



Senate

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Senate Bill No. 901

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The Committee on Public Safety and Security reported through SEN. LARSON of the 3rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the 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 Section 29-143aa of the general statutes is repealed and
2 the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2015*):

3 Any person, firm or corporation that employs, or contracts with, a
4 person to be a boxer or competitor in a boxing, sparring or mixed
5 martial arts match conducted pursuant to this chapter shall [be liable
6 for any health care costs incurred by such competitor for the diagnosis,
7 care and treatment of any injury, illness, disease or condition resulting
8 from or caused] provide insurance for the protection of the boxer or
9 competitor in matches produced by such person, firm or corporation.
10 Such insurance coverage shall provide for reimbursement to the boxer
11 or competitor for medical, dental, surgical and hospital care for all
12 injuries sustained by such boxer's or competitor's participation in such
13 match. [for the duration of such injury, illness, disease or condition]
14 The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall
15 adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, concerning the

16 insurance required by the provisions of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	29-143aa

PS *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

The bill, which modifies liability and insurance requirements for persons or firms that engage individuals in certain competitions, has no fiscal impact.

The Out Years**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 901****AN ACT CONCERNING BOXING AND MIXED MARTIAL ARTS.****SUMMARY:**

The 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 the duration of the injury, illness, disease, or condition. It, instead, requires 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 state regulations (Conn. Agencies Reg. § 29-143j-37). It codifies the requirement in statute 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, 2015

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 25 Nay 0 (03/10/2015)