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SPONSOR STATEMENT FOR SB 119

“An Act relating to the licensing and regulation of athletic trainers”

SB 119 would amend current statutes to establish licensing and regulation of athletic trainers in the State of Alaska.

Athletic Trainers are certified, health care professionals who practice in the field of sports medicine. This profession plays a significant role in the management, prevention, recognition and rehabilitation of injured athletes under the supervision of a licensed physician. As people become increasingly more active, athletic trainers are a vital resource in administering immediate emergency care as well as injury prevention and treatment programs.

The National Athletic Trainer’s Association (NATA), which was founded in 1950, is the professional membership association for certified athletic trainers. According to NATA, Alaska is one of the few states that do not currently license athletic trainers. Should SB 119 pass, athletic trainers would be required to have a license to practice in the State of Alaska.