

Good morning, Brodie. I have reviewed HB 160 in response to your questions, below, with our agency attorney. Please see our interpretation of the proposed legislation in blue.

Based on the current language in HB 160 28-LS0423\O

- 1) Please explain pg. 2 Line 5-8 subsection (b) and the relation to professions not currently licensed in this Title but perform functions that are defined as athletic training and are in the scope of the professional duties, example Physical Trainers, Coaches. [AS 08.07.010\(b\)](#) would allow professionally licensed persons such as doctors, nurses, and physical therapists to perform the duties of an athletic trainer if those duties fall within their current licensed scope of practice. The person may not use the title “athletic trainer” unless licensed under this chapter. This subsection does not pertain to unlicensed persons, such as coaches.
- 2) Does the current language allow for the exclusion of paid and unpaid volunteer "coaches" (that are not using the title Athletic Trainer) from being considered athletic trainers. In particular, immediate care if an athlete gets injured during an event or training and a coach renders aid, from this definition are doing the "practice of an athletic trainer" in a sense. [AS 08.07.030](#) defines the scope of practice of an athletic trainer, and [AS 08.07.090](#) also offers definitions. If a person is practicing as an athletic trainer under the supervision of a doctor, they must become licensed. If they are rendering aid without that formal medical supervision, and they are not using the title “athletic trainer,” then they will not require a license. Once one of those two thresholds is met, a license will be required by law.
- 3) If a Physical Trainer, Coach requires them to work with clients in preventing injuries, rehabilitating injuries, assessing injuries and caring for injuries and making appropriate recommendations for further medical treatment will they be considered an “Athletic Trainer” [Only if they meet the two thresholds stated above: working under medical supervision or using the title “athletic trainer.”](#)

I am happy to address these questions in hearing. If you receive guidance from your attorney that is in conflict with our interpretation, please let me know so I can review our assessment.

Sincerely,

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