

# SENATE BILL No. 577

August 24, 2011, Introduced by Senator HUNE and referred to the Committee on Regulatory Reform.

A bill to amend 2004 PA 403, entitled  
"Michigan unarmed combat regulatory act,"  
by amending sections 20 and 33 (MCL 338.3620 and 338.3633), as  
amended by 2007 PA 196, and by adding section 61a.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Sec. 20. (1) The Michigan unarmed combat commission ~~7~~  
2       ~~consisting of~~ **IS CREATED IN THE DEPARTMENT. THE COMMISSION SHALL**  
3       **CONSIST OF THE DIRECTOR, SERVING AS A NONVOTING EX OFFICIO MEMBER**  
4       **OF THE COMMISSION, AND** 11 voting members, appointed by the governor  
5       with the advice and consent of the senate, ~~is created within the~~  
6       ~~department. The director is appointed as a nonvoting ex officio~~  
7       ~~member of the commission. A majority of the members appointed by~~  
8       ~~the governor shall be licensees under this act.~~ **AS FOLLOWS:**

1       (A) Four ~~of the members shall be licensees~~ **WHO HAVE**  
2 **EXPERIENCE, KNOWLEDGE, OR BACKGROUND** in boxing. ~~7, and 4~~

3       (B) **FOUR** members ~~shall be licensees~~ **WHO HAVE EXPERIENCE,**  
4 **KNOWLEDGE, OR BACKGROUND** in mixed martial arts.

5       (C) Three members ~~shall be~~ **WHO ARE** members of the general  
6 public. ~~Budgeting,~~

7       (2) **THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE THE BUDGETING,** procurement,  
8 human resources, information technology, and related management  
9 functions of the commission. ~~shall be performed by the department.~~

10       (3) ~~(2)~~ Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the  
11 11 members appointed by the governor shall serve a term of 4 years.  
12 ~~Of~~ **HOWEVER, OF** the initial members appointed under this act, the  
13 ~~terms of~~ **GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT 2** of the members ~~shall be~~ **TO TERMS**  
14 **OF 4 years,** ~~the term of 2~~ of the members ~~shall be~~ **TO TERMS OF 2**  
15 **years,** ~~and the term of 3~~ of the members ~~shall be~~ **TO TERMS OF 1**  
16 **year.** ~~When so designated by the director, any board action taken on~~  
17 ~~only a boxing or mixed martial arts matter shall only be considered~~  
18 ~~by the appropriately licensed members and members of the general~~  
19 ~~public. The terms of members~~ **MEMBERS** appointed by the governor are  
20 ~~subject to~~ **SERVE AT** the pleasure of the governor.

21       (4) ~~(3)~~ Five **SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (5),** 7 members of the  
22 commission constitute a quorum for the exercise of the authority  
23 conferred ~~upon~~ **ON** the commission ~~except that after all of the~~  
24 ~~additional members appointed as a result of the 2007 amendatory act~~  
25 ~~that added this clause, the quorum shall consist of 7 members.~~  
26 **UNDER THIS ACT.** Subject to subsection ~~(2), a concurrence of (5),~~  
27 **APPROVAL BY** at least 4 of the members, or ~~a concurrence of~~ **BY** a

majority of those members who have not participated in an investigation or administrative hearing regarding a matter before the commission, is necessary ~~to render a decision~~ **FOR ACTION** by the commission. ~~In the case of proposed board action to be taken on a matter involving only boxing or only mixed martial arts and where only the members of the board designated for the particular sport are eligible to confer, the quorum shall be 4 members, 2 of whom shall be licensed under the appropriate sport. Under those circumstances, a concurrence of 3 members is necessary to render a decision by the commission.~~

(5) ALL OF THE FOLLOWING APPLY IF A PROPOSED ACTION OF THE COMMISSION IS DESIGNATED BY THE DIRECTOR AS RELATED ONLY TO BOXING:

(A) THE PROPOSED ACTION SHALL ONLY BE CONSIDERED BY THE COMMISSION MEMBERS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) (A) AND (C).

