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7 A BILL
8 TO BE ENTITLED
9 AN ACT

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11 Relating to the Alabama Athletic Commission; to
12 amend Sections 41-9-1020, 41-9-1021, 41-9-1023, 41-9-1024,
13 41-9-1037, and 41-9-1038, Code of Alabama 1975; to rename the
14 regulatory act the Alabama Unarmed Combat Act; to provide that
15 the commission is the sole regulator of any form of unarmed
16 combat held in the state; to authorize the commission to
17 immediately implement certain medical guidelines and
18 competition guidelines approved by the commission without
19 hearings as prescribed by the Alabama Administrative Procedure
20 Act; to authorize the commission to assess fines, not
21 exceeding a specified amount; to provide further for the
22 complaint, investigation, and discipline process for
23 violators; and in connection therewith would have as its
24 purpose or effect the requirement of a new or increased
25 expenditure of local funds within the meaning of Amendment 621
26 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended by

1 Amendment 890, now appearing as Section 111.05 of the Official
2 Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

4 Section 1. Sections 41-9-1020, 41-9-1021, 41-9-1023,
5 41-9-1024, 41-9-1037, and 41-9-1038 of the Code of Alabama
6 1975, are amended to read as follows:

7 "§41-9-1020.

8 "This article shall be known and may be cited as the
9 Alabama ~~Boxing, Wrestling, and Mixed Martial Arts~~ Unarmed
10 Combat Act.

11 "§41-9-1021.

12 "As used in this article, the following terms shall
13 have the following meanings:

14 "(1) AMATEUR. An individual who engages in a match,
15 contest, or exhibition of boxing, tough man contests,
16 wrestling, ~~or~~ mixed martial arts, or other form of unarmed
17 combat, for no compensation or thing of value for
18 participating, which is governed or authorized by any of the
19 following:

20 "a. U.S.A. Boxing.

21 "b. The Alabama High School Athletic Association.

22 "c. The National Collegiate Athletic Association.

23 "d. Amateur Athletic Union.

24 "e. Golden Gloves.

25 "f. The local affiliate of any organization listed
26 in this subdivision.

27 "g. USA Wrestling.

1 "h. The National Junior College Athletic
2 Association.

3 "i. The National Association of Intercollegiate
4 Athletics.

5 "j. The National Collegiate Wrestling Association.

6 "k. Any organization licensed by the commission.

7 "(2) BARE KNUCKLE BOXING. The original form of
8 boxing, involving two individuals fighting without boxing
9 gloves or other padding on their hands.

10 "(3) BOXING MATCH. A contest between two individuals
11 in which contestants score points in rounds of two or three
12 minutes by striking with gloved fists the head and upper torso
13 of the opponent or by knocking the opponent down and rendering
14 the opponent unconscious or incapable of continuing the
15 contest by the blows, which contest is held in a square ring
16 supervised by a referee and scored by three judges.

17 "(4) BOXING REGISTRY. A registry created or
18 designated pursuant to subsection (k) of Section 41-9-1024.

19 "(5) CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION. An entity described by
20 either of the following:

21 "a. Section 501(c)(3), Internal Revenue Code of 1986
22 (26 U.S.C. ~~Section~~ §501(c)(3)).

23 "b. Section 170(c), Internal Revenue Code of 1986
24 (26 U.S.C. ~~Section~~ §170(c)).

25 "(6) COMMISSION. The Alabama Athletic Commission.

26 "(7) EXHIBITION. A contest where the participants
27 engage in the use of boxing skills and techniques, bare

1 knuckle skills and techniques, tough man skills and
2 techniques, wrestling skills and techniques, or mixed martial
3 arts skills and techniques, or any or all of these, and where
4 the objective is to display the skills and techniques without
5 striving to win.

6 "(8) FACE VALUE. The dollar value of a ticket or
7 order shall reflect the dollar amount that the customer shall
8 pay in order to view the match, contest, exhibition, or
9 entertainment event. Face value shall include any charges or
10 fees, such as dinner, gratuity, parking, surcharges, or any
11 other charges or fees which are charged to and must be paid by
12 the customer in order to view the match, contest, exhibition,
13 or entertainment event. It shall exclude any portion paid by
14 the customer for federal, state, or local taxes.

15 "(9) GROSS RECEIPTS. Any of the following:

16 "a. The gross price charged for the sale or lease of
17 broadcasting, television, closed circuit, or motion picture
18 rights without any deductions for commissions, brokerage fees,
19 distribution fees, production fees, advertising, or other
20 expenses or charges.

