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Legislative Regulation Review Committee
Capitol Building, Room 011
Connecticut General Assembly
Hartford, CT 06106
Attention: Kirsten L. Breiner, Administrator

RE: Proposed Amended Regulations Concerning Boxing and Mixed Martial Arts

Dear Committee Members:

In accordance with section 4-170 of the Connecticut General Statutes and in response to the Legislative Commissioners' Office Report dated June 23, 2015, the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection hereby submits:

1. Legislative Commissioners' Office Report dated June 23, 2015;
2. Revised regulations text regarding Boxing and Mixed Martial Arts, including executed Certification; and
3. Agency response to Legislative Commissioners' Office Report.

If you have any questions regarding the enclosed documents, please contact Attorney Antoinette M. Webster directly at 860 685 8062.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dora Schiro".

Dora B. Schiro, Commissioner
Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection

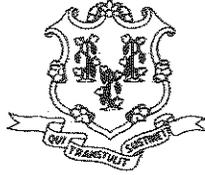
Enclosures

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Memorandum

To: Legislative Regulation Review Committee
From: Legislative Commissioners' Office
Committee Meeting Date: June 23, 2015

Regulation No:	2015-13
Agency:	Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection
Subject Matter:	Boxing and Mixed Martial Arts
Statutory Authority: (copy attached)	29-143j, 29-143k

	Yes or No
Mandatory	Y
Federal Requirement	N
Permissive	N

For the Committee's Information:

Section 29-143j(e) of the general statutes provides, in part, "The commissioner, *in consultation with the Connecticut Boxing Commission*, shall adopt such regulations in accordance with chapter 54 as the commissioner deems necessary and desirable for the conduct, supervision and safety of boxing matches, ..." (emphasis added). The agency does not indicate whether such consultation took place.

Substantive Concerns:

1. On page 1, section 29-143j-1a of the proposed regulations does not include a definition of "official" and the term is used inconsistently throughout the regulation, (e.g., "timekeepers, the announcer, physicians, referees, judges and other officials", "referees, judges and officials", "all officials"). "Official" should be defined and used throughout the proposed regulations consistent with such definition, or the person or persons to which a provision applies should be specified in each instance.
2. On page 4, section 29-143j-9a of the proposed regulations sets the minimum compensation for a professional boxer and a professional mixed martial arts competitor at one hundred dollars "or such other sum as the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative shall approve." It is unclear on what basis such other sum would be approved.
3. On pages 5, 9 and 10, sections 29-143j-13a(c) and 29-143j-32a(a) of the proposed regulations provide, in part, that promoters are responsible for payment of all officials "in accordance with a schedule of fees established by the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative." It is unclear what this refers to, *i.e.*, whether these are the fees contained throughout the proposed regulations or some other schedule. If it is the fees specified in the proposed regulations, the specific sections in the proposed regulations that pertain to fees should be cited; if it is some other schedule, it should be included in the proposed regulations.
4. On page 6, section 29-143j-17a of the proposed regulations appears to require assistant timekeepers to be licensed separately from timekeepers, however, section 29-143j-24a of the proposed regulations only specifies a fee for a timekeeper's license (although the catchline references assistant timekeepers). On page 10, section 29-143j-34a of the proposed regulations, which sets forth duties of timekeepers, does not include assistant timekeepers. If the agency intends to require separate licensure for assistant timekeepers, it should add references to assistant timekeepers to the proposed regulations where applicable and include the duties of assistant timekeepers. If it intends to require one licensure for timekeepers, it should delete references to assistant timekeepers except where a timekeeper will act as an assistant to another timekeeper (e.g., section 29-143j-13a(f)(4) of the proposed regulations).
5. On page 6, section 29-143j-17a of the proposed regulations sets forth, in part, who is required to be licensed. Section 29-143j(e)(2) of the general statutes requires a license for an assistant matchmaker as a separate license from a matchmaker and specifies a fee for an assistant matchmaker of "not less than one hundred twenty-six dollars"; however, assistant matchmakers are not included in section 29-143j-17a or 29-143j-21a of the proposed regulations, which sets forth the fee for a matchmaker's license.
6. On pages 6, 7 and 28, sections 29-143j-17a et seq., including sections 29-143j-22a and 29-143j-76a of the proposed regulations, set forth licensure requirements, facility registration requirements and other registration requirements related to amateur boxing and mixed martial arts, respectively. It is not specified whether such licenses and

registrations must be renewed annually or on some other basis or whether they are one-time and not subject to renewal. This should be clarified.