(B) THE QUORUM REQUIREMENT FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED ACTION IS 4 MEMBERS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE TO CONSIDER THE ACTION UNDER SUBDIVISION (A), 2 OF WHOM ARE MEMBERS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) (A).

(C) APPROVAL BY AT LEAST 3 OF THE MEMBERS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE TO CONSIDER THE ACTION UNDER SUBDIVISION (A) IS REQUIRED FOR THE COMMISSION TO TAKE THAT ACTION.

(6) ALL OF THE FOLLOWING APPLY IF A PROPOSED ACTION OF THE COMMISSION IS DESIGNATED BY THE DIRECTOR AS RELATED ONLY TO MIXED MARTIAL ARTS:

(A) THE PROPOSED ACTION SHALL ONLY BE CONSIDERED BY THE COMMISSION MEMBERS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) (B) AND (C).

(B) THE QUORUM REQUIREMENT FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED

1 ACTION IS 4 MEMBERS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE TO CONSIDER THE ACTION UNDER  
2 SUBDIVISION (A), 2 OF WHOM ARE MEMBERS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION  
3 (1) (B) .

4 (C) APPROVAL BY AT LEAST 3 OF THE MEMBERS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE TO  
5 CONSIDER THE ACTION UNDER SUBDIVISION (A) IS REQUIRED FOR THE  
6 COMMISSION TO TAKE THAT ACTION.

7 (7) ~~(4) A WHILE SERVING AS A~~ member of the commission, ~~AN~~  
8 ~~INDIVIDUAL~~ shall not ~~at any time during his or her service as a~~  
9 ~~member~~ promote or sponsor any contest or exhibition of boxing, or ~~A~~  
10 combination of those events, or have any financial interest in the  
11 promotion or sponsorship of those contests or exhibitions. The  
12 commission shall meet not less than 4 times per year, and ~~upon~~ **ON**  
13 **THE** request and at the discretion of the chair, the department  
14 shall schedule additional interim meetings.

15 (8) ~~(5) Except as otherwise provided in section~~ **SECTIONS** 33(9)  
16 **AND 61A**, the records of the commission are subject to disclosure  
17 under the freedom of information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to  
18 15.246.

19 (9) ~~(6)~~ Meetings of the commission are subject to the open  
20 meetings act, 1976 PA 267, MCL 15.261 to 15.275.

21 Sec. 33. (1) An application for a promoter's license must be  
22 in writing and ~~correctly show and define~~ **SHALL INCLUDE THE LEGAL**  
23 **NAME, STREET ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF** the applicant.

24 (2) An applicant for a promoter's license must demonstrate  
25 good moral character. If an applicant for a promoter's license is  
26 denied a license due to lack of good moral character, the applicant  
27 may petition the commission for a review of the decision under

1 section 46.

2 (3) Before **THE DEPARTMENT GRANTS** an approval for a contest or  
3 exhibition, ~~is granted, a~~ **THE** promoter must file a bond with the  
4 department in an amount fixed by the department but not less than  
5 ~~\$20,000.00, which~~ **\$20,000.00 OR MORE THAN \$50,000.00. THE APPLICANT**  
6 **SHALL EXECUTE THE** bond ~~shall be executed by the applicant as~~  
7 principal, and **THE BOND SHALL BE ISSUED** by a corporation qualified  
8 under the laws of this state as surety, payable to the state of  
9 Michigan, and conditioned ~~upon~~ **ON** the faithful performance by the  
10 applicant of the provisions of this act. ~~The department shall~~  
11 ~~annually adjust the amount of the bond based upon the Detroit~~  
12 ~~consumer price index. The bond must be purchased not less than~~ **AT**  
13 **LEAST** 5 days before the contest or exhibition and may be used to  
14 satisfy payment for the professionals, costs to the department for  
15 ring officials and physicians, and drug tests.

