



1 motion, speed, or stamina, and the exercises, sports, or games  
2 are of a type generally conducted in association with an  
3 educational institution or professional, amateur, or  
4 recreational sports club or organization.

5 "Athletic injury" means:

6 (1) An injury sustained by an athlete that affects the  
7 individual's participation or performance in sports,  
8 games, recreation, or exercise; or

9 (2) A condition that is within the scope of practice of an  
10 athletic trainer identified by a treating physician or  
11 physical therapist as benefiting from athletic  
12 training services.

13 "Athletic trainer" means an individual who is licensed  
14 under this chapter and carries out the practice of athletic  
15 training.

16 "Treating physician" means a physician and surgeon licensed  
17 under chapter 453, or an osteopathic physician and surgeon  
18 licensed under chapter 460, who, within the licensee's scope of  
19 practice and individual competency, is responsible for the  
20 athletic training services provided by the athletic trainer and  
21 oversees the practice of athletic training by the athletic  
22 trainer, as established by rule.



1 "Director" means the director of commerce and consumer  
2 affairs.

3 The "practice of athletic training" means the application  
4 by a licensed and certified athletic trainer of principles and  
5 methods of:

- 6 (1) Prevention of athletic injuries;
- 7 (2) Recognition, evaluation, and assessment of athletic  
8 injuries and conditions;
- 9 (3) Immediate care of athletic injuries, including common  
10 emergency medical situations;
- 11 (4) Rehabilitation and reconditioning of athletic  
12 injuries;
- 13 (5) Athletic training services administration and  
14 organization; and
- 15 (6) Education of athletes.

16 **§ -3 Duties of treating physician.** A treating physician  
17 shall provide supervision to an athletic trainer by a verbal  
18 order when in the presence of the athletic trainer and by  
19 written order or by athletic training service plans or protocols  
20 when a treating physician is not present.



1           **§ -4 Licensure required.** (a) A license is required to  
2 engage in the practice of athletic training, except as  
3 specifically provided in section -8.

4           (b) The director shall issue to an individual who  
5 qualifies under this chapter a license in the classification of  
6 athletic trainer.

7           (c) An individual may not use the title "licensed athletic  
8 trainer", "athletic trainer", or abbreviations or insignias to  
9 imply that the individual is an athletic trainer unless the  
10 individual is licensed under this chapter.

11           **§ -5 Qualifications for licensure.** The director shall  
12 issue a license to practice as an athletic trainer to an  
13 applicant who:

14           (1) Has obtained a bachelor's or advanced degree from an  
15 accredited four-year college or university and meets  
16 the minimum athletic training curriculum requirement  
17 established by rule;

18           (2) Has successfully completed an examination approved or  
19 recognized by the director;

20           (3) Is in good standing with and provides documentation of  
21 current certification by a nationally recognized  
22 credentialing agency approved by the director;



1 (4) Submits a properly completed application on a form  
2 prescribed by the director; and

3 (5) Pays the required licensing fee as determined by the  
4 director.

5 **§ -6 Scope of practice.** An athletic trainer may:

6 (1) Prevent injuries by:

7 (A) Designing and implementing physical conditioning  
8 programs, which may include:

9 (i) Strength and range of motion testing;

10 (ii) Nutritional advisement; and

11 (iii) Psychosocial intervention and referral;

12 (B) Performing preparticipation screening;

13 (C) Fitting protective equipment;

14 (D) Designing, constructing, and applying protective  
15 products;

16 (E) Providing counseling and guidance; and

17 (F) Continuously monitoring changes in the  
18 environment;

19 (2) Recognize and evaluate injuries by:

20 (A) Obtaining a history of the injury;

21 (B) Inspecting an injured body part and associated  
22 structures;



- 1 (C) Palpating bony landmarks and soft tissue  
2 structures; and
- 3 (D) Performing clinical tests to determine the extent  
4 of an injury;
- 5 (3) Provide immediate care of injuries by:
- 6 (A) Initiating cardiopulmonary resuscitation;  
7 (B) Administering basic or advanced first aid;  
8 (C) Removing athletic equipment; and  
9 (D) Immobilizing and transporting an injured athlete;
- 10 (4) Determine whether an athlete may return to  
11 participation, or, if the injury requires further  
12 definitive care, refer the athlete to the appropriate  
13 treating physician;
- 14 (5) Rehabilitate and recondition an injury by  
15 administering therapeutic and conditioning exercises  
16 using standard techniques and procedures to facilitate  
17 recovery, function, and performance, including  
18 application of flexibility or range of motion  
19 exercises, cryotherapy, thermotherapy, and  
20 intermittent compression, electrical stimulation,  
21 ultra sound, traction devices, and mechanical devices  
22 as directed by established, written athletic training



- 1 service plans or protocols or upon the order of a  
2 treating physician;
- 3 (6) Provide athletic training services administration,  
4 including:
- 5 (A) Implementing athletic training service plans or  
6 protocols;
- 7 (B) Writing organizational policies and procedures;
- 8 (C) Complying with governmental and institutional  
9 standards; and
- 10 (D) Maintaining records to document services  
11 rendered;
- 12 and
- 13 (7) Educate athletes to facilitate physical conditioning  
14 and reconditioning by designing and implementing  
15 appropriate programs to minimize the risk of injury.
- 16 **§ -7 Term of license; expiration; renewal.** (a) The  
17 director shall issue each license for an athletic trainer in  
18 accordance with a two-year renewal cycle established by rule.  
19 The director, by rule, may extend or shorten a renewal period by  
20 as much as one year to stagger the renewal cycles it  
21 administers.



1 (b) Each license automatically expires on the expiration  
2 date shown on the license unless renewed in accordance with  
3 rules adopted by the director.

4 **§ -8 Exemptions from licensure.** This chapter does not  
5 require the licensure of an individual who assists in an  
6 emergency or who provides services for which no fee is  
7 contemplated, charged, or received; provided the individual does  
8 not profess to be an athletic trainer.

9 **§ -9 Grounds for denial of license.** The director may:

- 10 (1) Refuse to issue a license to an applicant;  
11 (2) Refuse to renew the license of a licensee;  
12 (3) Revoke suspend, restrict, or place on probation the  
13 license of a licensee;  
14 (4) Issue a public or private reprimand to a licensee; and  
15 (5) Issue cease and desist orders in accordance with  
16 chapter 91,  
17 for unprofessional conduct or other violations of this chapter.

18 **§ -10 Unprofessional conduct.** "Unprofessional conduct"  
19 includes:

- 20 (1) Failing to report to the director an act or omission  
21 of a licensee, applicant, or any other individual  
22 which violates a provision of this chapter;



- 1           (2) Interfering with an investigation of a disciplinary  
2           proceeding by wilful misrepresentation of facts or by  
3           use of threats or harassment against a client or  
4           witness to prevent that individual from providing  
5           evidence in a disciplinary proceeding, investigation,  
6           or other legal action;
- 7           (3) Failing to maintain client confidentiality unless  
8           otherwise required by law;
- 9           (4) Promoting an unnecessary device, treatment,  
10          intervention, or service for financial gain by the  
11          athletic trainer or third party; and
- 12          (5) Failing to maintain adequate records."

13          SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



**Report Title:**

Athletic Trainers; Licensure

**Description:**

Implements licensing provisions for athletic trainers. (HB593  
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