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Substitute House Bill No. 5532

House of Representatives, March 25, 2014

The Committee on Public Safety and Security reported through REP. DARGAN of the 115th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING BOXING AND MIXED MARTIAL ARTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 29-143aa of the 2014 supplement to the general
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective October 1, 2014*):

4 Any person, firm or corporation that employs, or contracts with, a
5 person to be a boxer or competitor in a boxing, sparring or mixed
6 martial arts match conducted pursuant to this chapter shall [be liable
7 for any health care costs incurred by such competitor for the diagnosis,
8 care and treatment of any injury, illness, disease or condition resulting
9 from or caused] provide insurance for the protection of the boxer or
10 competitor in matches produced by such person, firm or corporation.
11 Such insurance coverage shall provide for reimbursement to the boxer
12 or competitor for medical, dental, surgical and hospital care for all
13 injuries sustained by such boxer's or competitor's participation in such
14 match. [for the duration of such injury, illness, disease or condition.]

15 The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall
16 adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, concerning the
17 insurance required by the provisions of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2014	29-143aa

PS *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill, which modifies the insurance responsibilities of certain event promoters, has no fiscal impact.

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State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

This bill eliminates mixed martial arts (MMA) promoters' liability to pay any health care costs an MMA competitor incurs from an injury, illness, disease, or condition resulting from an MMA match for as long as the illness, disease, or condition lasts. The bill, instead, requires MMA promoters to provide insurance to reimburse injured competitors for medical, dental, surgical, and hospital care, just as boxing and sparring promoters must do under existing regulations (Conn Agencies Reg. § 29-143j-37). The bill also codifies the insurance requirement for boxing and sparring promoters.

The bill applies to any person, firm, or corporation that employs or contracts with someone to box or compete in an MMA, boxing, or sparring match.

It requires the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection to adopt implementing regulations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2014

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

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