed ultimate fighting
711	contest.
712	(2) Subsection (1) applies regardless of where the previous boxing contest occurred.
713	(3) During the period of time beginning 60 minutes before the beginning of a contest,
714	the promoter shall demonstrate the promoter's compliance with the commission's security
715	requirements to all commission members present at the contest.
716	(4) The commission shall establish fees in accordance with Section 63-38-3.2 to be
717	paid by a promoter for the conduct of each contest or event composed of multiple contests
718	conducted under this chapter.
719	Section 21. Section 9-16-409 is enacted to read:
720	9-16-409. Elimination boxing contest Duration of contest Equipment.
721	(1) An elimination boxing contest shall be conducted under the supervision and
722	authority of the commission.
723	(2) Except as otherwise provided in this section or by other specific statute, the
724	provisions of this chapter pertaining to boxing apply to an elimination boxing contest.
725	(3) (a) All contests in an elimination boxing contest shall be no more than three rounds
726	in duration.
727	(b) A round of unarmed combat in an elimination boxing contest shall be no more than
728	one minute in duration.
729	(c) A period of rest following a round shall be no more than one minute in duration.
730	(4) A contestant:
731	(a) shall wear gloves that weigh 16 ounces; and
732	(b) shall wear headgear approved by the commission, the designated commission
733	member, or the secretary if a designated commission member is not present.
734	(5) A contestant may participate in more than one contest, but may not box more than a
735	total of seven rounds in the entire tournament.
736	Section 22. Section 9-16-501 is enacted to read:
737	Part 5. Miscellaneous
738	9-16-501 Contest contract Commission approval

739	(1) Before a contest is held, a copy of the signed contract or agreement between the					
740	promoter of the contest and each contestant shall be filed with the commission.					
741	(2) Approval of the contract's terms and conditions shall be obtained from the					
742	commission before the contest.					
743	Section 23. Section 9-16-502 is enacted to read:					
744	9-16-502. Withholding of purse.					
745	(1) The commission, the secretary, or any other agent authorized by the commission					
746	may order a promoter to withhold any part of a purse or other money belonging or payable to					
747	any contestant, manager, or second if, in the judgment of the commission, secretary, or other					
748	agent:					
749	(a) the contestant is not competing honestly or to the best of the contestant's skill and					
750	ability:					
751	(b) the contestant otherwise violates any rules adopted by the commission or any of the					
752	provisions of this chapter; or					
753	(c) the manager or second violates any rules adopted by the commission or any of the					
754	provisions of this chapter.					
755	(2) This section does not apply to any contestant in a simulated combat exhibition who					
756	appears not to be competing honestly or to the best of the contestant's skill and ability.					
757	(3) Upon the withholding of any part of a purse or other money pursuant to this section,					
758	the commission shall conduct a hearing on the matter in accordance with Title 63, Chapter 46b,					
759	Administrative Procedures Act.					
760	(4) If it is determined that a contestant, manager, or second is not entitled to any part of					
761	a share of the purse or other money, the promoter shall pay the money over to the commission.					
762	Section 24. Section 9-16-503 is enacted to read:					
763	9-16-503. Penalty for unlawful conduct.					
764	A person who engages in unlawful conduct, as defined in Section 9-16-102, is guilty of					
765	a class A misdemeanor.					
766	Section 25. Section 9-16-504 is enacted to read:					
767	<u>9-16-504.</u> Exemptions.					
768	This chapter does not apply to:					
769	(1) any amateur contest or exhibition of unarmed combat conducted by or participated					

