

Fifty-eighth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

SENATE BILL NO. 2161

Introduced by

Senator J. Lee

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 53-01 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to mixed fighting style competitions; and to amend and reenact sections
3 53-01-02, 53-01-03, 53-01-07, and 53-01-17 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the
4 regulation of mixed fighting style competitions.

5 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

6 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 53-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is
7 created and enacted as follows:

8 **Definition of mixed fighting style competition.** As used in this chapter, "mixed
9 fighting style competition" means an exhibition or a contest where participants inflict kicks,
10 punches, blows, and other techniques to injure or disable an opponent. The techniques may
11 include a combination of boxing, kick boxing, wrestling, grappling, or martial arts.

12 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 53-01-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is
13 amended and reenacted as follows:

14 **53-01-02. Administration by secretary of state - Appointment of athletic advisory**
15 **board.** The secretary of state shall act as state athletic commissioner and administer this
16 chapter. The secretary of state may appoint an athletic advisory board to assist and advise the
17 secretary of state in matters relating to the regulation of boxing, kickboxing, mixed fighting style
18 competitions, and sparring. The secretary of state shall define the duties of the board.
19 Members of the board shall serve without compensation, except for reimbursement for actual
20 and necessary expenses at the same rate as allowed state employees incurred in performing
21 their official duties.

22 **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 53-01-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is
23 amended and reenacted as follows:

1 **53-01-03. Restrictions.** The secretary of state may not promote, directly or indirectly,
2 ~~promote~~ any boxing, kickboxing, mixed fighting style competition, or sparring exhibition, engage
3 in the managing of any boxer ~~or~~, kickboxer, or mixed style fighter, or be interested in any
4 manner in the proceeds from any boxing, kickboxing, mixed fighting style competition, or
5 sparring exhibition.

6 **SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Section 53-01-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is
7 amended and reenacted as follows:

8 **53-01-07. Duties of state athletic commissioner.** The secretary of state shall
9 supervise all boxing, kickboxing, mixed fighting style competitions, or sparring exhibitions held
10 in the state and may:

- 11 1. Adopt rules governing the conduct of boxing, kickboxing, and sparring exhibitions.
- 12 2. Establish license fees for all boxers, kickboxers, mixed style fighters, boxing ~~and~~,
13 kickboxing, and mixed fighting style competition promoters, managers, judges,
14 timekeepers, cornerpersons, knockdown counters, matchmakers, and referees.
- 15 3. Establish by rule a fee based on the percentage of gross revenues from any
16 boxing, kickboxing, mixed fighting style competition, or sparring exhibition held in
17 this state to pay for the expenses of members of the athletic advisory board. A fee
18 established under this subsection may not exceed one percent of the gross
19 revenues of the exhibition from any and all sources including cable television and
20 pay-per-view telecasts of the event, exclusive of any federal tax thereon.

21 **SECTION 5. AMENDMENT.** Section 53-01-17 of the North Dakota Century Code is
22 amended and reenacted as follows:

23 **53-01-17. Exhibitions also governed by local ordinance.** Boxing, kickboxing, or
24 sparring exhibitions may not be held in cities in which such contests or exhibitions are declared
25 illegal by ordinance. All boxing, kickboxing, mixed fighting style competitions, or sparring
26 exhibitions held in any city in this state must be held in conformity with the ordinances of the city
27 in addition to the requirements under this chapter.