

# HOUSE BILL No. 4335

March 12, 2003, Introduced by Reps. Robertson, Gaffney, Vagnozzi, Palsrok, Sheen and Pappageorge and referred to the Committee on Regulatory Reform.

A bill to regulate certain forms of unarmed combat; to create certain commissions and to provide certain powers and duties for certain state agencies and departments; to license persons engaged in unarmed combat; to regulate certain persons connected to the business of unarmed combat and persons conducting certain contests and exhibitions; to confer immunity under certain circumstances; to provide for the conducting of certain tests; to assess certain fees; to create certain funds; to adopt rules; to provide for penalties and remedies; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1       Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the  
2 "unarmed combat regulatory act".

3       Sec. 3. As used in this act:

4       (a) "Amateur" means a person who is not competing and has

1 never competed for a money prize or who is not competing and has  
2 not competed with or against a professional for a prize.

3 (b) "Boxing club" means an organization affiliated with USA  
4 boxing.

5 (c) "Commission" means the Michigan boxing commission.

6 (d) "Contestant" means any person who is competing or has  
7 competed for a money prize.

8 (e) "Department" means the department of consumer and  
9 industry services.

10 (f) "Good moral character" means good moral character as  
11 defined in section 1 of 1974 PA 381, MCL 338.41.

12 (g) "Professional" means a person who is competing or has  
13 competed in unarmed combat for a money prize.

14 (h) "Physician" means that term as defined in section 17001  
15 or 17501 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.17001  
16 and 333.17501.

17 (i) "Promoter" means any person who produces or stages any  
18 professional contest or exhibition of unarmed combat.

19 (j) "Purse" means the financial guarantee or any other  
20 remuneration for which contestants are participating in a contest  
21 or exhibition and includes the contestant's share of any payment  
22 received for radio, television, or motion picture rights.

23 (k) "Ring official" means any person who performs an official  
24 function during the progress of a contest or exhibition of  
25 unarmed combat.

26 (l) "Rule" means a rule promulgated under the administrative  
27 procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to 24.328.

1 (m) "School", "college", or "university" does not include an  
2 institution formed or operated principally to provide instruction  
3 in unarmed combat and other sports.

4 (n) "Unarmed combat" means boxing or any form of competition  
5 in which a blow is usually struck which may reasonably be  
6 expected to inflict injury.

7 Sec. 5. (1) The Michigan unarmed combat commission,  
8 consisting of 5 voting members, 4 of which are to be appointed by  
9 the governor, is created within the department. A majority of  
10 the members appointed by the governor shall be licensees under  
11 this act. Budgeting, procurement, human resources, information  
12 technology, and related management functions of the commission  
13 shall be performed by the department. The director of the  
14 department, or his or her designee, is appointed as an ex officio  
15 voting member of the commission.

16 (2) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the 4  
17 members appointed by the governor shall serve a term of 4 years.  
18 Of the initial members appointed under this act, the terms of 2  
19 of the members shall be 4 years, the term of 1 of the members  
20 shall be 2 years, and the term of 1 of the members shall be 1  
21 year. The terms of members appointed by the governor are subject  
22 to the pleasure of the governor.

23 (3) Three members of the commission constitute a quorum for  
24 the exercise of the authority conferred upon the commission and a  
25 concurrence of at least 3 of the members is necessary to render a  
26 decision by the commission.

27 (4) A member of the commission shall not at any time during

1 his or her service as a member promote or sponsor any contest or  
2 exhibition of unarmed combat, or combination of those events, or  
3 have any financial interest in the promotion or sponsorship of  
4 those contests or exhibitions. The commission shall meet on a  
5 regular basis, and upon request and at the discretion of the  
6 chair, the department shall schedule additional interim  
7 meetings.

8 (5) Except as otherwise provided in this act, the records of  
9 the commission are subject to disclosure under the freedom of  
10 information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to 15.246.

