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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 106

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act providing for the licensing of physical therapy
7 athletic trainers."

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

9 * Section 1. AS 08.84.010(b) is amended to read:

10 (b) The Physical Therapy Board shall control all matters pertain-
11 ing to the licensing of physical therapists, [AND] physical therapy
12 assistants, and physical therapy athletic trainers and the practice of
13 physical therapy. The board shall

14 (1) pass upon the qualifications of applicants;

15 (2) conduct examinations;

16 (3) issue temporary permits and licenses to physical ther-
17 apists, [AND] physical therapy assistants, and physical therapy ath-
18 letic trainers qualified under this chapter;

19 (4) suspend, revoke or refuse to issue or renew a license in
20 accordance with AS 08.84.120;

21 (5) keep a current register listing the name, business
22 address, date and number of the license of each physical therapist,
23 [AND] physical therapy assistant, and physical therapy athletic trainer
24 who is licensed to practice in this state;

25 (6) keep a record and minutes of its meetings, proceedings
26 and hearings and submit an annual report of its activities to the
27 governor and other interested parties;

28 (7) limit or condition the authority to practice physical
29 therapy, or discipline a practitioner, in accordance with AS 08.84.-

1 185(a); and

2 (8) adopt regulations under AS 44.62.180 - 44.62.290 neces-
3 sary to carry out the purposes of this chapter including regulations
4 establishing qualifications for licensure and renewal of licensure as a
5 physical therapist, a [OR] physical therapy assistant or a physical
6 therapy athletic trainer.

7 * Sec. 2. AS 08.84.030 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

8 (b) To be eligible for licensure by the board as a physical
9 therapy athletic trainer, an applicant must possess one of the following
10 qualifications:

11 (1) have met the athletic training curriculum requirements
12 of a college or university approved by the board and give proof of
13 graduation;

14 (2) hold a certificate or a degree in physical therapy and
15 have completed:

16 (A) a basic athletic training course;

17 (B) a first aid and a cardiopulmonary resuscitation
18 course;

19 (C) a nutrition course; and

20 (D) have spent a minimum of 600 hours working under the
21 direct supervision of a licensed physical therapy athletic trainer;
22 however, the board may waive or lessen the hour requirements if
23 the applicant demonstrates equivalent experience; or

24 (3) have completed at least four years beyond the secondary
25 school level, while a student, as an apprentice athletic trainer at a
26 college or university under the direct supervision of a licensed phys-
27 ical therapy athletic trainer; the four years must be consecutive years
28 of supervision, military duty excepted; an applicant for licensure
29 under this paragraph must show proof of graduation from an accredited

1 college or university and successful completion of courses in athletic
2 training, first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, nutrition, anatomy,
3 physiology and kinesiology.

4 * Sec. 3. AS 08.84.040 is amended to read:

5 Sec. 08.84.040. APPLICATION FOR LICENSE. To be licensed as a
6 physical therapist, a [OR] physical therapy assistant, or a physical
7 therapy athletic trainer an applicant shall apply to the board on a
8 form prescribed by the board. An applicant shall include in his appli-
9 cation, evidence under oath that he possesses the qualifications re-
10 quired by AS 08.84.030 or 08.84.032.

11 * Sec. 4. AS 08.84.060 is amended to read:

12 Sec. 08.84.060. LICENSURE BY ACCEPTANCE OF CREDENTIALS. The
13 board may license without examination an applicant who is a physical
14 therapist, a [OR] physical therapy assistant, or a physical therapy
15 athletic trainer licensed under the laws of another state or territory
16 or the District of Columbia, if the requirements for licensure in that
17 state or territory or the District of Columbia, were, at the date of
18 his licensure, substantially equal to the requirements in this state.

19 * Sec. 5. AS 08.84.080 is amended to read:

20 Sec. 08.84.080. EXAMINATIONS. The board shall examine applicants
21 for licensure as physical therapists, [OR] physical therapy assistants,
22 or physical therapy athletic trainers at the times and places it deter-
23 mines.

24 * Sec. 6. AS 08.84.090 is amended to read:

25 Sec. 08.84.090. LICENSURE. The board shall license an applicant
26 who meets the qualifications for licensure under this chapter. It
27 shall issue a license certificate to each person licensed. A license
28 certificate is prima facie evidence of the right of the person to
29 represent himself as a licensed physical therapist, a [OR] licensed

1 physical therapy assistant, or a physical therapy athletic trainer.

2 * Sec. 7. AS 08.84.100(a) is amended to read:

3 (a) A licensed physical therapist, [OR] physical therapy assis-
4 tant, or physical therapy athletic trainer shall renew his license
5 every four years with the Department of Commerce and Economic Develop-
6 ment on or before the date set by the department under AS 08.01.100(a).
7 If the license is not renewed on or before that date, it lapses.

8 * Sec. 8. AS 08.84.100(c) is amended to read:

9 (c) A license may not be renewed unless the applicant demonstrates
10 his competence as a physical therapist, a [OR] physical therapy assis-
11 tant, or a physical therapy athletic trainer in a manner established by
12 the board in regulations adopted under AS 08.84.010(b)(8).

13 * Sec. 9. AS 08.84.120 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

14 (11) as a physical therapy athletic trainer, has attempted to
15 practice physical therapy which has not been initiated, supervised, and
16 terminated by a team physician licensed to practice medicine, osteo-
17 pathy, dentistry, or podiatry.

18 * Sec. 10. AS 08.84.130 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

19 (c) A person not licensed as a physical therapy athletic trainer,
20 or whose license is suspended, revoked, or lapsed, who in any way,
21 orally or in writing or directly or by implication, represents himself
22 as a licensed physical therapy athletic trainer is guilty of a mis-
23 demeanor.

24 * Sec. 11. AS 08.84 is amended by adding a new section to read:

25 Sec. 08.84.155. LICENSURE OF PHYSICAL THERAPY ATHLETIC TRAINERS.

26 It is unlawful for anyone to practice physical therapy as a physical
27 therapy athletic trainer without being licensed in accordance with this
28 chapter unless as a physical therapy athletic trainer apprentice fulfill-
29 ing the requirements of AS 08.84.030(b), and then only unless under

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the continuous direction and immediate supervision of a physical therapist.

* Sec. 12. AS 08.84.190 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(5) "physical therapy athletic trainer" means a person who carries out the practice of prevention or physical rehabilitation of injuries incurred by participating athletes at an educational institution, professional athletic organization, or other athletic organization.