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The Alaska Athletic Trainers Association, on behalf of Alaska athletic trainers, is working toward professional licensure in Alaska. Legislation was introduced in the 2011 session with sponsorship by Senator Kevin Meyer; Senate Bill 119.

- The language of the bill states that anyone calling themselves an athletic trainer must be licensed by the state of Alaska Division of Occupational Licensing.
- The requirements for licensure are exactly the same as those required by the Board of Certification. The BOC is the postgraduate certification program for the National Athletic Trainers Association. The state of Alaska will not add to the already rigorous requirements of the BOC.
- The fees imposed by the Alaska Division of Occupational Licensing are not cost prohibitive.
- Alaska is one of only 3 states that does not license athletic trainers.
- Presently, athletic trainers are not covered by the Alaska Statute 09.65.300 Immunity for Providing Free Health Care Services (Alaska's version of the Good Samaritan Law). This prevents athletic trainers from volunteering their services at schools, community or nonprofit events.

The Alaska Academy of Family Physicians supports the role of the athletic trainer in Alaska.

Sincerely,

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