11 (6) The regular meetings of the commission are subject to the  
12 open meetings act, 1976 PA 267, MCL 15.261 to 15.275.

13 Sec. 7. A person who has a material financial interest in  
14 any club, organization, or corporation, the main object of which  
15 is the holding or giving of contests or exhibitions of unarmed  
16 combat is not eligible for appointment to the commission.

17 Sec. 9. (1) The commission shall elect 1 of its members as  
18 the chair of the commission. The commission may purchase and use  
19 a seal. The director of the department may adopt rules for the  
20 administration of this act but only after first consulting with  
21 the commission. The commission may request the department to  
22 promulgate a rule under section 38 of the administrative  
23 procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.238. The department  
24 shall respond in writing to any request for rule promulgating by  
25 the commission within 30 calendar days after a request. The  
26 response shall include a reason and explanation for acceptance or  
27 denial of the request. The rules shall include all of the

1 following:

2 (a) Number and qualifications of ring officials required at  
3 any exhibition or contest.

4 (b) Powers, duties, and compensation of ring officials.

5 (c) Qualifications of licensees.

6 (d) License fees.

7 (e) Any necessary standards designed to accommodate federally  
8 imposed mandates that do not directly conflict with this act.

9 (2) The commission shall deposit into the unarmed combat fund  
10 created in this section all money received from license fees or  
11 administrative fines imposed under this act. An unarmed combat  
12 fund is created as a revolving fund in the department and  
13 administered by the director of the department. The money in the  
14 fund is to be used for the costs of administration and  
15 enforcement of this act. Money remaining in the fund at the end  
16 of the fiscal year shall be carried forward into the next fiscal  
17 year.

18 (3) Members of the commission, if authorized by the chair,  
19 are entitled to receive payment of not more than \$50.00 as fixed  
20 by the commission for each full-day meeting of the commission.

21 (4) The commission may affiliate with any other state or  
22 national boxing commission or athletic authority.

23 (5) The commission and department are vested with management,  
24 control, and jurisdiction over all contests or exhibitions of  
25 unarmed combat to be conducted, held, or given within the state  
26 of Michigan. Except for any contests or exhibitions exempt from  
27 this act, a contest or exhibition shall not be conducted, held,

1 or given within this state except in compliance with this act.  
2 Any boxing or sparring contest conforming to the requirements of  
3 this act and to the rules of the department is considered to be a  
4 boxing contest and not a prize fight.

5       Sec. 11. (1) A contest or exhibition of unarmed combat  
6 shall not be held or conducted in this state except under license  
7 issued by the commission or as provided for in sections 21 and  
8 23.

9       (2) An application for a license must be in writing and  
10 correctly show and define the applicant. An application for a  
11 license is a request for a determination of the applicant's  
12 general suitability, character, integrity, and ability to  
13 participate, engage in, or be associated with contests or  
14 exhibitions of unarmed combat. The burden of proof is on the  
15 applicant to establish to the satisfaction of the commission and  
16 the department that the applicant is qualified to receive a  
17 license. By filing an application, the applicant accepts the  
18 risk of adverse public notice, embarrassment, criticism,  
19 financial loss, or other action with respect to his or her  
20 application and expressly waives any claim for damages as a  
21 result of any adverse public notice, embarrassment, criticism,  
22 financial loss, or other action. Any written or oral statement  
23 made by any member of the commission or any witness testifying  
24 under oath that is relevant to the application and investigation  
25 of the applicant is privileged, and the individual making the  
26 statement is immune from civil liability for libel, slander, or  
27 any other tort. An applicant must demonstrate good moral

1 character. If the applicant for a license is determined not to  
2 be of good moral character, the commission may approve or  
3 recommend and the department may issue a license to him or her if  
4 the commission determines that the applicant's background does  
5 not demonstrate a propensity by the applicant to violate the law  
6 or any rules of conduct.

7 (3) The application must be accompanied by an annual fee to  
8 be fixed by rule of the director of the department on a uniform  
9 scale.

