

SENATE BILL NO. 119

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Introduced: 4/1/11

Referred: Health and Social Services, Labor and Commerce

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to the licensing and regulation of 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.

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

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

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

- 10 (1) applies to the department on a form provided by the department;
 11 (2) meets the requirements established in regulation by the department;
 12 (3) pays the fees established by the department; and
 13 (4) provides proof of certification by the National Athletic Trainers'
 14 Association Board of Certification, Inc., or another nationally recognized professional
 15 association approved by the department.

16 (b) Notwithstanding AS 08.01.065, the biennial fee for a license may not
 17 exceed \$100.

18 (c) An athletic trainer license may be renewed as provided in AS 08.01.100.

19 **Sec. 08.07.030. Regulations.** After consulting the professional standards
 20 issued by the National Athletic Trainers' Association Board of Certification, Inc., or
 21 another nationally recognized professional association approved by the department,
 22 the department shall adopt regulations to protect the public, ensure quality patient
 23 care, and regulate the licensing of athletic trainers that include

- 24 (1) minimum standards for licensure as an athletic trainer;
 25 (2) minimum standards of care for practice as an athletic trainer; and
 26 (3) continuing education requirements.

27 **Sec. 08.07.040. Definition.** In this chapter, "athletic training" means the
 28 treatment of an individual under the direction of a physician licensed under AS 08.64
 29 to manage risk of injury and prevent injury, evaluate clinically, assess, and treat an
 30 individual's injury or illness, and rehabilitate and recondition that individual.

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

1 (c) In this section,

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

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

10 (3) "nonprofit organization" means an organization that qualifies for
11 exemption from taxation under 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3) or (4) (Internal Revenue Code).