21 "b. The face value of all tickets sold.

22 "(10) MANAGER. An individual who, under contract,
23 agreement, or other arrangement with a boxer, bare knuckle
24 boxer, or a mixed martial arts competitor, undertakes to
25 control or administer, directly or indirectly, a matter on
26 behalf of a boxer or a mixed martial arts competitor. The term

1 includes, but is not limited to, a person who functions as a
2 booking agent, adviser, or consultant.

3 "(11) MATCHMAKER. A person who is employed by or
4 associated with a promoter in the capacity of booking and
5 arranging professional matches, contests, or exhibitions of
6 boxing, bare knuckle boxing, or mixed martial arts between
7 opponents or who proposes professional matches, contests, or
8 exhibitions of boxing, bare knuckle boxing, or mixed martial
9 arts and selects and arranges for the participants in such
10 events and for whose activities in this regard the promoter is
11 legally responsible.

12 "(12) MIXED MARTIAL ARTS. Unarmed combat involving
13 the use of any combination of techniques from different
14 disciplines of the martial arts, including, without
15 limitation, grappling, submission holds, throws, and striking
16 or kicking with the hands, feet, knees, or elbows. The term
17 mixed martial arts includes kickboxing.

18 "(13) PERSON. An individual, partnership, firm,
19 association, corporation, or combination of individuals of
20 whatever form or character.

21 "(14) PHYSICIAN. A doctor of medicine or doctor of
22 osteopathy licensed to practice medicine in the State of
23 Alabama.

24 "(15) PROFESSIONAL. A person who is participating or
25 has participated in a match, contest, or exhibition of boxing,
26 bare knuckle boxing, wrestling, or mixed martial arts which is

1 not governed or authorized by one or more of the organizations
2 listed in subdivision (1) and any of the following:

3 "a. Has received or competed for or is receiving or
4 competing for any cash as a salary, purse, or prize for
5 participating in any match, contest, or exhibition of boxing,
6 bare knuckle boxing, wrestling, or mixed martial arts.

7 "b. Is participating or has participated in any
8 match, contest, or exhibition of boxing, bare knuckle boxing,
9 wrestling, or mixed martial arts to which admission is granted
10 upon payment of any ticket for admission or other evidence of
11 the right of entry.

12 "c. Is participating or has participated in any
13 match, contest, or exhibition of boxing, bare knuckle boxing,
14 wrestling, or mixed martial arts which is or was filmed,
15 broadcast, or transmitted for viewing.

16 "d. Is participating or has participated in any
17 match, contest, or exhibition of boxing, bare knuckle boxing,
18 wrestling, or mixed martial arts which provides a commercial
19 advantage by attracting persons to a particular place or
20 promoting a commercial product or enterprise.

21 "(16) PROFESSIONAL MATCH OF BOXING, BARE KNUCKLE
22 BOXING, WRESTLING, ~~or~~ MIXED MARTIAL ARTS, or UNARMED COMBAT.

23 "~~a.~~ A boxing match, contest, or exhibition; a bare
24 knuckle boxing match, contest, or exhibition; a wrestling
25 match; ~~or~~ a mixed martial arts match, contest, or exhibition;
26 or other unarmed combat match, contest, or exhibition, which
27 is not governed or authorized by one or more of the

1 organizations listed in subdivision (1) and which does any of
2 the following:

3 "~~1.a.~~ Rewards a boxer, bare knuckle boxer, wrestler,
4 ~~or~~ mixed martial arts competitor, or other unarmed combat
5 competitor participating with cash as a salary, purse, or
6 prize for such participation.

7 "~~2.b.~~ Requires for admission payment of a ticket or
8 other evidence of the right of entry.

9 "~~3.c.~~ Is filmed, broadcast, or transmitted for
10 viewing.

11 "~~4.d.~~ Provides a commercial advantage by attracting
12 persons to a particular place or promoting a commercial
13 product or enterprise.

14 "~~b. The term does not include unarmed combat.~~

15 "(17) PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING. Any organized event
16 between two unarmed contestants in which participants compete
17 primarily for the purpose of providing entertainment to
18 spectators that may or may not comprise a bona fide athletic
19 contest or competition.

20 "(18) PROMOTER. The person primarily responsible for
21 organizing, promoting, and producing a match, contest, or
22 exhibition of professional boxing, bare knuckle boxing, tough
23 man contest, professional wrestling, or mixed martial arts and
24 who is legally responsible for the lawful conduct of such
25 professional match, contest, or exhibition.

