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OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

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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:

Enclosed please find substitution page number 6, revising Sec. 29-143j-17a to reflect that licenses and registrations shall be valid for a calendar year, January 1-December 31. The additional language is highlighted in yellow below and does not change the pagination of the proposed regulations as previously filed.

(NEW) Sec. 29-143j-17a. Who shall be licensed and registered

(a) All boxing and mixed martial arts promoters, referees, judges, matchmakers, assistant matchmakers, timekeepers, announcers, professional and amateur boxers, professional and amateur mixed martial arts competitors, managers and seconds shall be licensed by the commissioner and no person, corporation or other business entity shall be permitted to participate, either directly or indirectly, in any contest or exhibition or the holding thereof, unless such person, corporation or other business entity has first obtained the appropriate license or registration from the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative. All licenses **and registrations** shall be valid for the current calendar year, January 1- December 31.

If you have any questions regarding the enclosed substitution page, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Antoinette M. Webster, Esq.".

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bond.

(e) Every surety bond allowed by this section or otherwise required to be furnished to the commissioner shall be released when the commissioner has reason to believe that the obligations secured by such bond have been honored. In no event shall the bond be released until at least sixty days after the contest or exhibition has been held.

INSURANCE

(NEW) Sec. 29-143j-15a. Insurance

(a) All promoters shall continuously provide insurance for the protection of boxers participating in contests or exhibitions produced by the promoter. Such insurance coverage shall provide for at least twenty thousand dollars to the boxer for medical, dental, surgical and hospital care for all injuries sustained while participating in any sparring match, bout, contest or exhibition conducted under the control of such promoter.

(b) Said insurance shall also contain a death benefit payment of at least fifty thousand dollars to the estate of the deceased boxer if such death is occasioned by injuries received during the course of sparring or during the course of a bout, contest or exhibition conducted under the control of such promoter.

(c) A boxer may be required to pay for the deductible amounts of said insurance, provided that the boxer shall not be required to pay more than the boxer received or would have received as a money, prize or purse.

(d) The promoter shall furnish to the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative, at least five days prior to the scheduled date of the contest or exhibition, a copy of the insurance policy or binder required in subsection (a) of this section.

LIABILITY

(NEW) Sec. 29-143j-16a. Liability

Any person, firm or corporation that employs or contracts with a person to be a contestant in a mixed martial arts bout, contest or exhibition conducted pursuant to chapter 532a of the Connecticut General Statutes shall be liable for any health care costs incurred by such contestant pursuant to section 29-143aa of the Connecticut General Statutes.

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(b) All amateur boxers shall be licensed or registered by an amateur athletic association approved by the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative before the amateur boxers participate in any contest or exhibition.

(c) All facilities shall be registered before holding a contest or exhibition in accordance with section 29-143j-22a of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

(NEW) Sec. 29-143j-18a. Application for licensure or registration

All applications for licensure or registration shall be made on forms provided by the commissioner or such commissioner's authorized representative.

(NEW) Sec. 29-143j-19a. Payment for license or registration

Payment for each license or registration shall accompany the application. Payment may be