16 (4) A promoter must apply for and obtain an annual license  
17 from the department in order to present a program of contests or  
18 exhibitions regulated by **UNDER** this act. The annual license fee is  
19 \$250.00. The department shall request, and the applicant shall  
20 provide, ~~such~~ **ANY** information ~~as it~~ **THAT THE DEPARTMENT** determines  
21 **IS** necessary to ascertain the financial stability of the applicant.  
22 **SECTION 61A APPLIES TO ANY INFORMATION PROVIDED BY AN APPLICANT**  
23 **UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.**

24 (5) A boxing promoter shall pay an event fee of \$125.00. A  
25 mixed martial arts promoter shall pay an event fee of  
26 ~~\$2,000.00.~~ **\$125.00.**

27 (6) ~~There is imposed~~ **EACH PROMOTER SHALL PAY** a regulatory and

1 enforcement fee ~~upon the promoter~~ to assure the integrity of the  
2 sports of boxing and mixed martial arts, the public interest, and  
3 the welfare and safety of the professionals. ~~in the~~ **THE** amount of  
4 **THE FEE IS** 3% of the total gross receipts from the sale, lease, or  
5 other exploitation of broadcasting, television, and motion picture  
6 rights **FOR AN EVENT**, ~~but not to exceed~~ **OR** \$25,000.00, ~~per contract,~~  
7 **WHICHEVER IS LESS**, for **A** boxing or mixed martial arts ~~events~~ **EVENT**  
8 to which **ALL OF** the following apply:

9 (a) If the event is a boxing event, the event is located in a  
10 venue with a seating capacity of ~~over~~ **MORE THAN** 5,000.

11 (b) The promoter proposes to televise or broadcast the event  
12 over any medium for viewing by spectators **WHO ARE** not present in  
13 the venue.

14 (c) The event is designed to promote professional boxing or  
15 mixed martial arts contests in this state.

16 (7) ~~At~~ **FOR PURPOSES OF SUBSECTION (6), AT** least 10 days before  
17 the boxing or mixed martial arts event, the promoter shall submit  
18 the contract subject to the regulatory and enforcement fee to the  
19 department, stating the amount of the probable total gross receipts  
20 from the sale, lease, or other exploitation of broadcasting,  
21 television, and motion picture rights **FOR THE EVENT. HOWEVER, THIS**  
22 **SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A PROMOTER THAT AGREES TO PAY A**  
23 **REGULATORY AND ENFORCEMENT FEE FOR THE EVENT IN THE AMOUNT OF**  
24 **\$25,000.00, AND THE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES THAT PAYMENT FROM THE**  
25 **PROMOTER AT LEAST 1 BUSINESS DAY BEFORE THE EVENT.**

26 (8) The **DEPARTMENT SHALL DEPOSIT THE** money ~~derived~~ **RECEIVED**  
27 from the **PROCEEDS OF THE** regulatory and enforcement fee ~~shall be~~

1 ~~deposited~~ into the fund created in section 22 and ~~used~~ **USE THOSE**  
2 **PROCEEDS** for the purposes described in that section.

3 (9) ~~A promoter shall, within 5 business days~~ **WITHIN 1 BUSINESS**  
4 **DAY** before a boxing or mixed martial arts contest or exhibition,  
5 ~~convey~~ **THE PROMOTER SHALL DELIVER** to the department an executed  
6 copy of ~~the contract relative to~~ **ALL OF THE EXECUTED CONTRACTS**  
7 **BETWEEN THE PROMOTER AND THE PROFESSIONALS PARTICIPATING IN** that  
8 contest or exhibition. The ~~copy~~ **COPIES** of the ~~contract~~ **CONTRACTS**  
9 **ARE** is exempt from disclosure under the freedom of information act,  
10 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to 15.246, except that the department may  
11 disclose statistical information on the number, types, and amounts  
12 of contracts ~~so long as~~ **IF** information regarding identifiable  
13 individuals or categories is not revealed.