7. On page 7, section 29-143j-20a(f) of the proposed regulations requires an individual seeking licensure as a promoter to comply with the provisions of said section and "provide such other proof as the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative may require." It is unclear if such proof will concern or be limited to an individual's qualifications to be licensed as a promoter (*see*, by comparison, section 29-143j-81a(b)(6) of the proposed regulations on page 29).
8. On page 8, section 29-143j-27a of the proposed regulations provides, in part, that a manager may act as a second for the manager's contestant during the course of a bout. While seconds for boxing are required to be licensed pursuant to section 29-143j of the general statutes, it is unclear whether a manager who acts as a second is required to be licensed as a second.
9. On page 9, section 29-143j-29a of the proposed regulations requires an individual seeking licensure as a second to submit a recommendation or "such other proof as the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative may require." It is unclear if such proof will concern or be limited to an individual's qualifications to be licensed as a second (*see*, by comparison, section 29-143j-81a(b)(6) of the proposed regulations on page 29).
10. On page 9, section 29-143j-30a of the proposed regulations sets forth grounds for the denial, reprimand, suspension or revocation of a contestant's license. It is unclear what is meant by "reprimand" in the context of licensure. If it is intended to be a reprimand of the contestant, the language throughout the proposed regulations providing for "denial, reprimand, suspension or revocation" of a license or registration, as well as the heading above section 29-143j-30a of the proposed regulations, should be changed to reflect that intent, and the consequences of a reprimand should be included in the proposed regulations. If the agency makes any changes to such language, conforming changes will also be needed on page 14 in section 29-143j-48a(f) and on page 20, in sections 29-143j-62a(b) and 29-143j-63a(b).
11. On page 11, section 29-143j-36a(d) of the proposed regulations provides that a referee may serve as a judge in a bout where the referee is not acting as such. While referees and judges for boxing are required to be licensed pursuant to section 29-143j of the general statutes, it is unclear whether a referee who acts as a judge is required to be licensed as a judge.
12. On page 12, section 29-143j-41a of the proposed regulations requires contestants to submit to a medical examination to obtain a license and provides that an out-of-state contestant may submit to such examination by "a physician approved by the authority in this state". It is unclear whether such authority would be the commissioner or some other person or entity.

In addition, subdivision (8) of said section requires "[a]ny other test or examination the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative deems appropriate." It

is unclear whether such testing will concern or be limited to a contestant's qualifications to be licensed (*see*, by comparison, section 29-143j-81a(b)(6) of the proposed regulations on page 29).

13. On page 13, section 29-143j-46a of the proposed regulations provides, in part, that the medical advisory board shall "review the reports from hospitals and physicians in order to make recommendations to the commissioner based on such reports." It is unclear if this provision is referring to the reports regarding injuries of the contestants, examinations of the contestants or some other report. The reference should be clarified.
14. On page 14, section 29-143a-48a(d) of the proposed regulations provides that if a bout, contest or exhibition is postponed, "an additional physical examination may be required". The provision should be rewritten in the active voice and clarify who would have the authority to require such additional examination.
15. On page 17, in section 29-143j-55a(a), the agency requires all boxing gloves to be "at least 8 ounces". This provision conflicts with section 29-143k of the general statutes which requires gloves "not less than twelve ounces" to be used in all amateur boxing bouts. The agency should rewrite this provision to be consistent with the statute.
16. On page 20, section 29-143j-62a of the proposed regulations provides for rules meetings for contests or exhibitions. Subsection (b) of said section specifies that "[f]ailure to attend the rules meetings may result in denial, reprimand, suspension or revocation" of a license or registration. It is unclear who is required to attend a rules meeting and whether there is more than one such meeting per contest or exhibition and if so, whether someone is required to attend all such meetings.
17. On page 25, section 29-143j-72a(c)(2) of the proposed regulations provides: "If a bottom contestant commits a foul, unless the top contestant is injured, the fight shall continue, so as not to jeopardize the top contestant's superior positioning at the time." Subsection (d) of said section sets forth foul recovery times and evaluation of the fouled contestant. It should be clarified whether, in the circumstance described in subsection (c)(2) of said section, the provisions of subsection (d) of said section would apply.
18. On page 28, section 29-143j-76a of the proposed regulations provides for the registration of "all facilities, all amateur boxing and mixed martial arts associations and all schools, colleges and universities having an amateur boxing or mixed martial arts program". Subsection (c)(2) of said section requires the "[n]ame, title, email address and telephone number of the individual in charge". It is unclear what is meant by "in charge" with respect to the information being sought. For example, an individual in charge at a school, college or university could be a coach, an athletic director or a dean. By comparison, section 29-143j-22a of the proposed regulations requires, for registration, the names of the owner and the manager of the facility. In addition, subsection (c)(3) of said section requires the "[a]ddress of facility if different from the address of the organization". The language appears to mean the facility in which an association's, school's, college's or university's amateur boxing or mixed martial arts program is held; however, this should be clarified.

