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**OLR Bill Analysis**

**sHB 5201**

***AN ACT CONCERNING MUAY THAI AS A FORM OF MIXED MARTIAL ARTS.***

**SUMMARY**

This bill adds muay thai as a form of mixed martial arts (MMA) by specifically inserting it into the latter's statutory definition. State law generally subjects MMA matches to the laws governing professional boxing, including those pertaining to regulation by the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection; licensing; taxes; match rules; ticket prices; minimum age limits; and violations. Effectively, these laws will now apply to muay thai.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2021

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 24 Nay 0 (03/24/2021)