

**SENATE BILL NO. 2250**

Introduced by

Senator Sorvaag

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 53-01-01.1 and 53-01-07 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to combative sports.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 53-01-01.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **53-01-01.1. Mixed fighting style competition - Definition -~~Prohibition.~~**

7 As used in this chapter, "mixed fighting style competition" means an advertised or  
8 professionally promoted exhibition or contest for which any type of admission fee is charged  
9 and in which participants who inflict or employ kicks, punches, blows, holds, and other  
10 techniques to injure, stun, choke, incapacitate, or disable an opponent. The techniques may  
11 include a combination of boxing, kickboxing, wrestling, grappling, or other recognized martial  
12 arts. Boxing and kickboxing exhibitions or contests without the combination of other techniques  
13 do not constitute mixed fighting style competitions. ~~A person may not advertise, promote,~~  
14 ~~sponsor, hold, or participate in any mixed fighting style competition in this state until a mixed-~~  
15 ~~fighting style advisory board is authorized and appointed and rules governing the competitions-~~  
16 ~~have been adopted by the secretary of state under this chapter.~~

17 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 53-01-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
18 amended and reenacted as follows:

19 **53-01-07. Duties of state commissioner of combative sports.**

20 The secretary of state shall supervise all boxing, kickboxing, mixed fighting style  
21 competitions, or sparring exhibitions held in the state and may:

- 22 1. Adopt ~~combined~~ rules governing the conduct of boxing, kickboxing, mixed fighting  
23 style competitions, and sparring exhibitions. ~~In lieu of adopting combined rules the~~  
24 ~~secretary of state may regulate the conduct of any boxing, kickboxing, mixed fighting~~

- 1 style, or sparring match, competition, or exhibition through the use of the most recent  
2 uniform rules of boxing and the unified rules of mixed martial arts published by the  
3 association of boxing commissions.
- 4 2. Establish license fees for all boxers, kickboxers, mixed style fighters, boxing,  
5 kickboxing, and mixed fighting style competition promoters, managers, judges,  
6 timekeepers, cornerpersons, knockdown counters, matchmakers, and referees or  
7 other participants.
- 8 3. Charge a fee equal to the actual cost incurred to regulate the competitions and  
9 exhibitions.
- 10 4. Adopt rules allowing the secretary of state to perform screening tests for controlled  
11 substances, as defined in section 19-03.1-01, on boxers, kickboxers, and mixed style  
12 fighters participating in a competition or an exhibition.