

**Senate Finance Committee**

**Workgroup on  
Articles VI, VII & VIII**

**Adopted Riders, Article VIII**

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## Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation Rider Related to the Combative Sports Program

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### Overview

The administrative rules of the Combative Sports program, operated by the Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR), currently require an event promoter to "provide a sufficient number of seats in a department-designated area located in close proximity to the technical zone for use by ring officials and other individuals authorized and/or assigned by the department to work or attend the event. (16 Adm. Code § 61.40(b)(8))" Furthermore, "the executive director, or his designee, shall have sole control over the technical zone including but not limited to who may be admitted to the zone." (16 Admin. Code § 61.30(q))"

The rider requires the Department of Licensing and Regulation to report to the Legislative Budget Board on a quarterly basis, any employee or guests of the department who attends a combative sports event using promoter provided tickets in the State of Texas, the date of the event, and the face value of the ticket for the event.

### Required Action

On page VIII-\_\_ of the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulations's bill pattern, add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. Combative Sports Program Attendance Report. The Department of Licensing and Regulation shall provide to the Legislative Budget Board a quarterly report of any employee of the department and/or guest of the department who attends a combative sports event in the State of Texas with complimentary or reduced rate tickets provided by the promoter. The quarterly report shall be provided in a format prescribed by the Legislative Budget Board and include the date of the event and the face value of the ticket for the event.