26 "(19) PURSE or RING EARNINGS. The financial
27 guarantee or any other remuneration, or part thereof, which a

1 professional boxer, bare knuckle boxer, wrestler, or mixed
2 martial arts competitor participating in a match, contest, or
3 exhibition will receive and includes any share of any payment
4 received for radio broadcasting, television, or motion picture
5 rights.

6 "(20) TOUGH MAN CONTEST. A boxing match and
7 tournament where each contestant wears headgear and oversized
8 gloves. A contestant in a tough man contest is not an amateur
9 or a professional and cash prizes may be awarded.

10 "(21) UNARMED COMBAT. ~~a.~~ Any form of competition
11 between human beings in which both of the following occurs:

12 "1. One or more blows are struck which may
13 reasonably be expected to inflict injury on a human being.

14 "2. There is some compensation or commercial benefit
15 arising from such competition, whether in the form of cash or
16 non-cash payment to the competitors or the person arranging
17 the competition; the sale of the right to film, broadcast,
18 transmit, or view the competition; or the use of the
19 competition to attract persons to a particular location for
20 some commercial advantage or to promote a commercial product
21 or commercial enterprise.

22 ~~"b. Unarmed combat does not include any of the~~
23 ~~following:~~

24 ~~"1. Professional boxing.~~

25 ~~"2. Professional wrestling.~~

26 ~~"3. Amateur boxing.~~

27 ~~"4. Amateur wrestling.~~

1 ~~"5. Any competition displaying the skills of a~~
2 ~~single form of a system of unarmed self-defense, including,~~
3 ~~but not limited to, kickboxing, karate, or full-contact~~
4 ~~karate, which is held pursuant to the rules of that form and~~
5 ~~governed or authorized by a nationally recognized~~
6 ~~organization.~~

7 ~~"6. Professional mixed martial arts.~~

8 ~~"7. Amateur mixed martial arts.~~

9 ~~"8. Tough man contests.~~

10 ~~"9. Professional wrestling.~~

11 ~~"10. Bare knuckle boxing.~~

12 ~~"§41-9-1023.~~

13 "(a) There is created the Alabama Athletic
14 Commission composed of six members.

15 ~~"(b) (1) The membership of the commission shall be~~
16 ~~inclusive and reflect the racial, gender, geographic,~~
17 ~~urban/rural, and economic diversity of the state. The six~~

18 "(b) (1) The membership of the commission shall be
19 inclusive and reflect the racial, gender, geographic,
20 urban/rural, and economic diversity of the state. The six
21 initial members shall be as follows:

22 "a. Two members appointed by the Governor.

23 **"b. One member appointed by the Alabama Athlete**
24 **Agents Commission.**

25 **"c. One member appointed by the Speaker of the House**
26 **of Representatives.**

1 "d. One member appointed by the President of the
2 Senate.

3 "e. One member appointed by the President Pro
4 Tempore of the Senate.

5 "(2) Initial appointments by the Governor shall be
6 for one and three years, the initial appointment by the
7 Speaker of the House of Representatives shall be for four
8 years, the initial appointment of the President of the Senate
9 shall be for two years, and the initial appointment of the
10 President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall be for one year. The
11 initial appointment by the commission shall be for four years.
12 All subsequent appointments shall be for terms of four years.
13 Vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired terms under the
14 same procedures and requirements as appointments for full
15 terms. Each member of the commission shall be a ~~citizen~~
16 resident of this state ~~and no two members shall be from the~~
17 ~~same congressional district at the time of appointment.~~

18 "(c) The commission shall elect a chair from among
19 its membership for a term of one year. While serving as chair,
20 a member may not vote on any matter coming before the
21 commission. The commission may elect a vice chair from its
22 membership for a term of one year. Any member serving as chair
23 shall be eligible for successive election to the office by the
24 commission. The chair may designate another member of the
25 commission to perform the duties of chair in his or her
26 absence. The commission may employ an executive director to

1 manage the day-to-day operations of the commission within the
2 available funds of the commission.

