

**CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 119(L&C)**

**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**

**TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION**

**BY THE SENATE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE**

**Offered: 4/15/11**

**Referred: Finance**

**Sponsor(s): SENATORS MEYER, McGuire, Ellis, Menard, Davis, Paskvan**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1   **"An Act relating to athletic trainers."**

2   **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3       **\* Section 1.** AS 08.01.010 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

4                               (39) regulation of athletic trainers under AS 08.07.

5       **\* Sec. 2.** AS 08 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

6                               **Chapter 07. Athletic Trainers.**

7               **Sec. 08.07.010. License required.** (a) An individual may not practice or offer  
8               to practice athletic training, or allow another person to offer athletic training by the  
9               individual, in the state without being licensed under this chapter, unless the individual

10                               (1) is a student in an accredited athletic trainer program;

11                               (2) is present in the state for not more than 90 days for a specific  
12               athletic event or series of athletic events with an individual or group not based in the  
13               state; or

14                               (3) is authorized to practice athletic training under another provision of  
15               Alaska law.

(b) This section does not prohibit a person licensed under another chapter of this title from performing functions defined as athletic training if those functions are within the scope of that person's license and the person does not use a title listed in (c) of this section.

(c) Unless licensed under this chapter, an individual may not use the titles "athletic trainer," "licensed athletic trainer," "A.T.," or any combination of those terms to indicate that the individual is a licensed athletic trainer.

**Sec. 08.07.020. Qualifications for license; fee; renewal.** (a) The department shall issue an athletic trainer license to an individual who

(1) applies to the department on a form provided by the department;

(2) pays the fees established by the department; and

(3) provides proof of certification by the National Athletic Trainers' Association Board of Certification, Inc.

(b) An athletic trainer license may be renewed on proof of certification by the National Athletic Trainers' Association Board of Certification, Inc., and as provided in AS 08.01.100.

**Sec. 08.07.030. Definition.** In this chapter, "athletic training" means the treatment of an individual under the direction of a physician licensed under AS 08.64 to manage risk of injury and prevent injury, evaluate clinically, assess, and treat an individual's injury or illness, and rehabilitate and recondition that individual.

\* **Sec. 3.** AS 09.65.300(c) is amended to read:

(c) In this section,

(1) "health care provider" means a state licensed physician, physician assistant, dentist, dental hygienist, osteopath, optometrist, chiropractor, registered nurse, practical nurse, nurse midwife, advanced nurse practitioner, naturopath, physical therapist, occupational therapist, marital and family therapist, psychologist, psychological associate, licensed clinical social worker, athletic trainer, or certified direct-entry midwife;

(2) "health care services" means services received by an individual in order to treat or to prevent illness or injury;

(3) "nonprofit organization" means an organization that qualifies for

1 exemption from taxation under 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3) or (4) (Internal Revenue Code).