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## MEMORANDUM

March 13, 2013

**SUBJECT:** Licensing of athletic trainers (HB 160)  
(Work Order No. 28-LS0423\O)

**TO:** Representative Steve Thompson  
Attn: Brodie Anderson

**FROM:** Hilary Martin   
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; the bill itself is the best statement of its contents.

**Section 1** adds regulation of athletic trainers to AS 08.01.010.

**Section 2** adds a new chapter to AS 08 regarding athletic trainers.

Sec. 08.07.010 requires a license to practice athletic training, unless the person is a student in an accredited athletic trainer program, is licensed in another state and present in the state for not more than 90 days for a specific athletic event, or is in the military service or an employee of the federal government.

Sec. 08.07.020 requires the department to issue a license to a person who applies to the department, pays the fees, provides proof of certification by the Board of Certification, Inc., and meets any other requirements established in regulation by the department. Requires proof of certification in the Board of Certification, Inc., or another recognized professional association approved by the department in order to renew a license.

Sec. 08.07.030 sets out the scope of practice for an athletic trainer. An athletic trainer may only practice under the supervision of a person licensed to practice medicine or osteopathy.

Sec. 08.07.040 requires the department to adopt regulations regarding licensing of athletic trainers after consulting the professional standards issued by the Board of Certification, Inc., or another nationally recognized professional association approved by the department.

Sec. 08.07.090 defines "athlete," "athletic trainer," and "athletic training."

**Section 3** adds athletic trainer to the list of health care providers in AS 09.65.300(c)(1).

**Section 4** adds athletic trainers to the list of practitioners of the healing arts in AS 47.17.290(13).

**Section 5** applies the licensing requirements immediately to a person who has never practiced athletic training in the state, or two years after the effective date of the Act for a person who has been practicing athletic training in the state for at least three of the five previous years and is certified by the Board of Certification, Inc.

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