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To the Honorable Members of the Illinois General Assembly:

In compliance with the requirements set forth in the Illinois Regulatory Sunset Act (5 ILCS 80), my office has conducted a review of the Boxing and Full Contact Martial Arts Act (225 ILCS 105), which is scheduled to sunset on January 1, 2022. As a result of this review, it is recommended to the General Assembly that:

The Boxing and Full Contact Martial Arts Act (225 ILCS 105) should be continued with the following modifications to its existing statutory and administrative rule framework.

- Add a definition of “Email address of record,” standardizing IDFPR’s initiative to become more efficient and paperless.

Boxing, kickboxing, muay thai and mixed martial arts are consistently ranked as the world’s most dangerous sports for their participants. These niche sports demand that participants either knock their opponent unconscious with blows or kicks or incapacitate them beyond being able to intelligently defend themselves and prevent them from completing their scheduled bout(s). There are typically no participants who leave the ring or cage without some degree of injury ranging from a black eye or broken nose to a concussion or catastrophic injury resulting in death.

The absence of regulation of the appraisal industry would pose a significant and direct harm to the welfare of the public. There is currently not sufficient evidence to suggest that the burdens imposed by regulation outweigh the benefits to the health, safety and welfare of the people of Illinois in continuing the regulation of this profession. Consequently, the continuation of this regulation is necessary to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the people of Illinois.

The full report provided by the Governor’s Office of Management and Budget is provided as reference.

Very Sincerely and Respectfully,
JB Pritzker
Governor