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### TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Control No. 165 Department or Agency Alabama Athletic Commission  
Rule No. 165-X-27  
Rule Title: Pro Wrestling  
X New          Amend          Repeal          Adopt by Reference

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety?         Yes        

Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's police power and the protection of the public health, safety, or welfare?         Yes        

Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation available that could adequately protect the public?         No        

Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or indirectly increasing the costs of any goods or services involved and, if so, to what degree?         No        

Is the increase in cost, if any, more harmful to the public than the harm that might result from the absence of the proposed rule?         N/A        

Are all facets of the rulemaking process designed solely for the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary effect, the protection of the public?         Yes        

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Does the proposed rule have an economic impact?         No        

If the proposed rule has an economic impact, the proposed rule is required to be accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with subsection (f) of Section 41-22-23, Code of Alabama 1975.

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Certification of Authorized Official

I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance with the requirements of Chapter 22, Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975, and that it conforms to all applicable filing requirements of the Administrative Procedure Division of the Legislative Reference Service.

Signature of certifying officer 

Date 8-20-2015

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Alabama Athletic Commission

NOTICE OF INTENDED  
ACTION

AGENCY NAME :

Alabama Athletic Commission

RULE NO. & TITLE :

165-X-27 Pro Wrestling

INTENDED ACTION:

Issue New Rule

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION:

Create New Rules for Professional Wrestling in the State of Alabama

TIME , PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS:

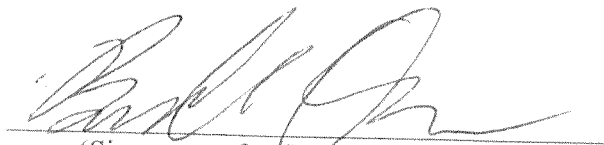
Oral or written comments should be addressed to the Alabama Athletic Commission at the address or phone number below and must be received no later than October 7, 2013.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE:

October 7, 2013

CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY:

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(Signature of officer authorized  
to promulgate and adopt  
rules or his or her deputy)

STATE OF ALABAMA  
ALABAMA ATHLETIC  
COMMISSION  
ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

CHAPTER 165-X-27  
PRO WRESTLING

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165-X-27-.01 Definitions.

- (1) "Official" - Unless otherwise indicated is an exclusive term collectively meaning "Inspectors."
- (2) "Participants" - Everyone serving inside the ring area is a participant. This includes, but is not limited to, wrestlers, announcers, managers, referees, timekeepers, valets, trainers, seconds, and judges.
- (3) "Event fees" - Match permit fees plus broadcasting fees. All other fees are excluded.

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165-X-27-.02 Licenses.

(1) Participants.

(a) Anyone serving inside the ring area must be licensed as a participant. This includes, but is not limited to, wrestlers, managers, referees, timekeepers, valets, trainers, seconds, and judges.

(b) Licensure for participants shall be \$30 and must accompany an application for the participant.

(c) Participants who have physical contact with other participants of simulated violence must be properly trained and in good physical condition. If it is deemed by a doctor, medical personnel, or promoter that a participant is not physically fit to perform, an official shall be notified and the participant shall not be allowed to perform.

(d) Participants shall not have physical contact with any spectator involving simulated violence.

(e) Participants must be properly clothed in attire that would be appropriate for a Parental TV Rating of TV PG.

(2) **Wrestling Sanctioning Organizations, Promoters and Promotions.**

(a) All Wrestling Sanctioning organizations must submit applications to the Commission for licensure and these applications must be approved by the Commission.

1. Application and license fee for Wrestling Sanctioning Organizations and Promoters shall be \$100 and shall expire December 31 each year.
2. For each event, Wrestling Sanctioning Organizations or Promoters must submit to the commission a completed promoters ticket account form along with 5% gate fee to all compensated tickets.
3. Live and taped broadcasts are subject to a 3% broadcasting fee.
4. Combined event fees for professional wrestling are not to exceed \$50,000.
5. All fees are due thirty (30) days after the event.

