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**An Act to Define "Kickboxing" and "Muay Thai" in the Laws
Governing Mixed Martial Arts and Boxing**

Reference to the Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative COLLAMORE of Pittsfield. (BY REQUEST)
Cosponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook, Senator FARRIN of Somerset.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 8 MRSA §521, sub-§3-B** is enacted to read:

3 **3-B. Kickboxing.** "Kickboxing" means a combative sport that is a form of boxing in
4 which blows are delivered with the hand and any part of the leg below the hip, including
5 the bare foot, with the intent to disable or cause injury to an opponent in a contest,
6 exhibition or event.

7 **Sec. 2. 8 MRSA §521, sub-§4,** as enacted by PL 2009, c. 352, §2, is amended to
8 read:

9 **4. Mixed martial arts.** "Mixed martial arts" means a combative sport for
10 compensation that features a mixture of karate, jiu-jitsu, ~~muay thai~~ Muay Thai, tae kwon
11 do, boxing, ~~kick boxing~~ kickboxing, wrestling, judo and striking and grappling techniques.

12 **Sec. 3. 8 MRSA §521, sub-§5** is enacted to read:

13 **5. Muay Thai.** "Muay Thai" means a combative sport that is a form of boxing in
14 which blows are delivered with the fist, elbow, knee and shin and in which various
15 clinchng techniques are employed, with the intent to disable or cause injury to an opponent
16 in a contest, exhibition or event.

17 **SUMMARY**

18 This bill adds definitions for "kickboxing" and "Muay Thai" to the laws governing
19 mixed martial arts and boxing.