

# Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry

## Office of Combative Sports

### REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

#### **Possible Amendment to Rules Governing Combative Sports/Mixed Martial Arts, Minnesota Rules, Parts 2202.0800 and 2202.1000, Judging and Fouls ; Revisor's ID Number R-04461**

**Subject of Rules.** The Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry requests comments on its possible amendment to rules governing combative sports/mixed martial arts. The Department is considering rule amendments that will amend existing Minnesota Rules, parts 2202.0800 (Judging) and 2202.1000 (Fouls). Minnesota Rules Chapter 2202 adopts regulatory guidelines promulgated by the national Association of Boxing Commissions, with amendments, concerning mixed martial arts contests. On August 02, 2016, the Association of Boxing Commissions approved and adopted amendments to the Unified Rules for Mixed Martial Arts, including changes to the rules which establish contest fouls and judging criteria. The proposed rulemaking is needed to make Minnesota Rules Chapter 2200 uniform and consistent with the changes recently made to the Unified Rules for Mixed Martial Arts by the Association of Boxing Commissions.

**Persons Affected.** The amendment to the rules would likely affect mixed martial arts contest participants, including combatants, managers and seconds, trainers, ringside physicians, officials and judges, contest promoters, and members of the public who are interested in mixed martial arts contests.

**Statutory Authority.** Minnesota Statutes, section 341.25 (2016) authorizes the Commissioner of the Department of Labor and Industry to adopt rules governing the conduct of all combative sports contests and requires the Commissioner to adopt unified rules for mixed martial arts contests.

**Public Comment.** Interested persons or groups may submit comments or information on these possible rules until further notice is published in the *State Register* that the Department intends to adopt or to withdraw the rules. The Department will not publish a notice of intent to adopt the rules until more than 60 days have elapsed from the date of this request for comments. The Department does not plan to appoint an advisory committee to comment on the possible rules.

**Rules Drafts.** The Department does not anticipate that a draft of the rule amendments will be available before the publication of the notice of intent to adopt rules. However, upon completion, a copy of the proposed rules draft may be found on the Department's website at: [www.dli.mn.gov/ocs/rules.asp](http://www.dli.mn.gov/ocs/rules.asp).

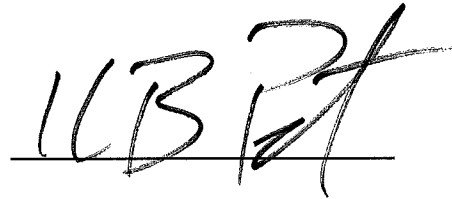
**Agency Contact Person.** Written comments, questions, requests to receive a proposed draft of the rule amendments when it has been prepared, and requests for more information on these possible rules may be directed to: Colleen Clayton Anderson at the Department of Labor and

Industry, 443 Lafayette Road North, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155, telephone (651) 284-5867, FAX (651) 284-5749, and *email* to: [colleen.clayton@state.mn.us](mailto:colleen.clayton@state.mn.us).

**Alternative Format.** Upon request, this information can be made available in an alternative format, such as large print, braille, or audio. To make such a request, please contact the agency contact person at the address or telephone number listed above.

**NOTE:** Comments received in response to this notice will not necessarily be included in the formal rulemaking record submitted to the administrative law judge if and when a proceeding to adopt rules is started. The agency is required to submit to the judge only those written comments received in response to the rules after they are proposed and published in a notice of intent to adopt rules. If you submitted comments during the development of the rules and you want to ensure that the Administrative Law Judge reviews those comments, you should resubmit the comments after the rules are formally proposed.

Dated: 3-17-17

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ken Peterson', written over a horizontal line.

Ken Peterson, Commissioner  
Department of Labor and Industry