

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 352

BY REPRESENTATIVE WHITE

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

BOARDS/COMMISSIONS: Prohibits bare-knuckle boxing by the State Boxing and Wrestling Commission

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 4:81.2, relative to the State Boxing and Wrestling Commission; to provide for definitions; to prohibit bare-knuckle boxing contests and competitions; to provide for penalties; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 4:81.2 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§81.2. Bare-knuckle boxing; prohibition; penalties

A. For the purposes of this Chapter, "bare-knuckle boxing" means any boxing match, fighting contest, competition, or combination thereof, between two or more persons, whether professional or amateur, who use their hands or a closed fist to strike another without gloves or without any form of padding on their hands or fists. The term "bare-knuckle boxing" shall not include, nor shall the provisions of this Section apply to any contest, competition, or exhibition of any of the recognized martial arts including karate, judo, kung fu, tae kwan do, jujitsu, kickboxing, or any substantially similar tradition.

B. Bare-knuckle boxing shall be unauthorized and prohibited by the State Boxing and Wrestling Commission.

C. No person shall conduct, promote, or in any manner participate in any bare-knuckle boxing contest or exhibition. Any person violating this Section as a

1 participant, promoter, judge, or referee may be subject to penalties as provided in
2 R.S. 4:82 through 82.2.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Prohibits bare-knuckle boxing contests and competitions by the State Boxing and Wrestling Commission.

Proposed law defines "bare-knuckle boxing" as any boxing match, fighting contest, or competition between two or more persons who use their hands or a closed fist to strike another without gloves or without any form of padding on their hands or fists.

Proposed law requires the State Boxing and Wrestling Commission to prohibit bare-knuckle boxing.

Proposed law provides for certain penalties for individuals or groups that are noncompliant with proposed law.

(Adds R.S. 4:81.2)