

**Sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 5, 2021**

SENATE BILL NO. 2250
(Senator Sorvaag)

AN ACT to amend and reenact sections 53-01-01.1 and 53-01-07 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to combative sports.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 53-01-01.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

53-01-01.1. Mixed fighting style competition - Definition -~~Prohibition.~~

As used in this chapter, "mixed fighting style competition" means an advertised or professionally promoted exhibition or contest for which any type of admission fee is charged and in which participants who inflict or employ kicks, punches, blows, holds, and other techniques to injure, stun, choke, incapacitate, or disable an opponent. The techniques may include a combination of boxing, kickboxing, wrestling, grappling, or other recognized martial arts. Boxing and kickboxing exhibitions or contests without the combination of other techniques do not constitute mixed fighting style competitions. ~~A person may not advertise, promote, sponsor, hold, or participate in any mixed fighting style competition in this state until a mixed fighting style advisory board is authorized and appointed and rules governing the competitions have been adopted by the secretary of state under this chapter.~~

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Section 53-01-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

53-01-07. Duties of state commissioner of combative sports.

The secretary of state shall supervise all boxing, kickboxing, mixed fighting style competitions, or sparring exhibitions held in the state and may:

1. ~~Adopt combined rules governing the conduct of boxing, kickboxing, mixed fighting style competitions, and sparring exhibitions. In lieu of adopting combined rules the secretary of state may regulate the conduct of any boxing, kickboxing, mixed fighting style, or sparring match, competition, or exhibition through the use of the most recent uniform rules of boxing and the unified rules of mixed martial arts published by the association of boxing commissions.~~
2. Establish license fees for all boxers, kickboxers, mixed style fighters, boxing, kickboxing, and mixed fighting style competition promoters, managers, judges, timekeepers, cornerpersons, knockdown counters, matchmakers, and referees or other participants.
3. Charge a fee equal to the actual cost incurred to regulate the competitions and exhibitions.
4. Adopt rules allowing the secretary of state to perform screening tests for controlled substances, as defined in section 19-03.1-01, on boxers, kickboxers, and mixed style fighters participating in a competition or an exhibition.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2250.

Senate Vote: Yeas 47 Nays 0 Absent 0

House Vote: Yeas 79 Nays 13 Absent 1

Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2021.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2021.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2021,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State