



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2015 Senate Bill 599

**Senate Amendment 1 and
Senate Amendment 1 to Senate
Amendment 1**

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This bill extends the current law regulation of professional mixed martial arts to all “unarmed combat sports,” defined as any form of fighting in which the objective is for a contestant to injure, disable, or incapacitate one’s opponent, excluding any fighting in a contest for which the rules prohibit a contestant from striking an opponent’s head. The bill also allows the Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS) to require more than one physician to be present during an unarmed combat sports match, grants DSPS explicit rule-making authority to implement and enforce these laws, and creates definitions for the terms “boxing” and “mixed martial arts fighting.”

SENATE AMENDMENT 1

Senate Amendment 1 delays the effective date of the bill for one month, other than with respect to DSPS rule-making authority.

SENATE AMENDMENT 1 TO SENATE AMENDMENT 1

Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Amendment 1 delays the general effective date of the bill until the first day of the 12th month beginning after publication.

BILL HISTORY

On February 10, 2016, Senate Amendment 1 was offered by Senator Cowles and the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Small Business, and Tourism voted to recommend adoption of the amendment and to recommend passage of the bill, as amended, on votes of Ayes, 9; Noes, 0.

On February 16, 2016, Senator Cowles offered Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Amendment 1 and the Senate adopted both amendments and passed the bill, as amended, on voice votes.

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