Regulatory Analysis

Notice of Intended Action to be published: Iowa Administrative Code 875—Chapter 176
"Professional Kickboxing"

Iowa Code section(s) or chapter(s) authorizing rulemaking: 90A.7
State or federal law(s) implemented by the rulemaking: Executive Order 10

Public Hearing

A public hearing at which persons may present their views orally or in writing will be held as follows:

October 24, 2024 10:30 to 11 a.m.	Lake Conference Room 6200 Park Avenue, Suite 100 Des Moines, Iowa

Public Comment

Any interested person may submit written or oral comments concerning this Regulatory Analysis. Written or oral comments in response to this Regulatory Analysis must be received by of Labor Services Division no later than 4:30 p.m. on the date of the public hearing. Comments should be directed to:

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Purpose and Summary

This proposed rulemaking repromulgates Chapter 176 in accordance with the goals and directives of Executive Order 10. Proposed Chapter 176 primarily adopts GLORY kickboxing rules and describes the authority of the athletic commissioner.

Analysis of Impact

1. Persons affected by the proposed rulemaking:

- Classes of persons that will bear the costs of the proposed rulemaking:

Promoters of professional kickboxing bear the costs.

- Classes of persons that will benefit from the proposed rulemaking:

Participants and spectators of the covered contests benefit.

2. Impact of the proposed rulemaking, economic or otherwise, including the nature and amount of all the different kinds of costs that would be incurred:

- Quantitative description of impact:

No quantitative impact is discerned.

- Qualitative description of impact:

No qualitative impact is discerned.

3. Costs to the State:

- Implementation and enforcement costs borne by the agency or any other agency:

There are no specific financial costs to implement or enforce this rulemaking outside of any costs associated with the Department of Inspections, Appeals, and Licensing's statutory duties. This rulemaking does not add to the costs of the Department beyond existing personnel assigned to implement this chapter.

- Anticipated effect on state revenues:

There is no anticipated effect on state revenues.

4. Comparison of the costs and benefits of the proposed rulemaking to the costs and benefits of inaction:

Inaction would result in less safety in the covered events.

5. Determination whether less costly methods or less intrusive methods exist for achieving the purpose of the proposed rulemaking:

No less costly or less intrusive methods are known.

6. Alternative methods considered by the agency:

- Description of any alternative methods that were seriously considered by the agency:

No alternative methods were seriously considered.

- Reasons why alternative methods were rejected in favor of the proposed rulemaking:

Not applicable.

Small Business Impact

If the rulemaking will have a substantial impact on small business, include a discussion of whether it would be feasible and practicable to do any of the following to reduce the impact of the rulemaking on small business:

- Establish less stringent compliance or reporting requirements in the rulemaking for small business.
- Establish less stringent schedules or deadlines in the rulemaking for compliance or reporting requirements for small business.
- Consolidate or simplify the rulemaking's compliance or reporting requirements for small business.
- Establish performance standards to replace design or operational standards in the rulemaking for small business.
- Exempt small business from any or all requirements of the rulemaking.

If legal and feasible, how does the rulemaking use a method discussed above to reduce the substantial impact on small business?

There is no special allowance for small businesses.

Text of Proposed Rulemaking

ITEM 1. Rescind 875—Chapter 176 and adopt the following **new** chapter in lieu thereof:

CHAPTER 176
PROFESSIONAL KICKBOXING

875—176.1(90A) Scope and purpose. Professional kickboxing is a contest within the scope of Iowa Code chapter 90A. The commissioner shall have final decision-making authority concerning the enforcement, implementation, and interpretation of the rules in this chapter.

875—176.2(90A) GLORY rules adopted by reference. The commissioner adopts by reference the kickboxing rules and regulations of GLORY Kickboxing as of January 1, 2023. The GLORY Kickboxing rules shall be used for all GLORY Kickboxing matches and events.

875—176.3(90A) Professional boxing rules followed. Professional kickboxing will conform to the rules in 875—Chapter 173 on:

1. Limitations on number of bouts;
2. Contestants' arrival; and
3. Attendance of commissioner.

875—176.4(90A) Additional provisions.

176.4(1) Officials. The designation of officials, referees, physicians, physician assistants, timekeepers, judges, kick counters, scorekeepers, contestants, seconds, and managers is subject to the approval of the commissioner or designee.

176.4(2) "Battles royal" or bouts in which more than two kickboxing contestants are to appear in the ring at the same time shall not be approved.

These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 90A.