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BILL ANALYSIS

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Senate Bill 1191 (as passed by the Senate)
Sponsor: Senator Bruce Patterson
Committee: Health Policy

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RATIONALE

On April 22, 2004, the Senate passed Senate Bill 988, which would amend the Occupational Code to allow a licensed physician's assistant or certified nurse practitioner to perform a physical examination of a boxing contestant, which currently must be performed by a physician, and certify that the contestant is in proper physical condition to fight. The State License Fee Act prescribes the application and license fees that must be paid by a person licensed or seeking licensure as a professional boxer, professional wrestler, judge, manager, referee, timekeeper, announcer, second, boxing club, promoter, matchmaker, or physician for a boxing or wrestling contest, or a person licensed to conduct a contest. It has been suggested that a physician's assistant and a nurse practitioner for a boxing or wrestling contest should be included among the personnel who must pay the fees, if Senate Bill 988 is enacted.

CONTENT

The bill would amend the State License Fee Act to add physician's assistants and nurse practitioners to the individuals listed in the schedule of fees for people licensed or seeking licensure for a boxing or wrestling contest.

A physician's assistant or nurse practitioner would have to pay the same license fee as a judge, physician, announcer, or timekeeper. The fee is \$30 through September 30, 2007, and will be \$15 after that date.

A physician's assistant or nurse practitioner also would be subject to an application processing fee of \$30 through September 30, 2007, or \$15 after that date. This fee

applies to the other boxing or wrestling contest personnel except boxers (who pay a higher application fee).

The bill is tie-barred to Senate Bill 988.

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ARGUMENTS

(Please note: The arguments contained in this analysis originate from sources outside the Senate Fiscal Agency. The Senate Fiscal Agency neither supports nor opposes legislation.)

Supporting Argument

Physician's assistants and nurse practitioners routinely perform physical exams for a variety of purposes. If they are allowed to perform physical exams of boxing contestants, as they would be under Senate Bill 988, they should have to pay the same licensing fee as the physicians who perform the exams.

Legislative Analyst: Julie Koval

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill could increase revenue but the level would depend on the number of physician's assistants and nurse practitioners who were hired. According to the Department of Labor and Economic Growth, the preference would always be to use a physician, so revenue would probably be minimal, if any.

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