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Senators Brass of the 28th and Hatchett of the 50th offered the following amendment:

1 *Amend the Senate Committee on Children and Families substitute to HB 76 (LC 36 5559S)*
2 *by adding after "review;" on line 4 the following:*
3 to provide for the regulation of bare knuckle boxing matches; to provide for definitions; to
4 authorize the commission to promulgate rules and regulations;

5 *By inserting between lines 13 and 14 following:*

6 **SECTION 1A.**

7 Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-4B-1, relating to definitions, by adding a
8 new paragraph (1.1), by adding a new division to subparagraph (C) of paragraph (20), and
9 by revising paragraph (2) to read as follows:

10 "(1.1) 'Bare knuckle boxing match' means combat between two individuals in which
11 contestants score points in rounds of two or three minutes by striking with wrapped
12 hands, but without padded fists, the head and upper torso of the opponent or by knocking
13 the opponent down and rendering the opponent unconscious or incapable of continuing
14 the contest by such blows, which contest is held in a ring supervised by a referee and
15 scored by three judges.

16 (2) 'Boxing match' means a contest between two individuals in which contestants score
17 points in rounds of two or three minutes by striking with padded fists the head and upper
18 torso of the opponent or by knocking the opponent down and rendering the opponent
19 unconscious or incapable of continuing the contest by such blows, which contest is held
20 in a square ring supervised by a referee and scored by three judges. Such term shall not
21 include a bare knuckle boxing match."

22 "(vi.1) Any bare knuckle boxing match;"

SECTION 1B.

Said title is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"43-4B-18.1.

(a) For purposes of this Code section, the term 'qualifying experience' means that an individual has competed in a match, contest, or exhibition of boxing, kickboxing, martial arts, or wrestling for cash as a salary, purse, or prize for such participation.

(b) The commission shall have jurisdiction over any bare knuckle boxing match which occurs or is held within this state, is filmed in this state, or is broadcast or transmitted in this state.

(c) Only an individual that has qualifying experience may participate in a bare knuckle boxing match.

(d) Contestants in a bare knuckle boxing match shall be prohibited from strikes with any part of the body other than the hands.

(e) Contestants in a bare knuckle boxing match may be allowed, at the discretion of the referee, to clinch one another while standing, provided that striking is active.

(f) The commission shall have the authority to license organizations that govern, authorize, and promote bare knuckle boxing matches, to inquire as to compliance, to require license and match fees, and to enforce noncompliance and violations.

(g) The commission shall have the duty to safeguard the public health, protect competitors, and provide for competitive matches by determining basic minimum medical and safety requirements based on the nature of the activity and the anticipated level of physical conditioning and training of competitors in bare knuckle boxing matches.

(h) In addition to the powers and duties set out in this article, the commission is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to accomplish the purposes of this Code section in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act,' and to enforce the provisions of this Code section."