
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ATHLETIC TRAINERS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by
2 adding a new chapter to be appropriately designated and to read
3 as follows:

4 **"CHAPTER**

5 **ATHLETIC TRAINERS**

6 § -1 **Title.** This chapter is known as the "Athletic
7 Trainer Licensing Act".

8 § -2 **Definitions.** As used in this chapter, unless the
9 context indicates otherwise:

10 "Athletic trainer" means an individual who is registered
11 under this chapter and carries out the practice of athletic
12 training.

13 "Department" means the department of commerce and consumer
14 affairs.

15 "Directing physician" means a physician or surgeon or an
16 osteopathic physician or surgeon licensed under chapter 453,
17 who, within the licensee's scope of practice and individual

1 competency, is responsible for the athletic training services
2 provided by the athletic trainer and oversees the practice of
3 athletic training by the athletic trainer, as established by
4 rule.

5 "Director" means the director of commerce and consumer
6 affairs.

7 "Practice of athletic training" means the application by a
8 registered and certified athletic trainer of principles and
9 methods to:

- 10 (1) Prevent athletic injuries;
- 11 (2) Recognize, evaluate, and assess athletic injuries and
12 conditions;
- 13 (3) Provide immediate care of athletic injuries, including
14 common emergency medical situations;
- 15 (4) Rehabilitate and recondition athletic injuries;
- 16 (5) Administer athletic training services and
17 organization; and
- 18 (6) Educate athletes.

19 § -3 **Registration required.** No person shall represent,
20 advertise, or announce oneself, either publicly or privately, as
21 an athletic trainer, nor use in connection with the person's
22 name or place of business the words "registered athletic

1 trainer", "athletic trainer", or any other words, letters,
2 abbreviations, or insignia indicating or implying that the
3 person is an athletic trainer unless the person has registered
4 with the department of commerce and consumer affairs.

5 § -4 **Registration requirements.** (a) Athletic trainers
6 shall:

7 (1) Register with the department by providing the athletic
8 trainer's name, business address, and a current and
9 unencumbered certification from the National Athletic
10 Trainers Association Board of Certification;

11 (2) Renew the athletic trainer's registration every three
12 years by providing the information required by
13 paragraph (1); and

14 (3) Notify the department of any changes in registration
15 information within thirty days.

16 (b) The department shall maintain a current list of the
17 names and business addresses of athletic trainers registered
18 under subsection (a). The registrant's copy of its
19 certification from the National Athletic Trainers Association
20 Board of Certification shall be a public record.

21 § -5 **Duties of directing physician.** A directing
22 physician shall provide supervision to an athletic trainer by

1 verbal order when in the presence of the athletic trainer or by
2 written order or written athletic training service plans or
3 protocols when a supervising physician is not present with the
4 athletic trainer."

5 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2009.

Report Title:

Athletic Trainers; Licensing

Description:

Requires athletic trainers to register with the department of commerce and consumer affairs. (SD1)