



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2003 Wisconsin Act 285 [2003 Assembly Bill 426]	Regulation of Professional Boxing Contests
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Under **current law**, the Department of Regulation and Licensing (DRL) regulates boxing and sparring exhibitions. With certain exceptions, a club may not conduct a boxing or sparring exhibition without a license or permit granted by DRL. Current law also allows DRL to license matchmakers, managers, referees, examining physicians, boxers, seconds, and trainers. In addition, current law imposes various requirements on the conduct of a boxing or sparring exhibition, including limiting the number of rounds, specifying the weight of gloves, and requiring examination of contestants by licensed physicians. Current law exempts certain amateur boxing and sparring exhibitions from all of the foregoing requirements. If not exempt, amateur boxing and sparring is subject to the requirements.

2003 Wisconsin Act 285 exempts all amateur boxing contests from the foregoing requirements. The Act defines “amateur boxing contest” as a boxing contest in which none of the boxers are compensated for participating in the contest. Under the Act, a person may conduct an amateur boxing contest in this state only if the contest is sanctioned by and conducted under the rules of the national governing body for amateur boxing that is recognized by the U.S. Olympic Committee. Except for this requirement, DRL’s authority under the Act is limited to regulating and licensing a “professional boxing contest,” which the Act defines as a boxing contest in which one or more of the boxers is compensated for participating in the contest.

Effective Date: The effective date of 2003 Wisconsin Act 285 is May 1, 2004.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents.