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TO: Members of the Assembly Committee on Colleges and Universities

FR: Michael Tierney, Department of Safety and Professional Services Legislative Liaison

RE: CR 20-029

Chair Murphy and Committee members,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Clearinghouse Rule 20-029 pertaining to athlete agents. Last session, Senator Jacque and Representative Rob Brooks, introduced Senate Bill 117 to update Wisconsin law pertaining to athlete agents.

The legislation had unanimous support in respective Assembly and Senate Committees and passed both the Assembly and Senate on voice votes.

Upon the legislation being signed into law as 2019 Wisconsin Act 180 by Governor Evers, the Department of Safety and Professional Services commenced on the process of revising existing rules to bring them into conformity with the statutory changes and the intent of legislators. The rule revision also included modifications required under 2019 Wisconsin Act 143 pertaining to reciprocal credentials for service members, former service members, and their spouses.

During that process there was no public comment offered on the proposed rule. All recommendations made by the Rules Clearinghouse were incorporated with the sole exemption of a suggestion regarding the initial applicability date. 2019 Wisconsin Act 180 first applies to applications filed on or after July 1, 2020. This rule project revises the department's rules to bring them into conformity with the existing statutory requirements of Act 180 which are already in effect. As such, a delayed initial applicability date does not seem appropriate for this rule.

Thank you for your consideration of this rule. I will be glad to address questions from committee members.