3 "(d) A medical advisory panel of the commission
4 shall be appointed by the Governor and shall consist of four
5 persons licensed to practice medicine in this state, with one
6 member each representing the specialties of ophthalmology and
7 general medicine and two members representing the specialty of
8 sports medicine. The medical advisory panel shall advise and
9 assist the commission and its staff regarding issues and
10 questions concerning the medical safety of professional
11 boxers, bare knuckle boxers, tough man contestants,
12 professional wrestlers, amateur mixed martial arts
13 competitors, ~~and~~ professional mixed martial arts competitors,
14 and other unarmed combat competitors including, but not
15 limited to, matters relating to medical suspensions. The
16 medical advisory panel may meet separately from the commission
17 to discuss and formulate recommendations for the commission in
18 connection with medical safety. Members of the medical
19 advisory panel shall not be counted in determining a quorum of
20 the commission and shall not vote as commission members.

21 "(e) Each member of the commission and the medical
22 advisory panel shall be reimbursed for expenses and travel as
23 provided for public officials of this state.

24 "§41-9-1024.

25 "(a) (1) The commission shall be the sole regulator
26 of professional boxing in this state and shall have authority
27 to protect the physical safety and welfare of professional

1 boxers and serve the public interest by closely supervising
2 all professional boxing in this state.

3 "(2) The commission shall be the sole regulator of
4 professional and amateur matches, contests, or exhibitions of
5 mixed martial arts and shall have the authority to protect the
6 physical safety and welfare of professional competitors in
7 mixed martial arts and serve the public interest by closely
8 supervising all competitors in mixed martial arts. The
9 commission shall regulate professional and amateur mixed
10 martial arts to the same extent as professional boxing unless
11 any rule of the commission is not by its nature applicable to
12 mixed martial arts.

13 "(3) The commission shall be the sole regulator of
14 professional matches, contests, or exhibitions of wrestling
15 and shall have the authority to protect the physical safety
16 and welfare of professional competitors in professional
17 wrestling and serve the public interest by closely supervising
18 all competitors in professional wrestling. The commission
19 shall regulate professional wrestling to the same extent as
20 professional boxing unless any rule of the commission is not
21 by its nature applicable to professional wrestling.

22 "(4) The commission shall have the sole authority to
23 license a wrestling sanctioning organization to safeguard the
24 public health, to protect competitors, and to provide for
25 competitive matches by requiring each licensed organization to
26 abide by rules adopted by the commission. The commission, at
27 the request of a licensed sanctioning organization, may

1 provide direct oversight of any event sanctioned by the
2 organization for a fee negotiated between the commission and
3 the licensed sanctioning organization.

4 "(5) The commission shall have the sole authority to
5 license the promoters of tough man contests to safeguard the
6 public health, to protect competitors, and to provide for
7 competitive matches by requiring each licensed promoter to
8 abide by rules adopted by the commission. The commission, at
9 the request of a promoter, may provide direct oversight of any
10 tough man match for a fee negotiated between the commission
11 and the promoter.

12 "(6) The commission shall be the sole regulator of
13 professional bare knuckle boxing matches, contests, or
14 exhibitions of bare knuckle boxing and shall have the
15 authority to protect the physical safety and welfare of
16 professional competitors in bare knuckle boxing and serve the
17 public interest by closely supervising all competitors in bare
18 knuckle boxing. The commission shall regulate professional
19 bare knuckle boxing to the same extent as professional boxing
20 unless any rule of the commission is not by its nature
21 applicable to bare knuckle boxing.

22 "(7) The commission shall be the sole regulator and
23 shall have the sole authority to regulate any form of unarmed
24 combat held in the state as the commission deems necessary.

25 "(b) The commission shall have the sole jurisdiction
26 to license the promotion or holding of each match, contest, or
27 exhibition of professional boxing, bare knuckle boxing, tough

1 man contests, professional wrestling, amateur mixed martial
2 arts, ~~or~~ professional mixed martial arts, or other form of
3 unarmed combat promoted or held within this state.

4 "(c) The commission shall have the authority to
5 license participants in any match, contest, or exhibition of
6 professional boxing, professional bare knuckle boxing,
7 professional wrestling, amateur mixed martial arts, ~~or~~
8 professional mixed martial arts, or other form of unarmed
9 combat held in this state.

10 "(d) The commission shall have the authority to
11 direct, manage, control, and supervise all matches, contests,
12 or exhibitions of professional boxing, professional bare
13 knuckle boxing, tough man contests, professional wrestling,
14 amateur mixed martial arts, or professional mixed martial arts
15 including, but not limited to, the authority to enforce safety
16 measures and restrict access to certain areas for the
17 protection of the public and participants. The commission may
18 adopt bylaws for its own management and adopt and enforce
19 rules consistent with this article. The commission may
20 immediately implement medical guidelines, that have been
21 vetted by the medical advisory panel and approved by the
22 commission, and competition guidelines, that have been
23 approved by the commission. Medical and competition guidelines
24 approved by the commission pursuant to this subdivision are
25 exempt from the Alabama Administrative Procedure Act.

