

# **One Hundred Fourth Legislature - Second Session - 2016**

## **Introducer's Statement of Intent**

### **LB823**

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**Chairperson: Senator John Murante**

**Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs**

**Date of Hearing: February 05, 2016**

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 823 grants the State Athletic Commissioner, as it relates to amateur and professional mixed martial arts (MMA) and professional boxing, the explicit authority to (1) adopt a list of banned performance enhancing drugs, (2) require contestants to submit to drug testing as a condition for participation, and (3) reprimand contestants for banned substances violations, with maximum penalties prescribed for first, second, third, and subsequent offenses.

LB 823 also allows the State Athletic Commissioner to fine licensees an amount not to exceed \$1,000 for certain enumerated offenses already listed in state law, such as unsportsmanlike conduct.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

Senator Tyson Larson