**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 40‑81‑50 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE CREATION OF THE STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION, TO PROVIDE THAT ONE AT‑LARGE MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION MUST BE FROM THE MIXED MARTIAL ARTS COMMUNITY.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Section 40‑81‑50(A) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(A) There is created the State Athletic Commission consisting of eight members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate to regulate boxing, kickboxing, wrestling, mixed martial arts, and other combative sports in this State. One member must be appointed from each congressional district of the State and two from the State at large. One of the at‑large appointments shall be a physician licensed and in good standing in the State, and one of the appointments must be from the mixed martial arts community. The terms of the members are for four years and until their successors are appointed and qualified. Vacancies must be filled by the Governor for the remainder of an unexpired term. The commissioners of the State Athletic Commission may not have any financial interest, direct or indirect, in the promotion, management, or result of any boxing, kickboxing, mixed martial arts, or wrestling event or exhibition.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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