

Ohio Athletic Commission

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- The Athletic Commission currently oversees approximately 1,550 licensees
- Funding of \$255,850 in each fiscal year of the biennium

OVERVIEW

Duties and Responsibilities

The Ohio Athletic Commission was created by Am. Sub. S.B. 240 of the 121st General Assembly. The purpose of the Commission, which replaced the State Boxing Commission, is to regulate boxing, wrestling, kickboxing, karate, and tough-man contests in the state in an effort to protect the safety of the participants and the interests of the public. The agency carries out its mission by setting standards for licensure of individuals, granting permits, and conducting events sanctioned by the Commission.

Agency in Brief

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Number of Employees*	Total Appropriations-All Funds		GRF Appropriations		Appropriation Bill(s)
	2008	2009	2008	2009	
3	\$255,850	\$255,850	\$0	\$0	Am. Sub. H.B. 119

*Employee count obtained from Department of Administrative Services (DAS) payroll reports as of June 2007.

Licensure

The Athletic Commission handles the administrative work for nearly 2,900 licensees. The Board's licenses have annual renewal cycles. The Commission generated \$337,129 in revenue in FY 2007, which is much higher than in prior years due to the Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC) event that took place in Columbus in March 2007. That event alone, through the 5% tax on gross ticket sales, contributed approximately \$138,000 to the Commission's FY 2007 income. The Commission is working to bring the UFC event back to Ohio annually. Compared to FY 2007 expenses of \$223,260, the Commission realized a net gain of \$113,869 for that year.

ANALYSIS OF THE BUDGET

Single Program Series

Operating Expenses

Purpose: Regulates boxing, wrestling, mixed martial arts, kickboxing, karate, and tough-person contests

The following table shows the line items that are used to fund the Athletic Commission as well as the funding levels for the FY 2008 - 2009 biennium by fiscal year.

Fund	ALI	Title	FY 2008	FY 2009
General Services Fund Group				
4K9	175-609	Operating Expenses	\$255,850	\$255,850
General Services Fund Group Subtotal			\$255,850	\$255,850
Total Funding: Ohio Athletic Commission			\$255,850	\$255,850

Program Description: In accordance with Chapter 3733. of the Revised Code, the Ohio Athletic Commission regulates prizefights, boxing, professional wrestling, and athlete agents within the state in an effort to protect the safety of the fight participants and the interests of the public.

Funding Source: GSF Fund 4K9 – license fees and other assessments

Implication of the Budget: The budget fully funds the Athletic Commission’s activities and allows the Commission to maintain current service levels.

FY 2008 - 2009 Final Appropriation Amounts

All Fund Groups

<i>Line Item Detail by Agency</i>	<i>FY 2005:</i>	<i>FY 2006:</i>	<i>FY 2007 Adj. Appropriations:</i>	<i>FY 2008 Appropriations:</i>	<i>% Change 2007 to 2008:</i>	<i>FY 2009 Appropriations:</i>	<i>% Change 2008 to 2009:</i>
Report For: Main Operating Appropriations Bill		Version: Enacted					
ATH Athletic Commission, Ohio							
4K9 175-609 Operating Expenses	\$ 162,386	\$ 203,455	\$ 255,850	\$ 255,850	0.00%	\$ 255,850	0.00%
General Services Fund Group Total	\$ 162,386	\$ 203,455	\$ 255,850	\$ 255,850	0.00%	\$ 255,850	0.00%
Athletic Commission, Ohio Total	\$ 162,386	\$ 203,455	\$ 255,850	\$ 255,850	0.00%	\$ 255,850	0.00%