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Senate Bills 765, 766, and 767 (as introduced 8-26-09)  
Sponsor: Senator Ron Jelinek  
Committee: Judiciary

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### **CONTENT**

**The bills would amend several statutes to delete provisions that criminalize prizefighting activities.**

The bills are described in detail below.

#### **Senate Bill 765**

The bill would repeal Chapter 66 (Prize Fights) of the Michigan Penal Code. Under Chapter 66, it is a felony to be a party to or to engage, aid, or abet in a prize fight; to engage or assist in the training of any party to a prize fight; or knowingly to carry any person to or from a prize fight. It is a misdemeanor to be present willfully at a prize fight, to give or publish notice or invite any person to attend a prizefight, or to enter into any agreement or understanding or aid, advise, or counsel in the making of a prize fight.

Chapter 66 provides that it does not apply to any contests or exhibitions conducted, held, or given pursuant to the Michigan Unarmed Combat Regulatory Act (which regulates organized bouts such as boxing or mixed martial arts contests).

#### **Senate Bill 766**

The bill would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure to delete the felonies of participating in prizefights and prizefight training from the sentencing guidelines. Currently, both offenses are Class G felonies against the public order, with a statutory maximum sentence of four years' imprisonment. The bill is tie-barred to Senate Bill 765.

#### **Senate Bill 767**

The bill would amend the Michigan Unarmed Combat Regulatory Act to delete a provision specifying that any boxing, mixed martial arts, or sparring contest conforming to the requirements of that Act and to the rules of the Department of Energy, Labor, and Economic Growth is not considered to be a prize fight for purposes of Chapter 66 of the Michigan Penal Code.

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777.16v (S.B. 766)  
338.3622 (S.B. 767)

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## **FISCAL IMPACT**

The bills would have an indeterminate fiscal impact on State and local government. There are no data to indicate how many offenders will be convicted, or have been convicted under Chapter 66 of the Michigan Penal Code. To the extent that the bills would decrease convictions, the State would incur lower incarceration costs. At present, the average annual cost of incarceration in a State correctional facility is \$34,000 per prisoner and the average annual cost of felony probation is approximately \$2,000 per prisoner. Local governments would avoid any costs associated with incarceration in local facilities, which vary by county.

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