



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: [Sub. H.B. 152 of the 129th G.A.](#)

Date: April 18, 2012

Status: As Enacted

Sponsor: Rep. Mallory

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No — No local cost

Contents: Exempts from regulations of the Ohio Athletic Commission a boxing, karate, or wrestling event or exhibition conducted under the supervision of the Fraternal Order of Police, the Ohio Association of Professional Firefighters, or the Northern Ohio Firefighters, if the proceeds benefit a charitable organization

State Fiscal Highlights

- Minimal fiscal effect on the state.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

Under current law, persons who engage in promoting matches or events related to striking sports (boxing, kickboxing, karate, "tough-man," and wrestling) generally must be licensed and subject to regulation by the Ohio Athletic Commission. Those regulations do not apply to amateur programs conducted under the supervision or control of colleges, the National Amateur Athletic Union, the American Olympic Association, and the Ohio National Guard and State Militia, if contestants are members of those organizations. The Ohio Athletic Commission receives no GRF revenue and is supported by fee revenue generated by participants in the activities it regulates.¹ Agency operations are funded from the Occupational Licensing and Regulatory Fund (Fund 4K90).

The bill exempts from Commission oversight, striking sports competitions or exhibitions conducted by the Fraternal Order of Police, the Ohio Association of Professional Firefighters, or the Northern Ohio Firefighters, if the proceeds of such events benefit a 501(c)(3) charitable organization or a charitable organization that the Fraternal Order of Police, the Ohio Association of Professional Firefighters, or the Northern Ohio Firefighters supported before the bill's effective date. The bill may thereby decrease agency expenditures and fee revenues. LSC is unaware of any striking sports competition or exhibition directly supervised or conducted by the organizations above. LSC is unable to determine the number and size of competitions or exhibitions that might be exempt by the bill. However, based on revenues collected from all events currently regulated by the Ohio Athletic Commission, the fiscal impact of the bill on the Commission and the state would be minimal. The bill has no fiscal effect on local governments.

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¹ License fees are paid by agents, promoters, competitors, fighters, referees, and other officials of events, and managers/trainers of competitors. In addition, the Ohio Athletic Commission collects a 5% tax on gross ticket sales of major mixed martial arts events. FY 2011 total revenue was about \$267,166.