10 Sec. 13. (1) Before any license for a contest or exhibition  
11 of unarmed combat is granted, the applicant must file a bond in  
12 an amount fixed by the commission but not less than \$20,000.00,  
13 executed by the applicant as principal and by a corporation  
14 qualified under the laws of this state as surety, payable to the  
15 state of Michigan, and conditioned upon the faithful performance  
16 by the applicant of the provisions of this act. In lieu of a  
17 bond, the applicant may deposit with the commission a like amount  
18 of lawful money of the United States. The bond must be purchased  
19 or the deposit must be made not less than 5 days before the  
20 contest or exhibition and may be used to satisfy any obligation  
21 incurred by the promoter during the staging of the contest or  
22 exhibition upon order of the commission. After satisfaction of  
23 all such obligations, the commission shall release the remainder  
24 of the deposit to the promoter.

25 (2) A promoter must apply for and obtain a license from the  
26 department in order to present a program of contests or  
27 exhibitions of unarmed combat.

1 (3) The license fee for holding a contest is based upon the  
2 published seating capacity of the venue in which the contest is  
3 to be staged. The fee schedule is as follows:

4 (a) Venues with a seating capacity of up to 1,000, \$125.00.

5 (b) Venues with a seating capacity of from 1,001 to 5,000,  
6 \$250.00.

7 (c) Venues with a seating capacity of over 5,000, \$500.00.

8 Sec. 15. (1) The director of the department, in  
9 consultation with the commission, shall promulgate rules for the  
10 application and approval process for promoters. The rules shall  
11 include at least the following:

12 (a) An application fee sufficient to cover the costs of  
13 processing, but not less than \$500.00.

14 (b) A requirement that background information be disclosed by  
15 the applicant who is an individual or by the principal officers  
16 or members and individuals having at least a 10% ownership  
17 interest in the case of any other legal entity. This information  
18 must include at least 2 years of federal income tax returns of  
19 principal officers or members and individuals having at least a  
20 10% ownership interest in the applicant.

21 (c) Both a license bond and a refund bond of at least  
22 \$10,000.00 or a certificate of deposit purchased by the applicant  
23 and held in the name of the director in those amounts.

24 (d) Fingerprints of an applicant who is an individual or the  
25 principal officers or members and individuals having at least a  
26 10% ownership interest in the case of any other legal entity.  
27 The department shall submit the fingerprints to the criminal



1 records division of the department of state police for a criminal  
2 history check. The department of state police shall then forward  
3 the fingerprints to the federal bureau of investigation for a  
4 criminal records check.

5 (e) Any other relevant and material information considered  
6 necessary by the director upon consultation with the commission.

7 (2) As part of the approval process for promoters, the  
8 applicant or his or her representative must be present at the  
9 commission meeting in which the application is considered.

10 Sec. 17. (1) The commission shall deny an applicant a  
11 license under this act or suspend, revoke, or take any other  
12 allowable action against the license of any contestant, promoter,  
13 ring official, or other participant who the commission determines  
14 has done any of the following:

15 (a) Enters into a contract for a contest or exhibition of  
16 unarmed combat in bad faith.

17 (b) Participates in any sham or fake contest or exhibition of  
18 unarmed combat.

19 (c) Participates in a contest or exhibition of unarmed combat  
20 pursuant to a collusive understanding or agreement in which the  
21 contestant competes or terminates the contest or exhibition in a  
22 manner that is not based upon honest competition or the honest  
23 exhibition of the skill of the contestant.

24 (d) Is determined to have failed to give his or her best  
25 efforts, failed to compete honestly, or failed to give an honest  
26 exhibition of his or her skills in a contest or exhibition of  
27 unarmed combat.

1 (e) Is determined to have performed an act or engaged in  
2 conduct that is detrimental to a contest or exhibition of unarmed  
3 combat including, but not limited to, any foul or unsportsmanlike  
4 conduct in connection with a contest or exhibition of unarmed  
5 combat.

