

# **One Hundred Eighth Legislature - Second Session - 2024**

## **Introducer's Statement of Intent**

### **LB960**

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**Chairperson: Senator John Lowe**

**Committee: General Affairs**

**Date of Hearing: January 22, 2024**

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB960 authorizes statutory and regulatory authority for the Nebraska Athletic Commissioner to allow amateur kickboxing, amateur bare-knuckle boxing, amateur bare-knuckle mixed martial arts, and amateur sparring matches and exhibitions. Amateur status provides a safer and more orderly environment for participants to learn the sport at an appropriate level.

LB960 also provides statutory and regulatory authority to the Nebraska Athletic Commissioner to allow professional bare-knuckle mixed martial arts, which is a new sport since the last update to the relevant statutes.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Senator Mike Jacobson**