

Report From Agency

**STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

IN THE MATTER OF RULEMAKING : REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE
PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE : CR 17-016
DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY :
AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES :

I. THE PROPOSED RULE:

The proposed rule, including the analysis and text, is attached.

II. REFERENCE TO APPLICABLE FORMS:

N/A

III. FISCAL ESTIMATE AND EIA:

The Fiscal Estimate and EIA is attached.

IV. DETAILED STATEMENT EXPLAINING THE BASIS AND PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED RULE, INCLUDING HOW THE PROPOSED RULE ADVANCES RELEVANT STATUTORY GOALS OR PURPOSES:

The proposed rules reflect the provisions of 2015 Wisconsin Act 277, which requires the department to regulate all unarmed combat sports. As provided under s. 444.01 (5), Stats., "unarmed combat sports" means any form of fighting in which the objective is for a contestant to injure, disable, or incapacitate one's opponent, but does not include any fighting in a contest for which the rules prohibit a contestant from striking an opponent's head.

Current rules regulate professional boxing and professional and amateur mixed martial arts. The proposed rules expand existing regulations to include professional and amateur kickboxing and Muay Thai, and provide a means for approval of other unarmed combat sports.

The proposed rules also update the regulations for professional boxing and professional and amateur mixed martial arts to reflect current regulatory practices and provide consistency in the regulation of all unarmed combat sports.

V. SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS AND THE BOARD'S RESPONSES, EXPLANATION OF MODIFICATIONS TO PROPOSED RULES PROMPTED BY PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The Department of Safety and Professional Services held a public hearing on April 21, 2017. The Department did not receive any written comments or testimony.

VI. RESPONSE TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Comment 2.a.:

The Department believes that although some duplication results, providing all regulations for each form of unarmed combat in a separate subchapter will provide benefits to the primary users of ch. SPS 192. These include easier reading and easier understanding and recollection of where all of the regulations for a form of unarmed combat are located in the chapter.

All other Legislative Council recommendations have been incorporated into the proposed rules.

VII. REPORT FROM THE SBRRB AND FINAL REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY ANALYSIS:

N/A