



**WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
AMENDMENT MEMO**

**2015 Assembly Bill 76**

**Assembly  
Amendment 1**

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**2015 ASSEMBLY BILL 76**

With specified exceptions, Assembly Bill 76 makes all unarmed combat sports subject to the regulations that apply to mixed martial arts contests under current law. The bill defines “unarmed combat sports” to include wrestling, kickboxing, karate, mixed martial arts, and any other form of unarmed combat, except that it does not include boxing, which is regulated separately.

**ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1**

Assembly Amendment 1 revises the scope of activities to be regulated under the bill. Specifically, the amendment defines “unarmed combat sports” to mean any form of fighting in which the objective is for a contestant to injure, disable, or incapacitate one’s opponent. The definition does not specifically exclude boxing. In addition, the amendment narrows the scope of regulated activities by specifically excluding any fighting in a contest for which the rules prohibit a contestant from striking an opponent’s head.

The amendment makes several changes that add clarity or arise from the above change to the definition of “unarmed combat sports.” It adds definitions of “boxing” and “mixed martial arts.” It also removes specific, enumerated exceptions to the regulations that are created under the bill but are arguably unnecessary under the amendment because they apply to events and people that would not likely be subject to regulation under the amendment.

In addition, the amendment gives the Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS) the discretion to require more than one physician to be present during each unarmed combat sports match, whereas current law, unchanged by the bill, merely specifies that “a physician” must be present.

Finally, the amendment gives DSPS the authority to promulgate any rules necessary to implement and enforce ch. 444, Stats.

### **BILL HISTORY**

Representative Kleefisch offered Assembly Amendment 1 on April 1, 2015. On November 17, 2015, the Assembly Committee on State Affairs and Government Operations voted to recommend adoption of the amendment and passage of the bill, as amended, on votes of Ayes, 14; Noes, 0.

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