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S.F. No. 5257 – Labor and Industry supplemental budget

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S.F. 5257 contains provisions related to subjects under the jurisdiction of the Department of Labor and Industry (DLI) including the contractor recovery fund and combative sports.

Section 1 increases the amount that may be paid to an owner or lessee from the contractor recovery fund from \$75,000 to \$100,000 per licensee. Effective July 1, 2024.

Section 2 incorporates by reference the Unified Rules of Muay Thai as part of the chapter governing combative sports (Ch. 341). Specifies that if a promoter seeks to hold a kickboxing event by a different set of rules, the promoter must send the proposed rules to the commissioner 45 days before the event. Allows the DLI commissioner to approve or deny the use of alternative rules.

Section 3 provides a cross reference to the exception for regulatory authority over youth competitions.

Section 4 specifies that combative sports or martial arts contests between individuals under the age of 18 are exempt from the requirements of the chapter and do not require officials licensed under the chapter at events. Requires youth competitions to be regulated by a recognized organization or by a local government.

Section 5 removes “convenience or necessity” from the reasons the DLI commissioner must issue a combative sport license authorized under Ch. 341.

Section 6 provides additional requirements necessary prior to issuance of amateur and professional combatant licenses by the DLI commissioner including information on bout history, training, and other proof of qualifications.

Section 7 makes adjustments to the fee schedule for events and timing of fee payments.

Section 8 allows the DLI commissioner to provide combatant medical information to the physician conducting a prebout exam, the ringside physician, or physicians assigned to the combatant's combative sports contest in order to protect the health of the combatant.

Section 9 adds penalty authority for the DLI commissioner for violations of the requirements for youth competitions as provided under **section 4**.