26 "(e) The commission shall have the sole authority to
27 inquire into the plans or arrangements for compliance of a

1 licensed organization with rules adopted by the commission.
2 The commission may require a wrestling sanctioning
3 organization to pay an annual licensure fee and any other fee
4 determined necessary by the board and may penalize any
5 organization for violation of this article or any rule adopted
6 by the commission pursuant to this article.

7 "(f) The commission may appoint one or more
8 inspectors as duly authorized representatives of the
9 commission to ensure that the rules are strictly observed. The
10 inspectors shall be present at all professional matches,
11 contests, or exhibitions of boxing, bare knuckle boxing,
12 wrestling, or mixed martial arts.

13 "(g) The commission may designate physicians as duly
14 authorized representatives of the commission to conduct
15 physical examinations of boxers, bare knuckle boxers, or mixed
16 martial arts competitors licensed under this article and shall
17 designate a roster of physicians authorized to conduct
18 prefight physicals and serve as ringside physicians in all
19 professional boxing, professional bare knuckle boxing, tough
20 man, or mixed martial arts matches held in this state.

21 "(h) (1) The commission or any agent duly designated
22 by the commission may do any of the following:

23 "a. Make investigations.

24 "b. Hold hearings.

25 "c. Issue subpoenas to compel the attendance of
26 witnesses and the production of books, papers, and records.

1 "d. Administer oaths to and examine any witnesses
2 for the purpose of determining any question coming before it
3 under this article or under the rules adopted pursuant to this
4 article.

5 "e. Swear out a warrant of arrest against any person
6 violating the criminal provisions of this article, and the
7 commission shall not be liable in damages or to any action for
8 damages by reason of swearing out a warrant or for causing the
9 arrest and detention or imprisonment of any person under such
10 warrant, unless the commission or agent fails to act in a
11 reasonably prudent manner.

12 "f. Assess fines, not to exceed ten thousand dollars
13 (\$10,000) per violation, for violations of the rules and
14 guidelines of the commission.

15 "(2) During an investigation of any allegation
16 which, if proven, would result in criminal or civil sanctions
17 as provided in this article, the commission may withhold all
18 or a portion of the gross receipts to which the person under
19 investigation is entitled until such time as the matter has
20 been resolved.

21 "(i) The commission may engage in activities that
22 promote amateur boxing, amateur wrestling, and amateur mixed
23 martial arts in this state and contract with any nonprofit
24 organization which is exempted from the taxation of income. To
25 support amateur boxing, amateur wrestling, and amateur mixed
26 martial arts in this state, the commission may promote
27 voluntary contributions through the application process or

1 through any fund-raising or other promotional technique deemed
2 appropriate by the commission.

3 "(j) Pursuant to 15 U.S.C. Section 6301, et seq.,
4 the commission may issue to each boxer who is a resident of
5 this state an identification card bearing the photograph of
6 the boxer and in such form and containing such information as
7 the commission deems necessary and appropriate. The commission
8 shall ensure that the form and manner of issuance of the
9 identification cards comply with any applicable federal law or
10 regulation. The commission may charge an amount not to exceed
11 one hundred dollars (\$100) per card for the issuance or
12 replacement of each identification card.

13 "(k) The commission may create a boxing registry or
14 designate a nationally recognized boxing registry and register
15 each boxer who is a resident of this state or who is a
16 resident of another state which has no boxing registry.

17 "(l) The commission may inquire into the financial
18 backing of any professional match, contest, or exhibition of
19 boxing, bare knuckle boxing, wrestling, or mixed martial arts
20 and obtain answers to written or oral questions propounded to
21 all persons associated with the professional event.

22 "(m) The commission, pursuant to rule, may license
23 any concessionaire, ring announcer, photographer, or other
24 person receiving any portion of the gate proceeds from a
25 match, contest, or exhibition held in the state pursuant to
26 this article.

27 "§41-9-1037.

