



STATE OF WASHINGTON

DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING

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## Notice of Legislative Changes to the Boxing, Wrestling, and Martial Arts Law

Dear Interested Parties:

During the 2009 legislative session, Senate Bill 6126 was passed by the legislators and approved by Governor Christine Gregoire. This bill becomes effective on July 26, 2009.

### What changes were made to the law?

This bill made three major changes to the Professional Boxing, Wrestling, and Martial Arts Law RCW 67.08:

1. Removes the five-percent event tax from the law and gives the department authority to set an event fee in rule.
2. Transfers the distribution of revenue from the State General Fund to the Business and Professions dedicated account.
3. Requires the program to become self supporting in accordance with RCW 43.24.086, similar to other business and professions programs. The current fee structure is not adequate to cover the cost of administering the program.

### Will the Department be increasing fees?

Not at this time.

### What can you expect next?

1. You will be receiving a notice in the mail shortly, explaining that we are filing a rule revision to add an event fee (which will be the same as the current five-percent event tax) for professional boxing, wrestling and martial arts. This event fee will remain the same until we assess expenditures and revenues with the industry through stakeholder meetings.
2. In the next couple of months you will be receiving notification of these meetings.

### Questions?

Please call (360) 664-6644 or write to Department of Licensing, Professional Athletics Program, P.O. Box 9026, Olympia, WA 98507. You can also email us at [plssunit@dol.wa.gov](mailto:plssunit@dol.wa.gov) or visit our website at <http://www.dol.wa.gov/business/athletics/>.

Sincerely,

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