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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Currently, licensing is required for almost all the pertinent parties in a combative sports event (e.g., contestant, manager, referee, judge, or timekeeper). The sole exception to this requirement are event coordinators. Event coordinators provide a valuable service for promoters by serving as the liaison to the local market. However, if done incorrectly, their actions may jeopardize the promoter's license. When a licensed party violates a regulation, the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) can assess an administrative penalty, or if the violation is egregious enough, TDLR can revoke the license. Event coordinators, who fall outside this regulation, are not subject to any type of administrative recourse. The inclusion of event coordinators would bring accountability to every level of the combative sports arena.

H.B. 1293 adds combative sports event coordinators to the list of persons who must have a license or registration issued in order to participate in a combative sports event.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

Rulemaking authority is expressly granted to the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation in SECTION 3 of this bill.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 2052.002, Occupations Code, by adding Subdivision (11-a) to define "event coordinator."

SECTION 2. Amends Section 2052.107, Occupations Code, to prohibit an person from acting as an combative sports event coordinator unless the person holds a license or registration issued under this chapter (Combative Sports).

SECTION 3. Requires the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation, not later than December 1, 2007, to adopt the rules necessary to implement the changes in law made by this Act.

SECTION 4. Makes application of Section 2052.107, Occupations Code, as added by this Act, prospective to January 1, 2008.

SECTION 5. Effective date: September 1, 2007.