

HCS HB 1388 -- CERTAIN SPORTS CONTESTS (Gregory)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Standing Committee on Professional
Registration and Licensing

This bill adds amateur kickboxing and amateur mixed martial arts to the list of contests the Division of Professional Registration, within the Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration has the authority to regulate. The bill requires that all contestants, other than amateur kickboxing contestants, be at least 18 years old and that all promoters provide a surety bond or irrevocable letter of credit before receiving a license. The bill also prohibits and restricts the use of certain strikes in amateur mixed martial arts.

This bill removes the requirement that announcers and managers of professional boxing, sparring, professional wrestling, professional kickboxing, and professional full-contact karate be licensed by the division.

This bill is similar to HB 1156 (2017).