



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 376

January Session, 2021

Substitute House Bill No. 5201

House of Representatives, April 12, 2021

The Committee on Public Safety and Security reported through REP. HORN of the 64th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

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

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 29-143j of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
3 *2021*):

4 (a) As used in this chapter, (1) "commissioner" means the
5 Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection, and (2)
6 "mixed martial arts" means (A) unarmed combat [involving] that
7 involves the use of a combination of techniques from different
8 disciplines of the martial arts and includes grappling, kicking, jujitsu
9 and striking, and (B) muay thai.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	29-143j(a)
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Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

Section 1(a)(2) was rewritten and divided into Subparas. for accuracy and clarity.

PS *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 22 \$	FY 23 \$
Resources of the General Fund	GF - Potential Revenue Gain	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill includes muay thai under the definition of mixed martial arts resulting in a potential revenue gain to the state to the extent additional licenses are applied for. The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection licenses and regulates mixed martial arts.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the number of licenses.

OLR Bill Analysis

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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

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