# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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# Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

**Bill**: H.B. 152 of the 129th G.A. **Date**: April 4, 2011

**Status**: As Introduced **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 or the Ohio Association of Professional 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 striking sports competitions or exhibitions conducted by the Fraternal Order of Police or the Ohio Association of Professional Firefighters if the proceeds of such events benefit a charitable organization. The bill may thereby decrease agency expenditures and fee revenues. According to an official at the agency, the Ohio Athletic Commission is unaware of any striking sports competition or exhibition directly supervised or conducted by the two organizations above. Also, as of this writing, 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 2010 total revenue was about $330,405.