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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to amateur matches; amending s. 548.007,  
3           F.S.; exempting amateur matches that are conducted or  
4           sponsored by the Fraternal Order of Police and that are  
5           held in conjunction with a charitable event from  
6           provisions regulating pugilistic contests and exhibitions;  
7           amending s. 548.035, F.S.; reducing the required fee per  
8           event; providing an effective date.

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10   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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12           Section 1. Section 548.007, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
13   read:

14           548.007 Applicability of provisions to amateur matches and  
15   certain other matches or events.--With the exception of s.  
16   548.008, ss. 548.001-548.079 do not apply to:

17           (1) A match conducted or sponsored by a bona fide nonprofit  
18   school or education program whose primary purpose is instruction  
19   in the martial arts, boxing, or kickboxing, if the match held in  
20   conjunction with the instruction is limited to amateur  
21   participants who are students of the school or instructional  
22   program; ~~or~~

23           (2) A match conducted or sponsored by any company or  
24   detachment of the Florida National Guard, if the match is limited  
25   to participants who are members of the company or detachment of  
26   the Florida National Guard; or

27           (3) A match conducted or sponsored by the Fraternal Order  
28   of Police, if the match is limited to amateur participants and is  
29   held in conjunction with a charitable event.

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30           Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 548.035, Florida  
31 Statutes, is amended to read:

32           548.035 Permit fees.--

33           (2) For mixed martial arts matches, the commission shall  
34 require a ~~minimum~~ fee of \$2,000 ~~\$5,000~~ per event. For purposes of  
35 this section, an "event" is one or more matches comprising a  
36 show.

37           Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.