6 (f) Gambles on the outcome of a contest or exhibition of  
7 unarmed combat.

8 (g) Assaults another licensee, commission member, or  
9 department employee while not involved in or outside the normal  
10 course of a contest or exhibition.

11 (2) Article 5 of the occupational code, 1980 PA 299,  
12 MCL 339.501 to 339.559, is incorporated by reference for purpose  
13 of any administrative actions the department, commission, or  
14 other person having standing to bring such an action, subject to  
15 the following:

16 (a) A reference to a board means the commission.

17 (b) A reference to article 8 means this act.

18 (c) A reference to the act or rules promulgated under the act  
19 means this act and rules promulgated under this act.

20 (d) A reference to article 6 means section 35.

21 (3) The department, in consultation with the commission,  
22 shall promulgate rules to provide for both of the following:

23 (a) The timing of drug tests for contestants.

24 (b) Specific summary suspension procedures for contestants  
25 and participants in unarmed combat who test positive for drugs or  
26 fail to submit to a drug test, under section 37. The rules shall  
27 include the following:

1 (i) A procedure to allow the department to place the licensee  
2 upon the national suspension list.

3 (ii) An expedited appeal process for the summary suspension.

4 (iii) A relicensing procedure following summary suspension.

5 Sec. 19. (1) An employee of the department must be present  
6 at all weigh-ins, medical examinations, contests, exhibitions,  
7 and matches to ensure that this act and rules promulgated under  
8 this act are strictly enforced. The department employee at a  
9 contest, exhibition, or match shall consult with any commission  
10 member that is present.

11 (2) Each promoter shall furnish each member of the commission  
12 present at a contest or exhibition of unarmed combat a seat in  
13 the area immediately adjacent to the contest or exhibition of  
14 unarmed combat.

15 Sec. 21. The department may issue, without the payment of a  
16 fee, a license to hold a contest or exhibition of unarmed combat  
17 between professionals under the sponsorship of a civic  
18 organization or veterans' group if held for charitable purposes.

19 Sec. 23. (1) This act does not apply to the following:

20 (a) Wrestling.

21 (b) Contests or exhibitions of unarmed combat conducted by or  
22 participated in exclusively by a department or agency of the  
23 United States government or by a school, college, or university  
24 or by an association or organization composed exclusively of  
25 these schools, colleges, or universities if each contestant in  
26 the match or exhibition is an amateur.

27 (c) Boxing elimination contests in which all of the following

1 apply:

2 (i) The contestants compete for prizes only in elimination  
3 contests and are not also professional boxers competing in 4 or  
4 more rounds of nonelimination boxing.

5 (ii) Each bout is scheduled to consist of 3 or fewer 1-minute  
6 rounds, with contests conducted on no more than 2 consecutive  
7 calendar days.

8 (iii) Competing contestants are prohibited from boxing for  
9 more than 12 minutes on each contest day.

10 (iv) The contestants participating in the elimination contest  
11 are insured by the promoter for all medical and hospital expenses  
12 to be paid to the contestants to cover injuries sustained in the  
13 contest.

14 (v) A licensed physician is in attendance at ringside and the  
15 physician has authority to stop the contest for medical reasons.

16 (vi) All contestants pass a physical examination given by a  
17 licensed physician before the contest.

18 (vii) A preliminary breath test is administered to each  
19 contestant which indicates a blood alcohol content of .02% or  
20 less.

21 (viii) The promoter conducts the elimination contest in  
22 compliance with the following:

23 (A) A contestant who has lost by a technical knockout is not  
24 permitted to compete again for a period of 30 calendar days or  
25 until the contestant has submitted to the promoter the results of  
26 a physical examination equivalent to that required of  
27 professional boxers.

