### ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 476—COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

## (ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

#### MARCH 23, 2015

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to unarmed combat. (BDR 41-1172)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.

Effect on the State: Executive Budget.

EXPLANATION - Matter in bolded italics is new; matter between brackets formitted material is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to unarmed combat; requiring the Governor to designate a member of the Nevada Athletic Commission as Chair of the Commission; increasing the percentage of the total gross receipts from admission fees to a live contest or exhibition of unarmed combat required to be paid by a promoter as part of a license fee; requiring a portion of such percentage to be deposited with the State Treasurer for credit to the Athletic Commission's Agency Account; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

#### **Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

Existing law requires the members of the Nevada Athletic Commission to elect a member as Chair of the Commission. (NRS 467.030) Section 1 of this bill instead: (1) requires the Governor to designate a member of the Commission as Chair of the Commission; and (2) provides that the designation as Chair lasts for 2 years, unless revoked by the Governor.

Existing law also requires every promoter, which is a person who produces or stages any professional contest or exhibition of unarmed combat, to pay a license fee. Part of the license fee is calculated as 6 percent of the total gross receipts from admission fees to a live contest or exhibition of unarmed combat, exclusive of any tax. (NRS 467.107) Section 3 of this bill increases this percentage of the total gross receipts from admission fees for purposes of calculating the license fee to 8 percent. Section 3 also requires that one-fourth of that 8 percent be deposited with the State Treasurer for credit to the Athletic Commission's Agency Account.





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# THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1.** NRS 467.030 is hereby amended to read as follows: 467.030 1. The [members] Governor shall designate a member of the Commission [shall elect one of their number] as Chair of the Commission. The designation as Chair lasts for 2 years, unless revoked by the Governor.

- 2. The Commission may purchase and use a seal.
- 3. The Commission may adopt regulations for the administration of this chapter. The regulations must include:
- (a) Number and qualifications of ring officials required at any exhibition or contest.
- (b) Procedures for obtaining fingerprints pursuant to NRS 467.100 to investigate the criminal history of all ring officials and employees of the Commission and any other applicant the Commission wishes to investigate.
  - (c) Powers, duties and compensation of ring officials.
  - (d) Qualifications of licensees.
- 4. The Commission shall prepare all forms of contracts between sponsors, licensees, promoters and contestants.
  - **Sec. 2.** NRS 467.040 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 467.040 1. The Commission may employ an Executive Director, who must not be a member of the Commission.
- 2. Except as provided in NRS 467.080, *subsection 2 of NRS* 467.107 and *NRS* 467.135, all money received by the Executive Director or the Commission pursuant to the provisions of this chapter must be deposited with the State Treasurer for credit to the State General Fund.
  - **Sec. 3.** NRS 467.107 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 467.107 1. In addition to the payment of any other fees and money due under this chapter, every promoter, except as provided in subsection [2,] 3, shall pay a license fee of:
- (a) [Six] *Eight* percent of the total gross receipts from admission fees to the live contest or exhibition of unarmed combat, exclusive of any federal tax or tax imposed by any political subdivision of this state; and
- (b) Three percent of the first \$1,000,000, and 1 percent of the next \$2,000,000, of the total gross receipts from the sale, lease or other exploitation of broadcasting, television and motion picture rights for that contest or exhibition,
- without any deductions for commissions, brokerage fees, distribution fees, advertising, contestants' purses or any other expenses or charges.





- 2. One-fourth of the total gross receipts from admission fees collected pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1 must be deposited with the State Treasurer for credit to the Athletic Commission's Agency Account created by NRS 467.080.
- 3. A corporation organized pursuant to NRS 81.550 to 81.660, inclusive, which promotes an amateur contest or exhibition of unarmed combat whose net proceeds are to be spent entirely in this state, for the purposes for which the corporation is organized, is exempt from the fees payable under this section. The corporation must retain the services of a promoter licensed pursuant to this chapter.
  - [3.] 4. The Commission shall adopt regulations:
- (a) Requiring that the number and face value of all complimentary tickets be reported.
- (b) Governing the treatment of complimentary tickets for the purposes of computing gross receipts from admission fees under paragraph (a) of subsection 1.
  - **Sec. 4.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.





