

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 119(HSS)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/12/11

Referred: Labor and Commerce, Finance

Sponsor(s): SENATORS MEYER, McGuire, Ellis, Menard

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to athletic trainers."**

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 * **Section 1.** AS 08.01.010 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

4 (39) regulation of athletic trainers under AS 08.07.

5 * **Sec. 2.** AS 08 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

6 **Chapter 07. Athletic Trainers.**

7 **Sec. 08.07.010. License required.** (a) An individual may not practice or offer
8 to practice athletic training, or allow another person to offer athletic training by the
9 individual, in the state without being licensed under this chapter, unless the individual

10 (1) is a student in an accredited athletic trainer program;

11 (2) is present in the state for not more than 90 days for a specific
12 athletic event or series of athletic events with an individual or group not based in the
13 state; or

14 (3) is authorized to practice athletic training under another provision of
15 Alaska law.

1 (b) This section does not prohibit a person licensed under another chapter of
 2 this title from performing functions defined as athletic training if those functions are
 3 within the scope of that person's license and the person does not use a title listed in (c)
 4 of this section.

5 (c) Unless licensed under this chapter, an individual may not use the titles
 6 "athletic trainer," "licensed athletic trainer," "A.T.," or any combination of those terms
 7 to indicate that the individual is a licensed athletic trainer.

8 **Sec. 08.07.020. Qualifications for license; fee; renewal.** (a) The department
 9 shall issue an athletic trainer license to an individual who

10 (1) applies to the department on a form provided by the department;

11 (2) pays the fees established by the department; and

12 (3) provides proof of certification by the National Athletic Trainers'
 13 Association Board of Certification, Inc.

14 (b) Notwithstanding AS 08.01.065, the biennial fee for a license may not
 15 exceed \$100.

16 (c) An athletic trainer license may be renewed on proof of certification by the
 17 National Athletic Trainers' Association Board of Certification, Inc., and as provided in
 18 AS 08.01.100.

19 **Sec. 08.07.030. Definition.** In this chapter, "athletic training" means the
 20 treatment of an individual under the direction of a physician licensed under AS 08.64
 21 to manage risk of injury and prevent injury, evaluate clinically, assess, and treat an
 22 individual's injury or illness, and rehabilitate and recondition that individual.

23 * **Sec. 3.** AS 09.65.300(c) is amended to read:

24 (c) In this section,

25 (1) "health care provider" means a state licensed physician, physician
 26 assistant, dentist, dental hygienist, osteopath, optometrist, chiropractor, registered
 27 nurse, practical nurse, nurse midwife, advanced nurse practitioner, naturopath,
 28 physical therapist, occupational therapist, marital and family therapist, psychologist,
 29 psychological associate, licensed clinical social worker, **athletic trainer**, or certified
 30 direct-entry midwife;

31 (2) "health care services" means services received by an individual in

- 1 order to treat or to prevent illness or injury;
- 2 (3) "nonprofit organization" means an organization that qualifies for
- 3 exemption from taxation under 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3) or (4) (Internal Revenue Code).