1 (B) The ringside physician examines a contestant who has been  
2 knocked out in an elimination contest or whose fight has been  
3 stopped by the referee because he or she received hard blows to  
4 the head that made him or her defenseless or incapable of  
5 continuing immediately after the knockout or stoppage. The  
6 ringside physician may recommend post-fight neurological  
7 examinations, which may include computerized axial tomography  
8 (CAT) scans or magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), to be performed  
9 on the contestant immediately after the contestant leaves the  
10 location of the contest. The promoter shall not permit the  
11 contestant to compete until a physician has certified that the  
12 contestant is fit to compete. If the physician recommended  
13 further neurological examinations, the promoter shall not permit  
14 the contestant to compete until the promoter receives copies of  
15 examination reports demonstrating that the contestant is fit to  
16 compete.

17 (C) The promoter requires that a contestant who has sustained  
18 a severe injury or knockout in an elimination contest be examined  
19 by a physician. The promoter shall not permit the contestant to  
20 compete until the physician has certified that the contestant has  
21 fully recovered.

22 (D) The promoter does not permit a contestant to compete in  
23 an elimination contest for a period of not less than 60 days if  
24 he or she has been knocked out or has received excessive hard  
25 blows to the head that required the fight to be stopped.

26 (E) A contestant who has been knocked out twice in a period  
27 of 3 months or who has had excessive head blows causing a fight

1 to be stopped is not permitted by a promoter to participate in an  
2 elimination contest for a period of not less than 120 days from  
3 the second knockout or stoppage.

4 (F) A contestant who has been knocked out or had excessive  
5 hard blows to the head causing a fight to be stopped 3 times  
6 consecutively in a period of 12 months is not permitted by a  
7 promoter to participate in an elimination contest for a period of  
8 1 year from the third knockout.

9 (G) Before resuming competition after any of the periods of  
10 rest prescribed in sub-subparagraphs (D), (E), and (F), a  
11 promoter requires the contestant to produce a certification by a  
12 physician stating that the contestant is fit to take part in an  
13 elimination contest.

14 (2) As part of the physical examination given before the  
15 boxing elimination contest, the licensed physician or other  
16 trained person shall administer a preliminary breath test in  
17 compliance with standards imposed in rules promulgated by the  
18 department of state police regarding equipment calibration and  
19 methods of administration. The promoter shall keep a log of  
20 preliminary breath test results of contestants on file at its  
21 place of business for at least 3 years after the date of  
22 administration of the test. These results shall be made  
23 available to law enforcement officials upon request.

24 (3) A boxing elimination contest held pursuant to this  
25 section is not considered to be in violation of the law.

26 Sec. 25. (1) A boxing club, physician, referee, ring  
27 official, judge, matchmaker, timekeeper, announcer, professional

1 boxer, unarmed combat contestant, or manager, or a second of  
2 those persons, shall obtain a participant license from the  
3 department before participating either directly or indirectly in  
4 a contest or exhibition of unarmed combat.

5 (2) An application for a participant license shall be in  
6 writing, shall be verified by the applicant, and shall set forth  
7 those facts requested by and conform to the rules promulgated by  
8 the department.

9 (3) The department may issue a license with limitations.

10 (4) The department shall issue a passport with each  
11 professional contestant's license.

12 (5) The commission has standing to contest the issuance or  
13 nonissuance of an exhibition or other license.

14 Sec. 27. (1) The department shall issue a temporary license  
15 to officiate as a judge, referee, timekeeper, or announcer at an  
16 international, national, or regional amateur boxing or unarmed  
17 combat tournament to an applicant who meets all of the  
18 following:

19 (a) The applicant is not a resident of this state.

20 (b) The applicant demonstrates that he or she possesses  
21 either a valid license to officiate as an amateur boxing or  
22 unarmed combat judge, referee, timekeeper, or announcer in  
23 another state or foreign country or actual experience as an  
24 amateur boxing or unarmed combat judge, referee, timekeeper, or  
25 announcer.

26 (2) A temporary license issued under this section is valid  
27 for a period of not more than 10 days from the date of issuance.

1           Sec. 29. (1) A person seeking a license under this act as a  
2 judge or referee may be required to satisfactorily pass an  
3 examination acceptable to the department.

