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2 SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR 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 athletic  
7 therapists."

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

9 \* Section 1. AS 08.84.010 is amended to read:

10 Sec. 08.84.010. STATE PHYSICAL THERAPY BOARD. (a) There is  
11 created the State Physical Therapy Board, which consists of seven  
12 [FIVE] members appointed by the governor. The membership consists of  
13 one physician licensed to practice medicine in the state, three physical  
14 therapists licensed in the state or two physical therapists and a  
15 physical therapy assistant licensed in the state, two athletic thera-  
16 pists licensed in the state, and one lay person with no direct financial  
17 interest in the health care industry. Members of the board shall be  
18 U.S. citizens domiciled in the state and shall be appointed for a term  
19 of four years, and until their successors are appointed. No member may  
20 serve more than two terms in succession. The governor may remove a  
21 member from the board for neglect of duty, incompetence, dishonorable  
22 conduct, or suspension or revocation of license.

23 (b) The Physical Therapy Board shall control all matters pertain-  
24 ing to the licensing of physical therapists, [AND] physical therapy  
25 assistants, and athletic therapists and the practice of physical  
26 therapy. The board shall

- 27 (1) pass upon the qualifications of applicants;  
28 (2) conduct examinations;  
29 (3) issue temporary permits and licenses to physical ther-

1 apists, [AND] physical therapy assistants, and athletic therapists  
2 qualified under this chapter;

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

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

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

12 (7) limit or condition the authority to practice physical  
13 therapy, or discipline a practitioner, in accordance with AS 08.84.-  
14 185(a); and

15 (8) adopt regulations under AS 44.62.180 - 44.62.290 neces-  
16 sary to carry out the purposes of this chapter including regulations  
17 establishing qualifications for licensure and renewal of licensure as a  
18 physical therapist, a [OR] physical therapy assistant or an athletic  
19 therapist.

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

21 (b) To be eligible for licensure by the board as an athletic  
22 therapist, an applicant shall

23 (1) possess one of the following qualifications:

24 (A) have met the athletic training curriculum require-  
25 ments of a college or university approved by the board, and  
26 approved by the National Athletic Trainers Association or the  
27 American Physical Therapy Association, and give proof of gradua-  
28 tion;

29 (B) hold a certificate or a degree in physical therapy

and have completed:

(i) an approved basic athletic training course;

(ii) an approved first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation course;

(iii) an approved nutrition course; and

(iv) have spent a minimum of 600 hours working under the direct supervision of a licensed athletic therapist, however, the board may waive or lessen the hour requirements if the applicant demonstrates equivalent experience; or

(C) have completed at least four years beyond the secondary school level, while a student, as an apprentice athletic therapist at a college or university under the direct supervision of a licensed athletic therapist; the four years must be consecutive years of supervision, military duty excepted; an applicant for licensure under this paragraph must show proof of graduation from an accredited college or university and successful completion of courses in athletic training, first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, nutrition, anatomy, physiology and kinesiology.

(2) pass to the satisfaction of the board an examination prepared by the Professional Examination Service Association or by a national testing service approved by the board to determine his fitness for practice as an athletic therapist;

(3) meet qualifications for licensure established in regulations adopted by the board under AS 08.84.010(b)(8).

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

Sec. 08.84.040. APPLICATION FOR LICENSE. To be licensed as a physical therapist, a [OR] physical therapy assistant, or an athletic therapist an applicant shall apply to the board on a form prescribed by the board. An applicant shall include in his application, evidence

1 under oath that he possesses the qualifications required by AS 08.84.-  
2 030 or 08.84.032.

3 \* Sec. 4. AS 08.84.060 is amended to read:

4 Sec. 08.84.060. LICENSURE BY ACCEPTANCE OF CREDENTIALS. The  
5 board may license without examination an applicant who is a physical  
6 therapist, a [OR] physical therapy assistant, or an athletic therapist  
7 licensed under the laws of another state or territory or the District  
8 of Columbia, if the requirements for licensure in that state or terri-  
9 tory or the District of Columbia, were, at the date of his licensure,  
10 substantially equal to the requirements in this state.

11 \* Sec. 5. AS 08.84.080 is amended to read:

12 Sec. 08.84.080. EXAMINATIONS. The board shall examine applicants  
13 for licensure as physical therapists, l [OR] physical therapy assistants,  
14 or athletic therapists at the times and places it determines.

15 \* Sec. 6. AS 08.84.090 is amended to read:

16 Sec. 08.84.090. LICENSURE. The board shall license an applicant  
17 who meets the qualifications for licensure under this chapter. It  
18 shall issue a license certificate to each person licensed. A license  
19 certificate is prima facie evidence of the right of the person to  
20 represent himself as a licensed physical therapist, a [OR] licensed  
21 physical therapy assistant, or an athletic therapist.

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

23 (a) A licensed physical therapist, l [OR] physical therapy assis-  
24 tant, or athletic therapist shall renew his license every four years  
25 with the Department of Commerce and Economic Development on or before  
26 the date set by the department under AS 08.01.100(a). If the license  
27 is not renewed on or before that date, it lapses.

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

29 (c) A license may not be renewed unless the applicant demonstrates

his competence as a physical therapist, a [OR] physical therapy assistant, or an athletic therapist in a manner established by the board in regulations adopted under AS 08.84.010(b)(8).

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

(11) as an athletic therapist, has attempted to practice physical therapy which has not been initiated, supervised, and terminated by a team physician licensed to practice medicine, osteopathy, dentistry, or podiatry.

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

(c) A person not licensed as an athletic therapist, or whose license is suspended, revoked, or lapsed, who in any way, orally or in writing or directly or by implication, represents himself as a licensed physical therapy athletic trainer is guilty of a misdemeanor.

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

Sec. 08.84.155. LICENSURE OF ATHLETIC THERAPISTS. It is unlawful for anyone to practice physical therapy as an athletic therapist without being licensed in accordance with this chapter unless as an athletic therapist apprentice fulfilling the requirements of AS 08.84.030(b), and then only unless under 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) "athletic therapist" means a person who practices physical therapy for the prevention or physical rehabilitation of injuries incurred by participating athletes at an educational institution, professional athletic organization, or other athletic organization.