14 (10) ~~Beginning June 23, 2005, a promoter's license is subject~~  
15 ~~to revocation unless at least 10% of the purse in a contest or~~  
16 ~~exhibition, but not more than \$10,000.00 per contestant, is~~  
17 ~~withheld or escrowed until such time as the results of the~~  
18 ~~postcontest drug test, as required by this act, are available to~~  
19 ~~the department. If the drug test results confirm or demonstrate~~  
20 ~~compliance with this act, the department shall issue an order~~  
21 ~~allowing the promoter to forward to the professional the amount~~  
22 ~~withheld or escrowed. If the results do not confirm or demonstrate~~  
23 ~~compliance with this act, the department shall serve a formal~~  
24 ~~complaint on the professional under section 44(2), and the~~  
25 ~~department shall issue an order to the promoter requiring the~~  
26 ~~promoter to forward the amount withheld or escrowed to the~~  
27 ~~department. Upon receipt, the department shall deposit the money~~

1 ~~into the fund. If after a hearing the professional is found in~~  
2 ~~violation of the act, the professional shall forfeit the amount~~  
3 ~~withheld from the purse and the professional is subject to the~~  
4 ~~penalties prescribed in section 48. However, if the formal~~  
5 ~~complaint is dismissed or any final order issued as the result of~~  
6 ~~the complaint is overturned, the department shall issue a refund to~~  
7 ~~the professional for the amount withheld.~~ THE COMMISSION MAY PERFORM  
8 DRUG TESTING ON A PROFESSIONAL BEFORE OR AFTER A CONTEST OR  
9 EXHIBITION TO DETECT THE PRESENCE OF ALCOHOL, STIMULANTS, OR DRUGS,  
10 INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, PERFORMANCE ENHANCING DRUGS. A  
11 PROFESSIONAL SHALL SUBMIT TO A URINALYSIS OR CHEMICAL TEST BEFORE  
12 OR AFTER A CONTEST OR EXHIBITION IF THE COMMISSION OR A  
13 REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COMMISSION DIRECTS HIM OR HER TO DO SO. IF A  
14 PROFESSIONAL FAILS OR REFUSES TO SUBMIT TO A URINALYSIS OR CHEMICAL  
15 TEST UNDER THIS SUBSECTION, OR THE RESULTS OF THE URINALYSIS OR  
16 CHEMICAL TEST CONFIRM OR DEMONSTRATE THE PROFESSIONAL HAS VIOLATED  
17 THIS ACT, HE OR SHE IS SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINARY ACTION BY THE  
18 COMMISSION UNDER THIS ACT. IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER DISCIPLINARY  
19 ACTION BY THE COMMISSION, IF THE PROFESSIONAL WON THE CONTEST OR  
20 EXHIBITION OR THE CONTEST OR EXHIBITION WAS A DRAW, THE COMMISSION  
21 MAY CHANGE THE RESULT OF THAT CONTEST OR EXHIBITION TO A NO  
22 DECISION.

23 ~~—— (11) Subsection (10) does not prohibit a licensed promoter~~  
24 ~~from including a provision in a contract with a professional that~~  
25 ~~requires the promoter to withhold 10% of the purse in a contest or~~  
26 ~~exhibition until such time as the postcontest drug test results are~~  
27 ~~available to the department.~~



1           SEC. 61A. A RECORD OR PORTION OF A RECORD, MATERIAL,  
2 INFORMATION, OR OTHER DATA RECEIVED, PREPARED, USED, OR RETAINED BY  
3 THE DEPARTMENT OR COMMISSION UNDER THIS ACT THAT INCLUDES A TRADE  
4 SECRET OR COMMERCIAL, FINANCIAL, OR PROPRIETARY INFORMATION OF A  
5 LICENSEE OR LICENSE APPLICANT, AND THAT THE LICENSEE OR APPLICANT  
6 REQUESTS IN WRITING BE TREATED AS CONFIDENTIAL BY THE DEPARTMENT OR  
7 COMMISSION, IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT, 1976  
8 PA 442, MCL 15.231 TO 15.246. AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "TRADE  
9 SECRET OR COMMERCIAL, FINANCIAL, OR PROPRIETARY INFORMATION" MEANS  
10 INFORMATION THAT HAS NOT BEEN PUBLICLY DISSEMINATED OR THAT IS  
11 UNAVAILABLE FROM OTHER SOURCES, THE RELEASE OF WHICH MIGHT CAUSE  
12 THE LICENSEE OR APPLICANT SIGNIFICANT COMPETITIVE HARM.