19. On page 29, section 29-143j-80a of the proposed regulations sets forth special rules for outdoor contests. As "contest or exhibition" is used consistently throughout the proposed regulations, it is unclear whether the exclusion of exhibitions from such rules for outdoor contests is intentional.
20. Section 29-143j of the general statutes provides, in part, that with respect to boxing, regulations adopted "shall require fees for the issuance of licenses to such sponsors and participants as follows: ... (7) for **trainers**, a fee of not less than twenty-six dollars; ..." (emphasis added). There is no provision in the proposed regulations for a license or a fee for trainers.

Technical Corrections:

1. Throughout the proposed regulation, numerical values are written inconsistently (e.g. "¾", "two-thirds", "one inch", "1 inch"). The agency should select whichever method it prefers for writing numerical values and make the references in the proposed regulation consistent with such method.
2. Throughout the proposed regulation, "call time" should be "call for a time-out" or "call a time-out", for clarity.
3. Throughout the proposed regulations, a hyphen should be inserted where indicated for consistency and proper form:
 - On page 11, in section 29-143j-36a(c)(1), between "one" and "sided";
 - On page 14, in section 29-143j-48a(c), and in section 29-143j-48a(d), between "weigh" and "in";
 - On page 17, in line 6 of section 29-143j-55a(a) and in line 6 of section 29-143j-55a(b), between "moisture" and "resistant";
 - On page 19, in section 29-143j-61a(b)(2)(F), between "vinyl" and "coated";
 - On page 21, in section 29-143j-69a(b), between "time" and "out";
 - On page 23, in lines 2 and 6 of section 29-143j-70a(b)(2)(A), between "no" and "decision";
 - On page 26, in line 2 of section 29-143j-72a(h)(5), after "no".
4. On page 1, in section 29-143j-1a(1), in line 2, "and" should be inserted after "Canada", for proper form; in line 3 of said section, "as" should be inserted before "amended" for proper form and "Boxing" should be inserted after "Ali" for accuracy.
5. On page 1, in section 29-143j-1a, subdivisions (2) and (3) should be deleted as unnecessary; on pages 1 and 2, subdivisions (8) and (22) of said section should be deleted as duplicative of text in section 29-143j-28a and the remaining subdivisions in section 29-143j-1a should be renumbered accordingly.
6. On page 1, in section 29-143j-1a(10), "refers to" should be "means" for proper form. The same change should also be made on page 2, in sections 29-143j-1a (13), (28) and (32).

7. On page 1, in section 29-143j-1a(6), the extra space before "unarmed" should be deleted for proper form.
8. On page 2, in section 29-143j-1a(18)(D), "per cent" should be "percent" for consistency.
9. On page 3, in section 29-143j-1a(29)," "Sickness" and "illness" mean" should be " "Illness" means" for accuracy.
10. On page 3, in section 29-143j-2a, in line 2, "Boxing" should be inserted after "Ali" for accuracy; and in line 3 of said section, a comma should be inserted after "including" and after "limited to" for proper form.
11. On page 3, in section 29-143j-2a, in line 5, "regulations" should be "Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies" for proper form. The same change should be made on page 8, in section 29-143j-28a(b)(2); on page 9, in section 29-143j-30a(a)(1); on page 13, in section 29-143j-44a; on page 28, in section 29-143j-76a(b); and on page 28, in section 29-143j-79a(a).
12. On page 3, in section 29-143j-5a(a), in line 2, "such contestants" should be "such contestants' " for proper form and in line 3, "it" should be deleted for proper form.
13. On page 3, in section 29-143j-5a(c), "registered facility" should be "facility registered under section 29-143j-22a of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies" for clarity.
14. On page 3, in section 29-143j-6a, "charity" should be "charitable organization" for consistency.
15. On page 3, in the catchline of section 29-143j-7a, "**Changes in**" should be "**Changes of contestant in**" for accuracy.
16. On page 4, in section 29-143j-7a(e), "the contestant or contestants" should be inserted after "change in" for accuracy.
17. On page 4, in section 29-143j-8a, in line 1, "a" should be inserted before "boxer's" for proper form.
18. On page 4, in the catchline of section 29-143j-10a, "**dealings**" should be inserted after "**financial**" for consistency; and in line 6, "exhibition is authorized" should be "exhibition is approved" for consistency.
19. On page 4, in section 29-143j-11a, "Department" should be "department" for consistency. The same change should be made on page 29, in section 29-143j-81a(c).
20. On page 4, in section 29-143j-13a(a), "insure" should be "ensure" for proper form.

