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Section

Article 1: Office of Combative Sports

- 1** **Combatant.** Adds martial artist to the definition of combatant.
- 2** **Combative sports contest.** Adds the term martial art contest to the definition of combative sports contest.
- 3** **Mixed martial arts contest.** Amends the definition of mixed martial arts contest to mean a combat sport in which combatants are permitted to use a range of fighting techniques using two or more full contact martial art disciplines.
- 4** **Martial art.** Adds a definition of martial art.
- 5** **Tough person contest.** Specifies that a tough person contest includes kickboxing and other recognized martial art contest.
- 6** **Regulatory authority; mixed martial arts contests; similar sporting events.** Specifies that all professional and amateur mixed martial arts contests—except amateur contests regulated by the Minnesota High School League, martial arts studios, and schools and recognized national martial arts organizations holding contests between students; ultimate fight contests and similar events are subject to regulation by the commissioner.
- 7** **Jurisdiction of commissioner.** Specifies the jurisdiction of the commissioner over combative sports licensing reapplications and final nonlicensing orders.

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- 8 Licensure; individuals.** Technical clarification.
- 9 Entity licensure.** Explicitly adds promoting combative sports to licensing requirements.
- 10 Prelicensure requirements.** Requires that a combative sports licensing application be submitted at least six weeks prior to a scheduled event and that the application provide proof that an entity is authorized to do business in the state. Applicants provide proof that they are at least 18 years old.
- 11 Annual licensure.** Clarifying language.
- 12 Expiration and applications.** Clarifying language.
- 13 Fee schedule.** Specifies and streamlines the fee schedule that applies to professional and amateur combative sports licenses. Reduces fees for professional combatants to \$70 and for amateurs to \$50. Sets combative sports contest fees at \$500 at the time the contest is scheduled and \$1000 at the time of weigh in. Allows the commissioner to limit the number of complimentary tickets to each event.
- 14 Physical examination required; fees.** Provides that fees must be paid by the promoter.
- 15 Revisor instruction.** Directs the revisor to put definitions in alphabetical order.

Article 2: Apprenticeships

- 1 Division powers and duties.** Requires the Division of Labor Standards and Apprenticeships to: (1) certify approved apprenticeship programs; (2) review and approve apprenticeship agreements, if they are in the best interest of the apprentice and in conformance with chapter 178; (3) terminate apprenticeship agreements if they violate the agreement's terms or chapter 178; (4) keep a record of apprenticeship agreements; (5) keep records of apprenticeship agreements; and (6) perform other duties to carry out chapter 178.
- 2 Approval of apprenticeship agreements.** Requires the Division of Labor Standards and Apprenticeships to review and approve apprenticeship agreements.

Article 3: Obsolete and Redundant Statutes

- 1 Past dates.** Deletes obsolete references to dates that have passed.
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- 3 Obsolete reference.** Deletes a reference to statutory sections repealed by this article.
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- 6 Revisor's instruction.** Removes the requirement for program reciprocity, under the Minnesota plan for equal opportunity in apprenticeship, that a sponsoring entity seeking reciprocity must be a multistate program not in the building construction industry.

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7 Repealer.

- Repeals section 181.12, which requires that railroad corporation paychecks show amounts deducted from pay. That provision is largely redundant with section 181.032, which also requires listing of amounts deducted from employee pay.
- Repeals section 181.9435, subdivision 2, which requires that the Department of Labor and Industry annually report to the legislature regarding complaints and investigations under the various parenting leave and accommodation provisions as well as wage disclosure protections.
- Repeals all statutes and rules regulating fee employment agencies. These were, essentially, businesses that charged a job seeker a fee to help her or him find work. Such businesses are now extremely uncommon, if existing at all.

Article 4: Conforming Changes

- 1 Obsolete cross reference.** Deletes reference to section 181.12, repealed by this bill.
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