770	in exclusively by:					
771	(a) a school accredited by the Utah Board of Education;					
772	(b) a college or university accredited by the United States Department of Education; or					
773	(c) any association or organization of a school, college, or university described in					
774	Subsections (1)(a) and (b), when each participant in the contest or exhibition is a bona fide					
775	student in the school, college, or university;					
776	(2) any contest or exhibition of unarmed combat conducted in accordance with the					
777	standards and regulations of USA Boxing, Inc; or					
778	(3) a white-collar boxing contest.					
779	Section 26. Section 9-16-505 is enacted to read:					
780	9-16-505. Commission rulemaking.					
781	The commission may make rules governing the conduct of a contest held under this					
782	chapter to protect the health and safety of licensees and members of the public.					
783	Section 27. Repealer.					
784	This bill repeals:					
785	Section 13-33-101, Title.					
786	Section 13-33-102, Definitions.					
787	Section 13-33-201, Commission Creation Appointments Terms Expenses					
788	Quorum.					
789	Section 13-33-202, Commission powers and duties.					
790	Section 13-33-203, Commission secretary.					
791	Section 13-33-204, Inspectors.					
792	Section 13-33-205, Affiliation with other commissions.					
793	Section 13-33-301, Licensing.					
794	Section 13-33-302, Term of license Expiration Renewal.					
795	Section 13-33-303, Grounds for denial of license Disciplinary proceedings					
796	Reinstatement.					
797	Section 13-33-304, Additional fees for license of promoter Dedicated credits					
798	Promotion of contests Annual exemption of showcase event.					
799	Section 13-33-305, Transition of licenses.					
800	Section 13-33-401, Jurisdiction of commission.					

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801	Section 13-33-402, Club fighting prohibited.					
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804	Section 13-33-405, Medical examinations and drug tests.					
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806	Section 13-33-502, Reports to commission.					
807	Section 13-33-503, Contracts.					
808	Section 13-33-504, Withholding of purse.					
809	Section 13-33-505, Penalty for unlawful conduct.					
810	Section 13-33-506, Exemptions.					
811	Section 13-33-507, Contest weights and classes Matching contestants.					
812	Section 13-33-508, Elimination boxing contests Conduct of contests					
813	Applicability of provisions Limitations on license Duration of contests Equipment					
814	Limitations on contests.					
815	Section 28. Effective date.					
816	This bill takes effect on July 1, 2007.					
817	Section 29. Coordinating H.B. 254 with S.B. 167 Substantive and technical					
818	changes.					
819	If this H.B. 254 and S.B. 167, Utah Sports Authority, both pass, it is the intent of the					
820	<u>Legislature that:</u>					
821	(1) Sections 63C-11-301 through Section 63C-11-325 in S.B. 167 do not take effect;					
822	<u>and</u>					
823	(2) the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel, in preparing the Utah					
824	Code database for publication:					
825	(a) renumber Sections 9-16-101 through Section 9-16-505 in this H.B. 254					
826	consecutively as Sections 63C-11-301 through 63C-11-326;					
827	(b) replace the reference to "chapter" in Section 9-16-102, which is renumbered to					
828	63C-11-302, with "part";					
829	(c) change all internal cross-references in Sections 9-16-101 through Section 9-16-505,					
830	which are renumbered to Sections 63C-11-301 through 63C-11-326, to reflect the renumbering					
831	under Subsection (2)(a):					

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832	(d) replace the reference in Section 9-16-201, which is renumbered to 63C-11-303, to
833	"Department of Community and Culture" with "Utah Sports Authority"; and
834	(e) replace the references to "the department" in Section 9-16-403, which is
835	renumbered to 63C-11-315 and Section 9-16-406, which is renumbered to 63C-11-318, with
836	"the commission".

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State Impact

Enactment of this bill would transfer funding and oversight responsibility related to the Pete Suazo Athletic Commission from the Department of Commerce to the Department of Community and Culture. Currently the Commission is funded through Commerce Service Fund revenue. In order to enact the transfer Commerce Service Fund appropriations would have to lapse to the General Fund creating a General Fund revenue source to appropriate from. The amount of the transfer proposed is \$170,000 in FY 2008 and FY 2009. In addition, the Department of Community and Culture will need a one-time appropriation of \$17,500 (General Funds) for costs related to the move from the Department of Commerce.

	FY 2007	FY 2008	I I 2007	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
	Approp.	Approp.	Approp.	Revenue	Revenue	Revenue
General Fund	\$0	\$170,000	\$170,000	\$0	\$170,000	
General Fund, One-Time	\$0	\$17,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Commerce Service Fund	\$0	(\$170,000)		\$0	40	\$0
Total	\$0	\$17,500			\$170,000	\$170,000

Individual, Business and/or Local Impact

Enactment of this bill likely will not result in direct, measurable costs and/or benefits for individuals, businesses, or local governments.

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