21. On page 5, in section 29-143j-13a(b), a comma should be inserted after "provide" for proper form.
22. On page 5, in section 29-143j-13a(d), a comma should be inserted after "promoters" and after "exhibition" for proper form.
23. On page 5, in section 29-143j-13a(f), in line 1, "following" should be inserted before "officials" for clarity.
24. On page 5, in section 29-143j-13a(f)(1)(B), "arts' " should be "arts" for proper form.
25. On page 5, in section 29-143j-14a(a), ", in such commissioner's discretion," should be deleted as unnecessary; and in line 3, "insure" should be "ensure" for proper form.
26. On page 5, in section 29-143j-14a(b), "shall guarantee" should be "guarantees" for proper form; and ", in such commissioner's discretion," should be deleted as unnecessary.
27. On page 5, in section 29-143j-14a(c), "the regulations" should be "this section" for accuracy; and in line 3 of said section, "t" after "representative" should be deleted for proper form.
28. On page 6, in section 29-143j-15a(a), in the last line, "licensed" should be deleted for consistency. The same change should be made in subsection (b) of said section in line 3; on page 10, in section 29-143j-32a(d); and on page 13, in section 29-143j-45a.
29. On page 6, in section 29-143j-14a(d), ", in such commissioner's discretion," should be deleted and an "a" should be inserted before "certified", for proper form.
30. On page 6, in section 29-143j-14a(e), "the regulations" should be "this section" for accuracy; and in line 4 of said section, a period should be inserted after "held" for proper form.
31. On page 6, in section 29-143j-15a(b), a space should be inserted after "\$50,000", for proper form.
32. On page 6, in section 29-143j-15a(d), "schedule" should be "scheduled" for proper form.
33. On page 6, in section 29-143j-17a(a), "assistant matchmakers," should be inserted after "matchmakers" and in line 2 "professional boxers" should be "professional and amateur boxers" for consistency with section 29-143j of the general statutes; and in line 6 of said subsection, "or registration" should be inserted after "license" for accuracy.
34. On page 6, in section 29-143j-17a(c), "in accordance with section 29-143j-22a of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies" should be inserted after "registered" for clarity and accuracy.

35. On page 7, in 29-143j-20a, subsection (e) should begin on a separate line from subsection (d) for proper form and consistency.
36. On page 7, in section 29-143j-20a(f), "section 29-143j-20a of the regulations" should be "this section" for proper form.
37. On page 7, in section 29-143j-22a(a)(4), "sparring match," should be deleted for accuracy, and "an" should be inserted before "exhibition" for proper form.
38. On page 7, in section 29-143j-22a(b), "beverages" should be "any beverages" for proper form.
39. On page 8, in section 29-143j-28a, in the catchline, there should be a period before "Boxers" for consistency.
40. On page 8, in section 29-143j-28a(b)(1), "the issuance of license" should be "the issuance of a similar license" for proper form and clarity.
41. On page 9, in section 29-143j-30a(a)(1), "Section" should be "section" for consistency.
42. On page 9, in section 29-143j-30a(a)(2), "controlled substances, as defined in subsection (9) of" should be "a controlled substance, as defined in" for proper form.
43. On page 9, in section 29-143j-30a(b), "Statutes;" should be "Statutes or the regulations;" for accuracy.
44. On page 9, in section 29-143j-30a(b)(2), "Any" should be "Participating in any" and "in which the licensee is participating" should be deleted, for consistency and proper form.
45. On page 9, in section 29-143j-30a(c), "contestant's" should be inserted before "license" for accuracy.
46. On page 9, in section 29-143j-31a(b), "ten days after the decision, including Saturday and Sunday" should be "ten calendar days after the decision" for clarity and proper form.
47. On page 9, in section 29-143j-31a(c), "final and conclusive in the matter" should be "a final decision" for clarity.
48. On page 10, in section 29-143j-32a(a), "distribute to" should be "distribute such payment to" for proper form.
49. On page 10, in section 29-143j-32a(e), "official" should be "officer" for accuracy.
50. On page 10, in section 29-143j-35a(d), "conclusion of the round" should be "conclusion of the bout" for accuracy.

