

Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs
Corporations, Securities, & Commercial Licensing
Administrative Rules for Unarmed Combat
Rule Set 2024-44 LR

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Tuesday, September 9, 2025
10:00 AM

Jupiter Conference Room
2407 N Grand River Ave, Lansing, MI 48906

The Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs will hold a public hearing to receive public comments on proposed changes to the Unarmed Combat rule set.

The proposed rules will sanction professional “bare-knuckle fighting” events in the state of Michigan to expand “unarmed combat” opportunities in the state. They will alter deadlines for submitting paperwork to make the approval process for unarmed combat events and contestants more efficient. They will introduce certification requirements for event officials to improve competency and make unarmed combat events in the state safer. They will address discrepancies about weight differentials, professional license requirements, and the use of gloves for Muay Thai contests.

By authority conferred on the department of licensing and regulatory affairs by the Michigan unarmed combat regulatory act, 2004 PA 403, MCL 338.3601 to 338.3661a, and Executive Reorganization Order Nos. 2008-4, 2011-4, and 2019-2, MCL 445.2025, 445.2030, and 333.27001.

The proposed rules will take effect 120 days after filing with the Secretary of State. The proposed rules are published on the State of Michigan's website at www.michigan.gov/ARD and in the 9/1/2025 issue of the Michigan Register. Copies of these proposed rules may also be obtained by mail or electronic mail at the following email address: pagem6@michigan.gov.

Comments on these proposed rules may be made at the hearing, by mail, or by electronic mail at the following addresses until 9/12/2025 at 05:00PM.

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The public hearing will be conducted in compliance with the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act. If the hearing is held at a physical location, the building will be accessible with handicap parking available. Anyone needing assistance to take part in the hearing due to disability may call 517-241-9590 to make arrangements.