

MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
SIMS SUBCOMMITTEE
Subcommittee #3

DATE: Friday, January 18, 2013

TIME: 11:30 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Sims, Representatives Batt, Monks, Woodings, Gannon

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None.

GUESTS: Leroy Fiscus, ACLU; Cherie Simpson, Bureau of Occupational Licenses; Anita Hamann, DFM; David Hoffman, self; Lee Rice, Powerhouse MMA; Wayne Ross, Powerhouse MMA; Don Henslee, Powerhouse MMA; Doug Alvaro, Idaho MMA; Brad Hunt, Office of Administrative Rules; Dennis Stevenson, Office of Administrative Rules.

Chairman Sims called the meeting to order at 11:31 a.m.

DOCKET NO. 54-0301-1201: **Docket No. 54-0301-1201** relates to updating the existing text to provide clarification regarding unclaimed property in Idaho.

MOTION: **Rep. Gannon** made a motion to recommend approval of **Docket No. 54-0301-1201** to the full committee. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 03-0101-1201: **Roger Hales**, Attorney, Bureau of Occupational Licenses, presented **Docket No. 03-0101-1201**, which raises the fees for permits from \$200 to \$1,000.

Wayne Ross, representing himself, stated he believes a fee increase will decrease the amount of people that attend the events. He stated there are only twelve promoters on the active licensed list and two of them are out of state. He also stated most promoters are coming out in a deficit after an event. He also stated Idaho's fees are much higher than other states, at \$120 compared to \$40 in Utah. He also stated that the public, promoters, and Managers that have interest have not been advised of hearings regarding new rules or fees.

In response to questions, **Tom Katsilometes**, Commissioner, Athletic Commission, stated a man in Idaho died 7 years ago in a strong-man competition and as a result, the sport of Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) and boxing were put under the Athletic Commission.

David Hoffman, representing himself, stated most of the MMA fighters are amateurs and doesn't believe they should have to be licensed. He stated Idaho is a right to work state and therefore Managers of these licensees should not have to pay for a license. He also stated the new rules are improper and the licensees should be able to regulate themselves.

Lee Rice, representing Powerhouse MMA, stated he believes the sport of MMA should be self-regulated. He stated he believes if someone has the experience, they should be able to function without the State's control. He stated working with the Commission would not be a problem, but better without the fees.

In response to questions, **Dennis Stevenson**, Rules Administrator, Office of Administrative Rules, explained the rules process.

MOTION: **Rep. Monks** made a motion to recommend approval of **Docket No. 03-0101-1201** with the exception of the changes in **Section 104**, in its entirety, and **Section 107.07** and **Section 107.08** to the full committee.

Rep. Monks withdrew his motion.

MOTION: **Rep. Monks** made a motion to recommend rejection of **Docket No. 03-0101-1201** in its entirety to the full committee. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

MOTION: **Rep. Monks** made a motion to recommend the removal of **Docket No. 03-0101-1201, Section 107.07** to the full committee. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

There being no further business to come before the Subcommittee, the meeting adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

Representative Sims
Chair

Kasey Perkins
Secretary