51. On page 10, in section 29-143j-36a(a), "29-143j-54a--29-143j-58a of the regulations" should be "29-143j-54a to 29-143j-58a, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies" for proper form.
52. On page 10, in section 29-143j-36a(b), "either" should be "a" for proper form.
53. On page 11, in section 29-143j-37a(a), "insure" should be "ensure" for proper form.
54. On page 11, in section 29-143j-37a(b), "The inspector" should be "An inspector" for proper form; and in lines 2 and 3, the two references to "chapter 532a of the Connecticut General Statutes" should be "chapter 532a of the Connecticut General Statutes or the regulations" for accuracy.
55. On page 11, in the catchline of section 29-143j-38a, a bolded comma should be inserted after "**boxer**" for proper form.
56. On page 11, in section 29-143j-39a(a)(2), "the contestants" should be "a contestant" for proper form and "license" should be "license to such contestant" for clarity.
57. On page 11, in section 29-143j-39a(a)(3), "the contestant's" should be "a contestant's" for proper form; and "license" should be "license to such contestant" for clarity.
58. On page 11, in section 29-143j-39a(a)(6), the quotation marks surrounding "as needed" should be deleted for proper form.
59. On page 11, in the catchline of section 29-143j-39a(b), the period after "area" should be deleted for consistency.
60. On page 12, in section 29-143j-39a(b)(5), the extra space after "stop" should be deleted for proper form.
61. On page 12, in section 29-143j-39a(b)(7), "the injured" should be "an injured" for proper form.
62. On page 12, in section 29-143j-39a(b)(8), "as provided by" should be "pursuant to" for consistency.
63. On page 12, in section 29-143j-40a(4), "bout" should be "a bout" for proper form.
64. On page 12, in section 29-143j-41a(1), "Examination" should be "examination" for consistency.
65. On page 13, in the catchline of section 29-143j-43a, the period after "**bout**" should be deleted for consistency; and in line 3 of subsection (c) of said section, "The report is to be" should be "The report shall be" in accordance with the committee's directive regarding mandates.

66. On page 13, in section 29-143j-45a, "by the contestant or the contestant's manager" should be moved to after "fully reported" in line 2 for clarity; and in line 4, "for at least two years" should be inserted after "licensed" for consistency.
67. On page 14, in section 29-143j-46a, "may be registered with the Medical Advisory Board" should be "may register with the medical advisory board" for proper form and consistency; and in the last line of said section, "section 29-143j-30a of the regulations" should be "subsection (b) of section 29-143j-30a of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies" for accuracy and proper form.
68. On page 14, in section 29-143j-47a(c), "for at least two years" should be inserted after "licensed" for consistency.
69. On page 14, in section 29-143j-48a(d), "of the contestants" should be inserted after "examination" for accuracy.
70. On page 14, in section 29-143j-48a(e), in line 1, "body" should be "bodies" for proper form.
71. On page 14, in line 3 of section 29-143j-48a(f), "or the regulations" should be inserted after "Statutes" for accuracy.
72. On pages 14 to 16, in sections 29-143j-49a to 29-143j-52a, inclusive, "pounds" after the numbers should be either always included or not included throughout for consistency; and the "to" between numbers (e.g., "135 to 140") should be "up to and including" for accuracy and clarity.
73. On page 15, in the line for "Heavyweight" of section 29-143j-49a(a), "to" should be deleted for proper form.
74. On page 15, in section 29-143j-51a(a), "POUNDS" and "CLASSIFICATION" should be underlined and the period after "Flyweight" should be deleted for consistency.
75. On page 16, in section 29-143j-52a, the period after "Flyweight" should be deleted for consistency and in subsection (b) of said section, the extra period should be deleted for proper form.
76. On page 16, in section 29-143j-53a(a)(1) and (2), references to "lbs." should be "pounds" for consistency.
77. On page 16, in the heading above section 29-143j-54a, "PHYSCIAL" should be "PHYSICAL" for proper form.
78. On page 17, in section 29-143j-54a(b)(2), "; and" should be a period for proper form.
79. On page 17, in section 29-143j-54a(e), "Contestant's" should be "Contestants'" for proper form and "competitor" should be "contestant" for consistency.

80. On page 17, in section 29-143j-55a(b), the two references to "be at least" should be "weigh at least" for accuracy and "6-ounces" should be "6 ounces" for consistency.
81. On page 17, in section 29-143j-56a(a)(2), "Martial Arts" should be "martial arts" for consistency; and in line 2 of said subdivision, "females" should be "female mixed martial arts competitors" for accuracy and consistency.
82. On page 18, in section 29-143j-56a(c), "Martial Arts" should be "martial arts" for consistency.
83. On page 18, in section 29-143j-58a, "are" should be "shall be" in accordance with the committee's directive regarding mandates.
84. On page 18, in section 29-143j-61a(a), "or no" should be "and no" for proper form.
85. On page 18, in section 29-143j-61a(a)(3), "should" should be "shall" in accordance with the committee's directive regarding mandates.
86. On page 19, in section 29-143j-61a(a)(5), in line 1, "and" should be a comma for proper form.
87. On page 19, in section 29-143j-61a(b)(2)(F), "shall not" should be "to not" for proper form.
88. On page 20, in the catchline of section 29-143j-62a, "**Meeting**" should be "**meeting**" for consistency.
89. On page 20, in section 29-143j-62a(b), "the license" should be "any license" for proper form and "or the regulations" should be inserted after "Statutes" for accuracy.
90. On page 20, in section 29-143j-63a(b), "or the regulations" should be inserted after "Statutes" for accuracy.
91. On page 20, in section 29-143j-64a(a)(5), "and" should be "or", for accuracy.
92. On page 21, in section 29-143j-66a(d), "can" should be "may" for proper form.
93. On page 21, in section 29-143j-67a, each subdivision should appear on a separate line for consistency; and in subdivision (4) of said section, "At least one physician and" should be "At least two physicians, and" for consistency with section 29-143j-39a(b)(9) and for proper form.
94. On page 22, in section 29-143j-70a(a)(7), "or" should be inserted before "elbow;" for proper form.
95. On page 22, in section 29-143j-70a(a)(13), "Use of" should be "Using" for consistency.

