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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5794

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***"An Act Concerning Athletic Trainers And Physical Therapist Assistants."***

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- 1 In line 27, strike out "and"
- 2 After line 27, insert the following:
- 3 "(4) "Standing orders" means written protocols, recommendations
- 4 and guidelines for treatment and care, furnished and signed by a
- 5 health care provider specified under subdivision (1) of this section, to
- 6 be followed in the practice of athletic training that may include, but
- 7 not be limited to, (A) appropriate treatments for specific athletic
- 8 injuries, (B) athletic injuries or other conditions requiring immediate
- 9 referral to a licensed health care provider, and (C) appropriate
- 10 conditions for the immediate referral to a licensed health care provider
- 11 of injured athletes of a specified age or age group."
- 12 In line 28, strike out "(4)" and insert "(5)" in lieu thereof

13 In line 36, after "training" insert "under standing orders"

14 In line 39, strike out "seven" and insert "four" in lieu thereof

15 Strike out lines 46 to 56, inclusive, in their entirety and insert the  
16 following in lieu thereof:

17 "(b) Each person who practices athletic training, but not under  
18 standing orders, may perform initial evaluation and temporary  
19 splinting and bracing of any athlete with an athletic injury and shall,  
20 without delay, make a written or oral referral of such athlete to a  
21 licensed health care provider. The limitations on the practice of athletic  
22 training set forth in this subsection shall not apply in the case of any  
23 athlete that is referred to such person by a licensed health care  
24 provider, provided such practice shall be limited to the scope of such  
25 referral."

26 In line 108, strike out "2000," and insert "2001," in lieu thereof

27 In line 126, after the period insert the following: "The commissioner  
28 shall administer the provisions of sections 1 to 6, inclusive, of this act  
29 within available appropriations."

30 In line 222, after "state" and before the semicolon insert "under the  
31 supervision of a physical therapist. For purposes of this subdivision  
32 and subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 20-73, as amended by  
33 this act, "supervision" means the overseeing of or the participation in  
34 the work of a physical therapist assistant by a licensed physical  
35 therapist, including, but not limited to: (A) Continuous availability of  
36 direct communication between the physical therapist assistant and a  
37 licensed physical therapist; (B) availability of a licensed physical  
38 therapist on a regularly scheduled basis to (i) review the practice of the  
39 physical therapist assistant, and (ii) support the physical therapist  
40 assistant in the performance of the physical therapist assistant's  
41 services; and (C) a predetermined plan for emergency situations,  
42 including the designation of an alternate licensed physical therapist in  
43 the absence of the regular licensed physical therapist"

44 In line 231, before "treatment" strike out "or" and insert "of" in lieu  
45 thereof

46 Strike out lines 251 to 255, inclusive, in their entirety and insert the  
47 following in lieu thereof:

48 "(2) Any person who is a graduate of a physical therapy or physical  
49 therapy assistant program accredited by the Commission on  
50 Accreditation in Physical Therapy shall be eligible for"

51 In line 267, after the period insert the following: "Any applicant for  
52 examination for licensure as a physical therapy assistant whose  
53 application is based on a diploma issued to such applicant by a foreign  
54 physical therapy school shall furnish documentary evidence,  
55 satisfactory to the department, that the requirements for graduation  
56 are similar to or higher than those required of graduates of approved  
57 United States schools of physical therapy."

58 In line 277, after "school" insert "or an approved physical therapy  
59 school"

60 In line 323, after "unless" insert "such person is"

61 In line 324, after "chapter" and before the period insert "and is under  
62 the supervision of a physical therapist licensed pursuant to this  
63 chapter"

64 In line 417, before "No" insert "(a)"

65 After line 469, insert the following and renumber the remaining  
66 section accordingly:

67 "(b) The Commissioner of Public Health shall administer the  
68 provisions of this chapter with respect to the licensing of physical  
69 therapist assistants within available appropriations.

70 Sec. 18. Subdivision (5) of subsection (c) of section 19a-88 of the  
71 general statutes, as amended by section 4 of public act 99-249, is

72 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

73 (5) (A) Each person holding a license to practice physical therapy  
74 shall, annually, during the month of such person's birth, register with  
75 the Department of Public Health, upon payment of the professional  
76 services fee for class B, as defined in section 33-182l, on blanks to be  
77 furnished by the department for such purpose, giving such person's  
78 name in full, [with] such person's residence and business address and  
79 such other information as the department requests.

80 (B) Each person holding a physical therapist assistant license shall,  
81 annually, during the month of such person's birth, register with the  
82 Department of Public Health, upon payment of the professional  
83 services fee for class A, as defined in section 33-182l, on blanks to be  
84 furnished by the department for such purpose, giving such person's  
85 name in full, such person's residence and business address and such  
86 other information as the department requests."

87 After line 471, insert the following:

88 "Sec. 19. This act shall take effect the later of October 1, 2000, or on  
89 the date notice is published by the Commissioner of Public Health in  
90 the Connecticut Law Journal indicating that the licensing of athletic  
91 trainers and physical therapist assistants is being implemented by the  
92 Commissioner."