4           (2) A person seeking a license under this act as a judge,  
5 referee, or contestant shall pass a physical examination  
6 acceptable to the department and the commission.

7           (3) Until the expiration of 1 year after the effective date  
8 of this act, the department shall issue an equivalent license  
9 without an examination to a person who is licensed in any  
10 capacity under former article 8 of the occupational code, 1980  
11 PA 299, on the effective date of this act upon application on a  
12 form provided by the department.

13          Sec. 31. (1) In addition to the requirements of section  
14 25(2), a person seeking a license as a professional referee shall  
15 unofficially referee a minimum of 300 rounds of amateur  
16 competitive or noncompetitive unarmed combat in a facility that  
17 conducts an active unarmed combat program.

18          (2) After a person has successfully completed the  
19 requirements of section 25(2) and subsection (1), the department  
20 shall issue the person a limited license as a referee. Before  
21 the person is issued a full license as a referee, the person  
22 shall complete all of the following:

23           (a) Officiate not fewer than 12 4-round preliminary  
24 contests.

25           (b) Officiate not fewer than 6 6-round preliminary contests.

26           (c) Officiate not fewer than 4 8-round preliminary contests.

27          (3) After the requirements of subsection (2)(a) to (c) have



1 been completed, the commission and the department shall review  
2 and evaluate the applicant's work.

3       Sec. 33. (1) In addition to the requirements of section  
4 25(2), a person seeking a license as a professional judge shall  
5 score, unofficially, not fewer than 200 rounds of professional  
6 unarmed combat. In order to fulfill the requirements of this  
7 subsection, an applicant shall only unofficially judge contests  
8 that are approved by the commission for that purpose. An  
9 applicant shall not receive compensation for judging contests or  
10 exhibitions of unarmed combat under this subsection. Scorecards  
11 shall be transmitted to the department and the commission for  
12 review and evaluation.

13       (2) An employee authorized by the department or the  
14 commission shall complete a standardized evaluation sheet for  
15 each contest or exhibition of unarmed combat judged by a  
16 licensee. The commission shall periodically review the  
17 evaluation sheets.

18       Sec. 35. (1) The department may suspend, revoke, or limit a  
19 participant license issued under this act for a violation of this  
20 act or rules promulgated under this act after administrative  
21 action under section 17. The commission, in consultation with  
22 the department, shall conclude license proceedings within 30 days  
23 after the alleged violation or 30 days after a summary  
24 suspension, if applicable.

25       (2) Upon receipt of an application for reinstatement and the  
26 payment of a fine prescribed by the commission, the commission  
27 may reinstate a revoked license or lift a suspension. If

1 disciplinary action is taken against a person under this act that  
2 does not relate to a contest or exhibition of unarmed combat, the  
3 commission may, in lieu of suspending or revoking a license,  
4 prescribe an administrative fine. If disciplinary action is  
5 taken against a person under this act that relates to the  
6 preparation for a contest or an exhibition of unarmed combat, the  
7 occurrence of a contest or an exhibition of unarmed combat, or  
8 any other action taken in conjunction with a contest or an  
9 exhibition of unarmed combat, the commission may prescribe an  
10 administrative fine in an amount not to exceed 100% of the share  
11 of the purse to which the holder of the license is entitled for  
12 the contest or exhibition. This administrative fine may be  
13 imposed in addition to or in lieu of any other disciplinary  
14 action that is taken against the person by the commission.

15 (3) If an administrative fine is imposed under this section,  
16 the commission may recover the costs of the proceeding, including  
17 investigative costs and attorney fees.

18 (4) A department employee, in consultation with any  
19 commission member present, may issue an order to withhold the  
20 purse for up to 48 hours due to a violation of this act or a rule  
21 promulgated under this act. During that 48-hour time period, the  
22 commission may convene a special meeting to determine if the  
23 action of the department employee was warranted. If the  
24 commission determines that the action was warranted, the  
25 department shall offer to hold an administrative hearing as soon  
26 as practicable but within at least 7 calendar days.