96. On page 22, in section 29-143j-70a(a)(20), "Failure" should be "Failing" for consistency.
97. On page 22, in section 29-143j-70a(b)(1)(B), the extra space before "Point" should be deleted for proper form.
98. On page 22 and 23, in section 29-143j-70a(b)(1) and (b)(2), the period after "referee" should be deleted for consistency.
99. On page 23, in section 29-143j-70a(b)(2)(B), in line 5, "causing" should be "occurs causing" for proper form and consistency.
100. On page 23, in section 29-143j-71a(a), in line 1, "shall occur" should be "occurs" for proper form.
101. On page 24, in section 29-143j-71a(a)(5), "still" should be deleted for proper form.
102. On page 24, in section 29-143j-71a(a)(6), "cannot" should be "shall not" in accordance with the committee's directive regarding mandates.
103. On page 24, in section 29-143j-71a(d), "the" should be inserted after "other than" and "claiming" should be "and who claims" for proper form.
104. On page 25, in section 29-143j-72a(a)(14), the comma after "including" should be deleted for proper form.
105. On page 25, in section 29-143j-72a(a)(18), "fighter" should be "opponent" for consistency.
106. On page 25, in section 29-143j-72a(a)(19), "fighting" should be "combat" for consistency.
107. On page 25, in section 29-143j-72a(a)(24), "seconds" should be "second" for proper form.
108. On page 25, in section 29-143j-72a(b), "opponent shall be a" should be deleted and "is one" should be inserted after "competitor" for proper form; in lines 2 and 3, "may be grounded if" should be "is grounded if such competitor is" for proper form; in lines 3 and 4, "contestants" and "contestant" should be "competitors" and "competitor", respectively, for consistency; and in line 4, "the" should be inserted before "action" for proper form.
109. On page 25, in section 29-143j-72a(d)(1), a comma should be inserted after "as long as" and after "opinion" for proper form; in line 3, "may" should be "can" and in line 5, "goes beyond" should be "does not so state within", for clarity; and in line 6, "cannot" should be "shall not" in accordance with the committee's directive regarding mandates.

110. On page 26, in section 29-143j-72a(d)(2)(B), "injured" should be "fouled" for consistency and accuracy; and in line 4, "has" should be "shall have" in accordance with the committee's directive regarding mandates.
111. On page 26, in section 29-143j-72a(d)(2)(C), "If deemed" should be "If a fouled contestant is deemed" for proper form and clarity; in line 4, "but" should be "and" for proper form; in line 6, "examinations" should be "examination" for proper form; in line 7, "cannot" should be "shall not" in accordance with the committee's directive regarding mandates; and in line 8, "stop" should be "end" for consistency.
112. On page 26, in section 29-143j-72a(e), in line 2, "official" should be inserted before "scorekeeper" for consistency.
113. On page 26, in section 29-143j-72a(f), "can" should be "may" for proper form; and "cannot" should be "shall not" in accordance with the committee's directive regarding mandates.
114. On page 26, in section 29-143j-72a(h)(1), "to stop" should be "for the referee to stop" for consistency and clarity.
115. On page 26, in section 29-143j-72a(h)(3), "intentional" should be "an intentional" for proper form.
116. On page 26, in section 29-143j-73a, "(a)" should be deleted for proper form.
117. On page 26, in section 29-143j-73a(a)(1)(A), "Tap out shall occur " should be "A tap out occurs" for proper form and on page 27 in subsection (a)(1)(B) of said subsection, "Verbal tap out shall occur" should be "A verbal tap out occurs" for proper form.
118. On page 27, in line 1 of section 29-143j-73a(a)(1)(C), "Technical submission shall occur" should be "A technical submission occurs" for proper form.
119. On page 27, in section 29-143j-73a(a)(2), the colon should be deleted for consistency.
120. On page 27, in section 29-143j-73a(a)(2)(A), "Referee stops bout;" should be "When the referee ends the bout;" and in subsection (a)(2)(B), "Combat area physician stops bout;" should be "When the combat area physician ends the bout;" for proper form and consistency.
121. On page 27, in section 29-143j-73a(a)(2)(C), "stop" should be "end" for consistency and clarity.
122. On page 27, in section 29-143j-73a(a)(3), "Knockout by failure" should be "A knockout occurs when a contestant fails" for proper form and consistency.
123. On page 27, in section 29-143j-73a(a)(5)(C), the hyphen should be a colon for consistency.

