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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MIXED MARTIAL ARTS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Section 440E-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

3 "(a) No mixed martial arts event shall be held unless the
4 director issues a permit for the event. To obtain a permit to
5 conduct, hold, or give a mixed martial arts event, a promoter
6 shall:

7 (1) Provide proof of medical insurance for mixed martial
8 arts contestants in accordance with rules adopted by
9 the director. All promoters shall be responsible for
10 paying the medical insurance policy premiums and any
11 deductible or copay amount of the medical insurance
12 policy;

13 (2) Submit all contracts with managers, mixed martial arts
14 contestants, and venues, including any agreement of
15 pre-contest training funds advanced to any contestant
16 either by the promoter or manager or any party of
17 interest, to the director for the director's review
18 and approval;

- 1 (3) Submit to the director, for the director's review and
2 approval, all ring records of all mixed martial arts
3 contestants scheduled to participate in the event;
- 4 (4) Provide cash or cashier's or certified checks made
5 payable to each mixed martial arts contestant for the
6 amount due the contestant or the contestant's manager,
7 as the case may be, in accordance with the contracts
8 approved by the director;
- 9 (5) Provide to the director written confirmation that an
10 ambulance with paramedics and appropriate security
11 have been obtained and will be present at all times at
12 the venue of the mixed martial arts event;
- 13 (6) Provide evidence to the director that security
14 personnel and resources will be present in sufficient
15 number and force to exercise crowd control and to
16 protect spectators at the mixed martial arts event;
- 17 (7) Provide to the director evidence that the mixed
18 martial arts event will be conducted in compliance
19 with municipal fire codes; and
- 20 (8) Maintain sanitary conditions at the site of the mixed
21 martial arts event."

22 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

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1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Mixed Martial Arts; Additional Payment Option; Cash; Chapter 440E

Description:

Allows mixed martial arts promoters to pay fighters with cash.

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JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Commerce and Consumer Affairs

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MIXED MARTIAL ARTS.

PURPOSE: To allow mixed martial arts promoters to pay fighters with cash.

MEANS: Amend section 440E-7(a), Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS).

JUSTIFICATION: Currently, section 440E-7(a)(4), HRS, requires that promoters pay fighters with either cashier's or certified checks. However, almost every event involves last-minute changes to the fight card due to a fighter not making weight or getting injured during training. The fighter's weigh-in takes place the day before the event, and most of the events are held on a Saturday. As a result, it is very difficult for the promoter to get new checks issued on a Saturday because most financial institutions are closed. If cash is allowed as another form of payment, it will be easier to make changes to the fighter's compensation. As expected, the fighters prefer cash payment.

Impact on the public: None.

Impact on the department and other agencies: None.

GENERAL FUND: None.

OTHER FUNDS: None.

PPBS PROGRAM DESIGNATION: CCA-105.

OTHER AFFECTED AGENCIES: None.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon approval.