

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 502

BY REPRESENTATIVE ZERINGUE

AMUSEMENTS/SPORTS: Provides relative to the regulation of professional wrestling

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 4:83 and to enact R.S. 4:65(A)(4) and 85(9), relative to the
3 regulation of professional wrestling; to provide for professional wrestling bond
4 exception; to provide for exemptions; to provide for definitions; and to provide for
5 related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 4:83 is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 4:65(A)(4) and
8 85(9) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §65. Licenses; fees; bond

10 A.

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12 (4) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Subsection, the commission
13 shall not require the furnishing of any bond for a professional wrestling event with
14 a seating capacity of less than one thousand seats.

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16 §83. Application of Chapter; exemption

17 A. The provisions of this Chapter do not apply to amateur contests,
18 competitions, or exhibitions.

19 B. The provisions of R.S. 4:65(A)(2) and R.S. 4:70 shall not be applicable
20 to any professional wrestling event when any of the following circumstances exist:

- 1 (1) The event has a seating capacity of less than one thousand seats.
- 2 (2) The event is held for a charitable purpose as defined in R.S. 4:85.
- 3 (3) The commission, in its discretion, declares the event exempt from the
- 4 applicable provisions.

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6 §85. ~~Definitions; construction~~

7 As used in this Chapter:

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9 (9) "Charitable purpose" means any professional wrestling event when the
10 promoter of the event does all of the following:

11 (a) Provides to the commission, no less than ten days prior to the date the
12 event is being held, notice that includes a description of the relevant charity, an
13 estimate of proceeds that will result from the event, and the date, time, and location
14 of the event.

15 (b) Ensures that a minimum of twenty percent of the ticket fees are donated
16 to the charity described in the notice required by Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Revises regulations on professional wrestling.

Proposed law exempts professional wrestling events with less than one thousand people from furnishing a bond and having medical personnel present at each event if the following circumstances exist:

- 1) The event has a seating capacity of less than one thousand seats.
- (2) The event is held for a charitable purpose as defined in R.S. 4:85.
- (3) The commission, in its discretion, declares the event exempt from the applicable provisions.

Proposed law defines "charitable" purpose as any professional wrestling event when the promoter of the event provides to the commission, no less than ten days prior to the date the event is being held, notice that includes a description of the relevant charity, an estimate of proceeds that will result from the event, and the date, time, and location of the event.

(Amends R.S. 4:83; Adds R.S. 4:65(A)(4) and 85(9))