124. On page 27, in section 29-143j-73a(a)(6), "stop" should be "end" for consistency.
125. On page 27, in section 29-143j-73a(a)(8), "of stoppage" should be "the bout is stopped" for consistency and clarity, "or; in" should be "or, in" for proper form, "knockout, the referee shall stop" should be "knockout when the referee stops" for consistency and proper form and in the last line, the semicolon should be a period for proper form.
126. On page 27, in section 29-143j-73a(a)(9) and section 29-143j-73a(a)(10), "stopped" should be "ended" for consistency and clarity.
127. On page 27, in section 29-143j-74a(c)(4), "Cage/ring" should be "Cage or ring" for proper form.
128. On page 28, in section 29-143j-75a(e), "are" should be "shall be" in accordance with the committee's directive regarding mandates.
129. On page 28, in section 29-143j-76a(a), "seeking to conduct an amateur contest or exhibition" should be inserted after "facilities" for clarity; and "having" should be "that have" and "a" should be inserted before "mixed", for proper form, and "with the department" should be inserted after "registered" for clarity.
130. On page 28, in section 29-143j-76a(c), in line 1, "all" should be "all such" for clarity.
131. On page 28, in section 29-143j-76a(c)(1) and (c)(3) "organization" should be "association, school, college or university" for clarity and consistency.
132. On page 28, in section 29-143j-77a(a), "the participants shall" should be "the contestants may conduct an amateur contest or exhibition in this state. Such association, school, college or university" for proper form and clarity; in line 4, "an" should be "such" and "in this state" should be deleted, for accuracy and proper form; and in line 5, "for event organizers" should be "of the contest or exhibition organizer" for proper form and consistency.
133. On page 28, in section 29-143j-77a(b), "registered under section 29-143j-76a of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies" should be inserted after "university" for clarity.
134. On page 28, in section 29-143j-78a, "Pursuant to the authority granted to the commissioner in section 29-143k of the Connecticut General Statutes, the" should be "The" for accuracy and proper form.
135. On page 28, in the catchline of section 29-143j-79a(a), "Amateur" should be "Additional illegal acts, amateur" for accuracy.
136. On page 29, in section 29-143j-80a(a), "show" should be "contest" for consistency; and in line 6, "shall be held" should be "will be held", for proper form.

137. On page 29, in section 29-143j-80a(c), "as also being" should be deleted for proper form.
138. On page 29, in section 29-143j-80a(e), "then the bout shall be deemed as complete" should be "the bout shall be deemed complete" for proper form.
139. On page 30, in Sec. 2, "Sections 29-143j-1 to 29-143j-90, inclusive," should be "Sections 29-143j-1 to 29-143j-51, inclusive, sections 29-143j-54 to 29-143j-74, inclusive, section 29-143j-76 and sections 29-143j-78 to 29-143j-91, inclusive," for accuracy and proper form. Sections 29-143j-52, 29-143j-53, 29-143j-75 and 29-143j-77 are already repealed and Section 29-143j-91 should be repealed as it is duplicative of text in section 29-143j of the general statutes, references sections of a regulation that are obsolete and includes an outdated reference to the commissioner.

Recommendation:

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Sec. 29-143j. (Formerly Sec. 21a-196). Jurisdiction of Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection. Investigation and inspection. Licensing fees.

Registration. Regulations. (a) As used in this chapter, "commissioner" means the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection and "mixed martial arts" means unarmed combat involving the use of a combination of techniques from different disciplines of the martial arts and includes grappling, kicking, jujitsu and striking.

(b) The commissioner shall have sole control of and jurisdiction over all amateur and professional boxing and sparring matches and all amateur and professional mixed martial arts matches held, conducted or given within the state by any person or persons, club, corporation or association, except amateur boxing, sparring and mixed martial arts matches held under the supervision of any school, college or university having an academic course of study or of the recognized athletic association connected with such school, college or university or amateur boxing, sparring and mixed martial arts matches held under the auspices of any amateur athletic association that has been determined by the commissioner to be capable of ensuring the health and safety of the participants; provided the commissioner may at any time assume jurisdiction over any amateur boxing, sparring or mixed martial arts match if the commissioner determines that the health and safety of the participants is not being sufficiently safeguarded. The commissioner may appoint inspectors who shall, on the order of the commissioner, represent the commissioner at all boxing or mixed martial arts matches. The commissioner may appoint a secretary who shall prepare for service such notices and papers as may be required and perform such other duties as the commissioner directs.

