

# STATEMENT OF SCOPE

## Department of Safety and Professional Services

**Rule No.:** Chapters SPS 110 to 116, 192, and 195

**Relating to:** Unarmed Combat Sports

**Rule Type:** Emergency and Permanent

### **1. Finding/nature of emergency (Emergency Rule only):**

This rule will, as required by 2015 Wisconsin Act 277, expand current regulation of professional boxing and mixed martial arts fighting to all other unarmed combat sports. As other forms of fighting that fall under the definition of unarmed combat sports pose a comparable risk of serious injury or death to that of professional boxing and mixed martial arts fighting, the expanded regulation provided by this rule is in the best interest of public health and safety.

As under normal rule-making procedures the expanded regulation will not be in place until after 2015 Wisconsin Act 277 takes effect on March 1, 2017, an expeditious promulgation of this rule is needed to ensure public health and safety.

### **2. Detailed description of the objective of the proposed rule:**

The objective of the proposed rule is to, as required by 2015 Wisconsin Act 277, regulate all unarmed combat sports. This will involve revision of chs. 110 and 192, which regulate the unarmed combat sports of professional boxing and mixed martial arts fighting, and creation of ch. SPS 195 to regulate forms of fighting that fall under the definition of unarmed combat sports.

Chapters SPS 111 to 116 may also need to be revised to reflect the changes described above.

### **3. Description of the existing policies relevant to the rule, new policies proposed to be included in the rule, and an analysis of policy alternatives:**

The existing policies for the regulation of professional boxing are contained in chs. SPS 110 to 116. The existing policies for the regulation of mixed martial arts fighting contests are contained in ch. SPS 192. As required by 2015 Wisconsin Act 277, new policy is proposed to regulate forms of fighting that fall under the definition of unarmed combat sports.

The alternative of not updating the rules would be contrary to the requirement in 2015 Wisconsin Act 277 to regulate all unarmed combat sports.

### **4. Detailed explanation of statutory authority for the rule (including the statutory citation and language):**

Section 440.03 (1) authorizes the department to "promulgate rules defining uniform rules to be used by the department . . . for receiving, filing and investigating complaints, for commencing disciplinary proceedings and for conducting hearings."

**7. Summary and preliminary comparison with any existing or proposed federal regulation that is intended to address the activities to be regulated by the proposed rule:**

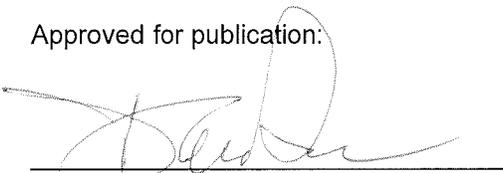
Chapter 89 of Title 15 of the United States Code regulates the safety of professional boxing. As professional boxing and the use of boxing techniques fall under the definition of unarmed combat sports in chapter 444 of the statutes, the requirements in 15 USC chapter 89 affect the regulation of unarmed combat sports proposed by the rule. The regulations in the proposed rule will neither duplicate nor conflict with existing federal regulations.

**8. Anticipated economic impact of implementing the rule (note if the rule is likely to have a significant economic impact on small businesses):**

None to minimal.

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