

**SUBJECT:** Specifying the composition of the combative sports advisory board

**COMMITTEE:** Licensing and Administrative Procedures — favorable, without amendment

**VOTE:** 10 ayes — T. King, Goldman, Geren, Guillen, Harless, Hernandez, K. King, Kuempel, Paddie, S. Thompson

0 nays

1 absent — Herrero

**WITNESSES:** For — Jose Simon, Texas Chiropractic Association

Against — None

On — (*Registered, but did not testify:* Brian Francis, Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation)

**BACKGROUND:** Occupations Code sec. 2052.055 authorizes the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation to establish and appoint the members of a combative sports advisory board. If the commission elects to appoint an advisory board, the size of the board, qualifications for appointment, and the board's purpose and duties are set by commission rule.

**DIGEST:** HB 201 would replace the requirement that the board composition be set by commission rule with a requirement that the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation, if it elected to appoint a combative sports advisory board, appoint a nine-member board. The board would be composed of four physicians, one chiropractor, one representative of a boxing promotor, one representative of a mixed martial arts promoter, one combative sports referee or judge that had been licensed at least three years, and one former combative sports contestant.

The bill would not affect the entitlement of any current member of the sports advisory board to continue to serve the remainder of the member's

term. As terms of members expired or vacancies occurred, the presiding officer of the commission would appoint new board members in a manner consistent with the bill.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2019.