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MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: Sectional summary of SB 119: licensing of athletic trainers
(Work Order No. 27-LS0732\M)

TO: Senator Kevin Meyer
Attn: Christine Marasigan

FROM: Lisa Moritz Kirsch 
Legislative Counsel

You have requested a sectional summary of the above-described bill.

As a preliminary matter, note that a sectional summary of a bill should not be considered an authoritative interpretation of the bill and the bill itself is the best statement of its contents. If you would like an interpretation of the bill as it may apply to a particular set of circumstances, please advise.

Section 1 Adds athletic trainers to the list of occupations subject to regulation under chapter AS 08.01.

Section 2

Sec. 08.07.010 Requires a license to practice athletic training in Alaska unless you are a student in a training program, temporarily in state for an athletic event, or authorized to practice athletic training under another Alaska law. This section also limits the use of titles containing the terms "athletic trainer" or the abbreviation "A.T."

Sec 08.07.020 Sets out the general qualifications for a license, establishes a \$100 cap on the biennial license fee, and invokes the procedure for renewal in AS 08.01.100.

Sec. 08.07.030 Authorizes the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development to adopt regulations setting specific standards for licensing as an athletic trainer based on nationally recognized professional standards.

Sec. 08.07.040 Defines "athletic training."

Section 3 Adds athletic trainers to the list of practitioners who are immune to liability for civil damages when they provide free health care services, so long as the practitioner complies with the requirements of AS 09.65.300, and does not commit gross negligence, reckless misconduct, or intentional misconduct.

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