

SPOTLIGHT – MICHIGAN UNARMED COMBAT REGULATORY ACT 403 of 2004
Amendments Effective January 31, 2018 – (PA 146 of 2017)

The amended Act and new and updated forms are available on our website at www.michigan.gov/ucc.

Below is a summary of changes that will take effect as of January 31, 2018.

Inspector Duties

Promoters will need to have an adequate number of inspectors at an event to perform the following tasks:

- Be present for the entire event.
- Perform drug testing as directed by the department.
- Weigh in each contestant.
- Tabulate the scores of each contest.
- Approve each contestant's hand wraps before a contest.
- Monitor the actions of each individual who assists a contestant during the contest.

Inspector Qualifications

To qualify as an inspector, one of the following requirements must be met:

- Is licensed or certified, or was previously licensed or certified, by the commission on law enforcement standards under the Michigan commission on law enforcement standards act, 1965 PA 203, MCL 28.601 to 28.615.
- Is licensed by the department as a private security guard or security guard agency.
- Is employed by a security guard agency that is licensed by the department.
- Was previously approved as an inspector by the department. (NEW)
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Licensing

- An individual shall not receive a contestant license unless he or she is at least 18 years of age.
- All licenses expire on August 31st of each year.

Disciplinary Action

- The department shall initiate an action if an applicant or licensee fails to file current address information with the department within 30 days after a change occurs.
- Currently, if disciplinary action is taken against a person under the act relating to preparation for a contest or event, occurrence of a contest or event, or any other action in conjunction with a contest or event, the commission may assess an administrative fine of not more than 100 percent of the share of the purse, plus administrative costs, to which the holder of the license is entitled for the contest or event. The changes limit the applicability of this fine to *professional contests or events*. For an *amateur contest or event*, the statute will allow the commission to assess an administrative fine not to exceed \$10,000.

Request for Event Approval:

- A **completed** Request for Event Approval must be submitted at least 30 days before the event. The new Request for Event Approval is available on our website at www.michigan.gov/ucc under forms and publications.
- A promoter no longer has to provide the names of the emergency medical technicians that accompany an ambulance provider in the request for event approval; only the name of the ambulance provider and the alternate ambulance provider need to be provided.

Ophthalmological Exams

An individual does not compete as a contestant unless he or she submits to the department the results of an ophthalmologic exam that was performed by a licensed optometrist or ophthalmologist within the 12-month period that precedes the contest or event that indicate that the contestant is medically cleared to fight. The individual shall submit the results on a form prescribed by the department. The ophthalmologic evaluation form is available on our website at our website www.michigan.gov/ucc under “forms and publications”.