27 Sec. 37. (1) At the request of an authorized employee of

1 the department or of the ringside physician, a contestant or  
2 participant in a professional or amateur contest or exhibition of  
3 unarmed combat shall submit to a test of body fluids to determine  
4 the presence of drugs.

5 (2) The promoter is responsible for the cost of the testing  
6 performed under this section.

7 (3) Either of the following is grounds for summary suspension  
8 under rules promulgated under section 17(3) of the individual's  
9 license:

10 (a) A test resulting in a finding of the presence of drugs.

11 (b) The refusal of a contestant to submit to the drug testing  
12 ordered by an authorized person.

13 Sec. 39. (1) A contestant participating in an unarmed  
14 combat contest or exhibition shall be insured for not less than  
15 \$50,000.00 for medical and hospital expenses to be paid to the  
16 contestant to cover injuries sustained in the contest and for not  
17 less than \$50,000.00 to be paid in accordance with the statutes  
18 of descent and distribution of personal property if the  
19 contestant should die as a result of injuries received in an  
20 unarmed combat contest or exhibition.

21 (2) A promoter shall pay the deductible regarding any medical  
22 or hospital expenses for a contestant's injuries.

23 Sec. 41. (1) A professional contest or exhibition of  
24 unarmed combat involving boxing shall be of not more than 10  
25 rounds in length, except a contest or exhibition of unarmed  
26 combat involving boxing which involves a national or  
27 international championship may last not more than 12 rounds in

1 the determination of the department. The contestants shall wear  
2 during a contest gloves weighing at least 6 ounces each. Rounds  
3 shall be not longer than 3 minutes, with not less than 1-minute  
4 rest between rounds.

5 (2) A contestant or participant in a professional or amateur  
6 contest or exhibition of unarmed combat involving boxing shall be  
7 certified to be in proper physical condition by a licensed  
8 physician before participating in a contest or exhibition of  
9 unarmed combat involving boxing. The department shall designate  
10 any medical test that may be required to determine if the  
11 individual is in proper physical condition.

12 Sec. 43. (1) A physician shall be in attendance at each  
13 contest or exhibition of unarmed combat. The physician shall  
14 observe the physical condition of the contestants and advise the  
15 referee or judges with regard to the health of those  
16 contestants. The physician shall examine each contestant before  
17 entering the ring.

18 (2) The physician shall file with the commission the report  
19 of the physical examination of a contestant not later than 24  
20 hours after termination of the contest or exhibition of unarmed  
21 combat.

22 (3) If, in the opinion of the physician, the health or safety  
23 of a contestant requires that the contest or exhibition of  
24 unarmed combat in which he or she is participating be terminated,  
25 the physician shall notify the referee. The referee shall  
26 terminate the contest or exhibition of unarmed combat.

27 Sec. 45. (1) If a contestant or participant loses

1 consciousness during or as a result of a contest or exhibition of  
2 unarmed combat in which he or she participates, he or she shall  
3 not again be eligible to participate in a contest or exhibition  
4 of unarmed combat in this state unless examined by a physician  
5 appointed by the commission and unless the physician certifies  
6 the contestant's or participant's fitness to participate.

7 (2) The contestant or participant shall pay the cost of the  
8 examination conducted under subsection (1).

9 Sec. 47. The following acts and parts of acts are  
10 repealed:

11 (a) Article 8 of the occupational code, 1980 PA 299,  
12 MCL 339.801 to 339.814.

13 (b) Section 49 of the state license fee act, 1979 PA 152,  
14 MCL 338.2249.

15 Sec. 49. This act takes effect January 1, 2004.

16 Sec. 51. This act does not take effect unless Senate Bill  
17 No. \_\_\_\_\_ or House Bill No. 4336 (request no. 02512'03 a) of the  
18 92nd Legislature is enacted into law.