

Committee on Regulated Industries

CS/HB 381 — Public Records/Florida State Boxing Commission

by Regulatory Affairs Committee and Rep. Raburn (CS/CS/SB 578 by Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee; Regulated Industries Committee; and Senator Hutson)

The bill amends the current public records exemption in s. 548.062(2), F.S., related to proprietary confidential business information maintained by the Florida State Boxing Commission (commission) within the Department of Business and Professional Regulation. The bill provides that proprietary confidential business information provided by a promoter to the commission or obtained through an audit is confidential and exempt from public inspection and disclosure. The bill expands the public records exemption to include all proprietary confidential business information provided by the promoter to the commission by deleting the provision that the exemption applies only to the promoter's written report required to be filed with the commission after a match.

The bill provides the legislative finding that it is a public necessity to protect proprietary confidential business information from public disclosure to protect the interests of the promoter because a promoter's competitors could gain insights into the promoter's financial status and business plans and put the promoter at a competitive disadvantage. The bill provides that the harm to a promoter in disclosing proprietary confidential business information significantly outweighs any public benefit derived from the disclosure of such information.

These provisions were approved by the Governor and take effect July 1, 2016.

Vote: Senate 35-5; House 107-11