(c) The commissioner or the commissioner's authorized representative may cause a full investigation to be made of the location of, and paraphernalia and equipment to be used in any boxing, sparring or mixed martial arts match and all other matters and shall determine whether or not such match will be reasonably safe for the participants and for public attendance and may make reasonable orders concerning alterations or betterments to the equipment and paraphernalia, and concerning the character and arrangement of the seating, means of egress, lighting, firefighting appliances, fire and police protection and such other provisions as shall make the match reasonably safe against both fire and casualty hazards.

(d) When any serious physical injury, as defined in subdivision (4) of section 53a-3, or death occurs in connection with a boxing, sparring or mixed martial arts match, the owner of the location of the match shall, not later than four hours after such occurrence, report the injury or death to the commissioner or the commissioner's designee. Not later than four hours after receipt of such report, the commissioner or the commissioner's designee shall cause an investigation of the occurrence to determine the cause of such serious physical injury or death. The commissioner or the commissioner's designee may enter into any place

or upon any premises so registered or licensed in furtherance of such investigation and inspection.

(e) The commissioner, in consultation with the Connecticut Boxing Commission, shall adopt such regulations in accordance with chapter 54 as the commissioner deems necessary and desirable for the conduct, supervision and safety of boxing matches, including the licensing of the sponsors and the participants of such boxing matches, and for the development and promotion of the sport of boxing in this state, including, but not limited to, regulations to improve the competitiveness of the sport of boxing in this state relative to other states. Such regulations shall require fees for the issuance of licenses to such sponsors and participants as follows: (1) For referees, a fee of not less than one hundred twenty-six dollars; (2) for matchmakers and assistant matchmakers, a fee of not less than one hundred twenty-six dollars; (3) for timekeepers, a fee of not less than twenty-six dollars; (4) for professional boxers, a fee of not less than twenty-six dollars; (5) for amateur boxers, a fee of not less than fifteen dollars; (6) for managers, a fee of not less than one hundred twenty-six dollars; (7) for trainers, a fee of not less than twenty-six dollars; (8) for seconds, a fee of not less than twenty-six dollars; (9) for announcers, a fee of not less than twenty-six dollars; and (10) for promoters, a fee of not less than three hundred fifteen dollars.

(f) No organization, gymnasium or independent club shall host a sparring match unless such organization, gymnasium or independent club registers with the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection in accordance with this subsection. The commissioner shall register any organization, gymnasium or independent club that the commissioner deems qualified to host such matches. Application for such registration shall be made on forms provided by the department and accompanied by a fee of one hundred dollars. For the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this chapter, the commissioner or an authorized representative may inspect the facility of any such organization, gymnasium or independent club. The Attorney General, at the request of the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection, may apply in the name of the state of Connecticut to the Superior Court for an order temporarily or permanently restraining any organization, gymnasium or independent club from operating in violation of any provision of this chapter or the regulations adopted pursuant to this subsection. The commissioner, in consultation with the Connecticut Boxing Commission, shall adopt such regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, as the commissioner deems necessary for the conduct, supervision and safety of sparring matches.

(g) The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to regulate the conduct, supervision and safety of mixed martial arts matches, including the licensing of the sponsors of and the participants in such matches, and to set a

reasonable fee for the issuance of licenses to such sponsors and participants.

(h) The state, acting by and in the discretion of the commissioner, may enter into a contract with any person for the services of such person acting as an inspector appointed in accordance with the provisions of this section.

Sec. 29-143k. (Formerly Sec. 21a-197). Amateur boxing matches regulated. As used in this section and sections 29-143j, 53-200 and 53-201 "amateur boxing match" means a boxing match which is no longer than five three-minute rounds in which no contestant has received or is to receive, directly or indirectly, any money, reward or compensation either from the expenses of any amateur boxing program or the expenses of training or for taking part in such program or training. No person shall appear as a contestant in an amateur boxing match unless such person wears protective headgear and boxing gloves weighing not less than twelve ounces, and has not, within twenty-four hours of such match, appeared as a contestant in any other amateur boxing match. No person shall appear as a contestant in an amateur boxing match if such person has received any compensation or reward in any form for displaying, exercising, or rendering services of any kind to any athletic organization, or to any person or persons, as trainer, coach or instructor, or if such person may have been employed in any professional capacity by reason of such person's athletic skill or knowledge. For the purpose of this section, a prize such as a medal, trophy, watch, ring or other jewelry, or articles of wearing apparel may be awarded to any contestant and shall not be considered money, reward or compensation. Any contestant may be reimbursed with money for such reasonable expenses as may be incurred by such contestant in traveling to and from such amateur boxing match, subject to the approval of the commissioner. The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, concerning the age of the participants in amateur boxing matches.