

**MICHIGAN UNARMED COMBAT REGULATORY ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 403 of 2004**

**338.3610 Definitions; A to M.**

Sec. 10.

As used in this act:

- (a) "Amateur" means any of following:
  - (i) An individual who is not competing and has never competed for a prize or who is not competing and has not competed with or against a professional for a prize.
  - (ii) For a boxing contest, an individual who is required to register with USA Boxing, or any other amateur boxing organization recognized by the department to participate.
- (b) "Boxer" means an individual who is licensed to engage in boxing.
- (c) "Boxing" means the sport of attack and defense with fists, using padded gloves, in a square ring.
- (d) "Chemical dependency" means that term as defined in section 16106a of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.16106a.
- (e) "Commission" means the Michigan unarmed combat commission created in section 20.
- (f) "Complainant" means a person that files a complaint with the department alleging that a person has violated this act or a rule promulgated or an order issued under this act. If a complaint is made by the department, complainant means 1 or more employees of the department who act as the complainant.
- (g) "Contest" means an individual bout between 2 boxers, 2 mixed martial artists, or 2 individuals engaged in other unarmed combat that is subject to this act.
- (h) "Contestant" means an individual who competes in an unarmed combat contest or event.
- (i) "Department" means the department of licensing and regulatory affairs.
- (j) "Director" means the director of the department or his or her designee.
- (k) "Emergency medical technician" means that term as defined in section 20904 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.20904.
- (l) "Employee of the department" means an individual who is employed by the department, or a person that is under contract to the department, whose duty it is to enforce the provisions of this act or rules promulgated or orders issued under this act.
- (m) "Event" means a program of unarmed combat that is planned for a specific date and time by a promoter and is subject to the approval of the department under this act.
- (n) "Fund" means the Michigan unarmed combat fund created in section 22.
- (o) "Good moral character" means good moral character as determined and defined under 1974 PA 381, MCL 338.41 to 338.47.
- (p) "Impaired" means the inability or immediately impending inability of an individual to safely participate in a contest or event due to his or her substance abuse, chemical dependency, or use of drugs or alcohol that does not constitute substance abuse or chemical dependency.
- (q) "Matchmaker" means an individual who is responsible for arranging individual contests of unarmed combat.
- (r) "Medical clearance" means a determination by a physician, made with reasonable medical certainty, that a contestant does not have a medical condition that would prevent him or her from being able to participate in an event or contest.
- (s) "Mixed martial artist" means an individual who is licensed to compete in a mixed martial arts event or contest.
- (t) "Mixed martial arts" means a form of combat, either amateur or professional, that involves the use of a combination of techniques from different disciplines of the martial arts, including grappling, kicking, and striking, subject to the limitations contained in this act and rules promulgated under this act.

**History:** 2004, Act 403, Eff. Feb. 20, 2005 ;-- Am. 2007, Act 196, Eff. Mar. 27, 2008 ;-- Am. 2015, Act 183, Eff. Feb. 10, 2016

**Compiler's Notes:** For creation of the Michigan unarmed combat commission within the department of licensing and regulatory affairs as type I agency, and the transfer of powers and duties of the department of licensing and regulatory affairs to the Michigan unarmed combat commission, see E.R.O. No. 2019-2, compiled at MCL 333.27001. For the transfer of powers and duties of the director of the department of licensing and regulatory affairs under the Michigan unarmed combat regulatory act, 2004 PA 403, to the chairperson of the Michigan unarmed combat commission, see E.R.O. No. 2019-2, compiled at MCL 333.27001.