
HOUSE BILL 2573

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By Representative Hudgins

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1 AN ACT Relating to a sunrise review of regulation of wrestling
2 events; creating a new section; and providing an expiration date.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The department of licensing shall
5 conduct a review of the need for regulation of theatrical wrestling
6 events, including but not limited to lucha libre, using the public
7 criteria set forth in RCW 18.118.010 in order to develop
8 recommendations to the legislature regarding such regulation. In
9 developing its findings and recommendations, the department of
10 licensing shall:

11 (a) Consider the extent to which organizations that infrequently
12 sponsor or host a noncompetitive theatrical wrestling event require
13 regulation;

14 (b) Consider the extent to which wrestling events that do not
15 involve competition require regulation;

16 (c) Examine the regulation of theatrical wrestling in other states;
17 and

18 (d) Consult with professional wrestling or theatrical wrestling
19 participants, other licensees under chapter 67.08 RCW, other

1 stakeholders, and any entity or individual who may assist in
2 identifying areas of concern regarding the safety of professional or
3 theatrical wrestlers and spectators.

4 (2) By November 1, 2014, the department of licensing shall submit
5 a report detailing its findings and recommendations under this section
6 to the appropriate committees of the legislature regarding:

7 (a) The need for regulation of theatrical wrestling; and

8 (b) If some form of regulation is recommended, the minimum
9 qualifications and oversight required to meet the regulatory standard.

10 (3) This section expires July 1, 2015.

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