(b) Promoters must:

1. Provide an event area meeting the requirements of the Commission.

2. Be present at all events, or shall designate a representative to be present at the event. Representatives shall obtain a participant's license.

3. Abide by the rules of the Commission.

4. Make sure each participant is licensed by the Commission.

5. Provide the Commission with written notice of all events at least 30 days before the event date.

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165-X-27-.03 Medical Requirements.

- (1) The promoter shall ensure that all participants are physically fit to participate.

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165-X-27-.04 Conduct of Promotion.

(1) **General Safety.** It shall be the promoter's responsibility to insure safety for the Contestants, officials, media and fans and to comply with all safety standards required by the commission.

(a) **Arena Security.** Arena security is the responsibility of the promoter and such security measures provided by the promoter shall be sufficient to maintain order.

(b) **Obtain Ring.** The promoter will provide a ring for the show and that the ring or cage must pass the certification requirements established the commission.

(c) **Advanced Advertising.** In addition to the requirements in this Chapter, no contestant or celebrity shall be advertised by any promoter before said promoter has in his or her possession a written commitment from said contestant or celebrity and before said promoter has filed a copy of such written commitment with the commission.

(d) **Suggesting Benefits for Charitable Organization.** No promoter may advertise, hold out, or suggest in any fashion that a portion of the proceeds of any proposed boxing or mixed martial arts show will be donated to a charitable organization without first complying with the commission's rules governing "programs for charity."

(2) **Required Medical Professionals..**

(a) **Providing an Emergency Medical Technician.** It shall be the responsibility of the promoter to have an Emergency Medical Technician at all shows.

(3) **Arena.**

(a) **Drinks.** No professional wrestling exhibition will be allowed to commence or continue, without specific authorization from the commission, in any arena where concessionaires dispense or serve beverages in containers other than plastic, paper cups or aluminum cans.

(b) **Arena safety.** No professional wrestling exhibition will be allowed to commence or continue in any arena which appears to the commission appointed supervisor to be unsafe or where the commission appointed supervisor has reason to believe that such building or location does not conform to any applicable laws, ordinances and regulations in the city or unincorporated county area.

(5) **Show.**

(1) **Pyrotechnics.**

(a) No pyrotechnics will be allowed without the approval of the local fire marshall.

(2) **Violation: Penalties.**

(a) Violation of any article within this chapter may, for the first offense, be grounds for an administrative suspension of not less than 30 days. Violations shall be referred to an investigative hearing of the commission for disciplinary action.

(b) The second and/or any subsequent violation of any rule within this chapter may result in suspension or revocation. Violations shall be referred to an investigative hearing by the commission for disciplinary action. Additional disciplinary fines may be imposed.

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165-X-27-.05 Ring and Equipment.

(1) **Ring.**

(a) The ring for professional wrestling must have at least three (3) ropes and provide ample padding for the participants.

(b) There shall be a visible border at least six (6) feet from the ring separating spectators from the ring. Security

shall be responsible for ensuring participants and spectators remain on their respective side of the line.

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165-X-27-.06     Officials.

(1)       Inspectors shall be appointed by the commission to monitor all participants, promoters, and sanctioning bodies in obeying the rules.

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165-X-27-.07     Conduct of Contest.

(1)       No exhibition shall have any act that creates intentional bleeding without the approval of the Commission.

(a)       Blood testing shall test for the presence of Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, and the Human Immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

(2)       No foreign objects shall be allowed in an exhibition without the approval of the Commission. No foreign object will be allowed that can pierce the skin or shatter with the possibility of spectators being injured. Objects containing glass are strictly prohibited.

(3)       Compliance.

(a)       Spot Checks. To ensure compliance with these rules, Pro Wrestling events with less than 1,000 spectators will be subject to compliance checks from Commission Inspectors.

(b)       At least one Alabama Athletic Commission inspector must be present at all events that have more than 1,000 spectators in attendance.

(c)       Promoters and participants not in compliance with the Commission rules shall be subject to fines, probation, suspension and/or revocation.

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