1 "The commission shall have jurisdiction over any
2 match, contest, or exhibition of professional boxing,
3 professional bare knuckle boxing, tough man contests,
4 professional wrestling, amateur mixed martial arts, ~~or~~
5 professional mixed martial arts, or other form of unarmed
6 combat which occurs or is held within this state, is filmed in
7 this state, or is broadcast or transmitted from this state.

8 "§41-9-1038.

9 "~~(a) The Attorney General may bring a civil action~~
10 ~~requesting relief, including a permanent or temporary~~
11 ~~injunction, restraining order, or other order, against any~~
12 ~~person who he or she believes is violating Section 41-9-1029,~~
13 ~~41-9-1030, 41-9-1031, 41-9-1032, 41-9-1033, 41-9-1034,~~
14 ~~41-9-1035, or 41-9-1037.~~

15 "~~(b) (1) Any manager, promoter, matchmaker, or~~
16 ~~licensee who knowingly violates or coerces or causes any other~~
17 ~~person to violate Section 41-9-1030, 41-9-1031, 41-9-1032,~~
18 ~~41-9-1033, 41-9-1034, 41-9-1035, 41-9-1036, or 41-9-1037~~
19 ~~shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a Class C felony.~~

20 "~~(2) Any member or employee of the commission or any~~
21 ~~person who administers or enforces this article or rules~~
22 ~~adopted pursuant to this article who knowingly violates~~
23 ~~Section 41-9-1033 or 41-9-1034 shall, upon conviction, be~~
24 ~~guilty of a Class C felony.~~

25 "~~(3) Any professional boxer, professional bare~~
26 ~~knuckle boxer, tough man contestant, professional wrestler,~~
27 ~~amateur mixed martial arts competitor, or professional~~

1 ~~competitor in mixed martial arts who knowingly violates this~~
2 ~~article, except Section 41-9-1034, shall, upon conviction, be~~
3 ~~guilty of a Class B misdemeanor.~~

4 ~~"(4) Any professional boxer, professional bare~~
5 ~~knuckle boxer, tough man contestant, professional wrestler,~~
6 ~~amateur mixed martial arts competitor, or professional~~
7 ~~competitor in mixed martial arts who violates Section~~
8 ~~41-9-1034 may be punished by a civil fine not to exceed~~
9 ~~twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) together with a~~
10 ~~percentage of the purse not to exceed 15 percent for each~~
11 ~~violation.~~

12 "(a) Any person may file a written and signed
13 complaint with the commission alleging that any other person
14 has violated any provision of Sections 41-9-1029 to 41-9-1037,
15 inclusive. A complaint shall be made in the manner prescribed
16 by the board and shall be referred by the commission to a
17 standing investigative committee, consisting of a commission
18 member, the executive director, the attorney for the
19 commission, and an investigator or the chief inspector of the
20 commission. If the investigative committee finds that no
21 probable cause exists, the investigative committee may dismiss
22 the charges and prepare a statement in writing, detailing the
23 reasons for the decision.

24 "(b) (1) If the investigative committee finds that
25 probable cause exists, the commission shall initiate an
26 administrative proceeding. If the commission determines a
27 person has violated any provision of Sections 41-9-1029 to

1 41-9-1037, inclusive, the commission may do any of the
2 following:

3 "a. Issue a cease and desist order.

4 "b. Suspend or revoke a license.

5 "c. Impose an administrative fine of not more than
6 ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) per violation.

7 "(2) The commission may petition the circuit court
8 of the county where the violation occurred to enforce a cease
9 and desist order and to collect any assessed fine.

10 ~~"(c) A person who participates in or promotes~~
11 ~~unarmed combat shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.~~

12 "(c) The criminal penalties in this section shall
13 not be construed to repeal other criminal laws. Whenever
14 conduct prescribed by this article is also prescribed by other
15 provision of law, the provision which carries the more serious
16 penalty shall be applied.

17 "(d) Any person aggrieved by an adverse action of
18 the commission may appeal the action to the Circuit Court of
19 Montgomery County in accordance with the Alabama
20 Administrative Procedure Act."

21 Section 2. Although this bill would have as its
22 purpose or effect the requirement of a new or increased
23 expenditure of local funds, the bill is excluded from further
24 requirements and application under Amendment 621, as amended
25 by Amendment 890, now appearing as Section 111.05 of the
26 Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901,

1 as amended, because the bill defines a new crime or amends the
2 definition of an existing crime.

3 Section 3. This act shall become effective
4 immediately following its passage and approval by the
5 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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Senate

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Yeas 30
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Patrick Harris,
Secretary.