



# Representative Steve Thompson

Alaska State Legislature

District 3

## HB 160 Licensing of Athletic Trainers

### Sectional Analysis

<u>Section</u>	<u>Statute</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Purpose or Effect</u>
1	AS 08.01.010	Add new paragraph	Adds athletic trainers to AS 08.07
2	AS 08	Add new chapter	<b><u>Chapter 7 Athletic Trainers</u></b>
		Add new section AS 08.07.010	License required a) Athletic trainers will require licensing through this chapter except for: 1. Student exemption 2. Out of state licensed athletic trainer 3. Military Service or Federal Employee performing official duties b) If a person is licensed under a different title but functions include duties the same or similar to this chapter the person can continue to perform duties as long as they do not use title c) Exclusive use for titles "athletic trainer", "licensed athletic trainer", "certified athletic trainer", "athletic trainer certified", "A.T.", "A.T.L.", "C.A.T.", "A.T.C." or any combination reflecting the individual as a licensed athletic trainer.
		Add new section AS 08.07.020	<b><u>Qualification for license; fee; renewal</u></b> a) A license is issued to an individual who 1. Applies to the Department 2. Meets requirement established in regulation 3. Pays the fees 4. Provides proof of certification by the Board of Certification, INC. or another nationally recognized professional association approved by the Department b) Provided by AS 08.01.100, an athletic trainer may renew a license by providing proof of certification by the Board of Certification, INC. or another nationally recognized professional association approved by the Department

		Add new section AS 08.07.030	<p><b><u>Scope of practice</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Athletic trainer may practice only under the supervision of person licensed to practice medicine or osteopathy (AS 08.64) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. "Supervision" means physician authorizes procedure and procedure is performed by athletic trainer according to physician's diagnosis and treatment plan</li> </ul> </li> <li>b) Athletic trainer must refer an athlete to an appropriate licensed health care professional if the athletic trainer determines that or treatment symptoms requires treatment outside the scope of the practice of the athletic trainer</li> <li>c) The practice of athletic trainers include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Treatment of athlete for injury or illness prevention</li> <li>2. Clinical evaluation and assessment of an athlete for injury sustained or aggravated during a sport of sport related exercise or activity</li> <li>3. Immediate care or treatment for injury sustained or aggravated during a sport of sport related exercise or activity</li> <li>4. Rehabilitation and reconditioning for injury sustained or aggravated during a sport of sport related exercise or activity</li> </ul> </li> <li>d) "health care professional" means a physician, nurse, and physician assistant. It does not include a practitioner of religious healing.</li> </ul>
		Add new section AS 08.07.040	<p><b><u>Regulations</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) DCEED will consult with Board of Certification, INC or another nationally recognized professional association approved by the department to adopt regulations to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Minimum standards for licensure</li> <li>2. Minimum standards of care for practice</li> <li>3. Continuing education requirements</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
		Add new section AS 08.07.040	<p><b><u>Definitions</u></b></p> <p>"athlete"</p> <p>"athletic trainer"</p> <p>"athletic training"</p>
3	AS 09.65.300	Amends section AS 09.65.300(c)(1)	Inserts athletic trainer to the list of "health care provider"

4	AS 47.17.290	Amends section AS 47.17.290 (13)	Inserts athletic trainer to the list of “practitioner of the healing arts” licensed under AS 08.11, AS 08.55, AS 08.63
5	Uncodified Law	Add new section	<p><b><u>Applicability</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The license requirement in AS 08.07.010 applies to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. a person who has never practiced athletic training</li> <li>2. Has practiced in state but doesn’t meet the requirements</li> </ul> </li> <li>b) Does not apply for 2 years after the effective date to person that has practiced as an athletic training in state 3 of the 5 years immediately preceding the effective date and is certified by the Board of Certification, INC and is practicing within the scope of the certification.</li> </ul>