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Introduced by:  
(PH)

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

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) As used in sections 1 to 7, inclusive, of this act:
- 2 (1) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Public Health;
- 3 (2) "Health care provider" means a person licensed to practice  
4 medicine or surgery under chapter 370 of the general statutes,  
5 chiropractic under chapter 372 of the general statutes, podiatry under  
6 chapter 375 of the general statutes or naturopathy under chapter 373 of  
7 the general statutes; and
- 8 (3) "Athletic training" means the application or provision, with the  
9 consent and under the direction of a licensed health care provider, of  
10 (A) principles, methods and procedures in the evaluation, prevention,  
11 treatment and rehabilitation of athletic injuries, (B) appropriate  
12 preventative and supportive devices, temporary splinting and bracing,  
13 physical modalities of heat, cold, light massage, water, electric  
14 stimulation, sound, exercise and exercise equipment, (C) the

15 organization and administration of athletic training programs, and (D)  
16 education and counseling to athletes, coaches, medical personnel and  
17 athletic communities in the area of the prevention and care of athletic  
18 injuries.

19 Sec. 2. (NEW) (a) Except as provided in section 4 of this act, no  
20 person may practice athletic training unless such person is licensed  
21 pursuant to section 6 of this act.

22 (b) No person may use the title "licensed athletic trainer" or make  
23 use of any title, words, letters or abbreviations indicating or implying  
24 that such person is licensed to practice athletic training unless such  
25 person is licensed pursuant to section 6 of this act.

26 Sec. 3. (NEW) Each person who practices athletic training shall  
27 make a written or oral referral to a licensed health care provider of any  
28 person who has an injury whose symptoms have not improved for a  
29 period of seven days from the day of onset, or who has any physical or  
30 medical condition that would constitute a medical contraindication for  
31 athletic training or that may require evaluation or treatment beyond  
32 the scope of athletic training. The injuries or conditions requiring a  
33 referral under this section shall include, but not be limited to,  
34 suspected medical emergencies or illnesses, physical or mental illness  
35 and significant tissue or neurological pathologies.

36 Sec. 4. (NEW) A license to practice athletic training shall not be  
37 required of: (1) A practitioner who is licensed or certified by a state  
38 agency and is performing services within the scope of practice for  
39 which such person is licensed or certified; (2) a student intern or  
40 trainee pursuing a course of study in athletic training, provided the  
41 activities of such student intern or trainee are performed under the  
42 supervision of a person licensed to practice athletic training and the  
43 student intern or trainee is given the title of "athletic trainer intern", or  
44 similar designation; (3) a person employed or volunteering as a coach  
45 of amateur sports who provides first aid for athletic injuries to athletes  
46 being coached by such person; (4) a person who furnishes assistance in

47 an emergency; or (5) a person who acts as an athletic trainer in this  
48 state for less than thirty days per calendar year and who is licensed as  
49 an athletic trainer by another state or is certified by the National  
50 Athletic Trainers' Association Board of Certification, Inc., or its  
51 successor organization.

52 Sec. 5. (NEW) (a) Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c) of  
53 this section, an applicant for a license to practice athletic training shall  
54 have: (1) A baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited  
55 institution of higher education, or from an institution of higher  
56 learning located outside of the United States that is legally chartered to  
57 grant postsecondary degrees in the country in which such institution is  
58 located; (2) successfully completed (A) a course of study in athletic  
59 training in a program that, at the time of the applicant's completion,  
60 was accredited by the National Athletic Trainers' Association, the  
61 Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation, or the  
62 Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs, or  
63 (B) a program of study in athletic training during a period of at least  
64 two calendar years, a minimum of one thousand five hundred hours of  
65 athletic training experience under the supervision of an athletic trainer  
66 certified by the National Athletic Trainers' Association Board of  
67 Certification, Inc., or its successor organization, of which a minimum  
68 of one thousand hours shall be attained at the interscholastic,  
69 intercollegiate or professional sports level, and a minimum of three  
70 semester credits of formal education in each of the following areas: (i)  
71 Health, (ii) nutrition, (iii) psychology, (iv) human anatomy, (v)  
72 kinesiology or biomechanics, (vi) human physiology, (vii) physiology  
73 of exercise, (viii) basic athletic training, and (ix) advanced athletic  
74 training or therapeutic modalities and rehabilitative exercise; and (3)  
75 passed the national certification examination sponsored by the  
76 National Athletic Trainers' Association or the National Athletic  
77 Trainers' Association Board of Certification, Inc., or their successor  
78 organizations.

79 (b) An applicant for licensure to practice athletic training by

80 endorsement shall present evidence satisfactory to the commissioner  
81 (1) of licensure or certification as an athletic trainer, or as a person  
82 entitled to perform similar services under a different designation, in  
83 another state having requirements for practicing in such capacity that  
84 are substantially similar to or higher than the requirements in force in  
85 this state, and (2) that there is no disciplinary action or unresolved  
86 complaint pending against such applicant.

87 (c) Before January 1, 2000, an applicant for a license to practice  
88 athletic training may, in lieu of the requirements set forth in subsection  
89 (a) of this section, present evidence satisfactory to the commissioner of  
90 (1) the continuous providing of services as an athletic trainer since  
91 October 1, 1979, or (2) certification as an athletic trainer by the National  
92 Athletic Trainers' Association Board of Certification, Inc.

93 Sec. 6. (NEW) The commissioner shall grant a license to practice  
94 athletic training to an applicant who presents evidence satisfactory to  
95 the commissioner of having met the requirements of section 5 of this  
96 act. An application for such license shall be made on a form required  
97 by the commissioner. The fee for an initial license under this section  
98 shall be one hundred fifty dollars.

99 (b) A license to practice athletic training may be renewed in  
100 accordance with the provisions of section 19a-88 of the general  
101 statutes, as amended by this act. The fee for such renewal shall be one  
102 hundred dollars.

103 Sec. 7. (NEW) The commissioner may adopt regulations, in  
104 accordance with chapter 54 of the general statutes, to carry out the  
105 provisions of sections 1 to 6, inclusive, of this act.

106 Sec. 8. Subsection (c) of section 19a-14 of the general statutes, as  
107 amended by section 2 of public act 99-249 and section 60 of public act  
108 99-2 of the June special session, is repealed and the following is  
109 substituted in lieu thereof:

110 (c) No board shall exist for the following professions that are  
111 licensed or otherwise regulated by the Department of Public Health:

112 (1) Speech pathologist and audiologist;

113 (2) Hearing aid dealer;

114 (3) Nursing home administrator;

115 (4) Sanitarian;

116 (5) Subsurface sewage system installer or cleaner;

117 (6) Marital and family therapist;

118 (7) Nurse-midwife;

119 (8) Licensed clinical social worker;

120 (9) Respiratory care practitioner;

121 (10) Asbestos contractor and asbestos consultant;

122 (11) Massage therapist;

123 (12) Registered nurse's aide;

124 (13) Radiographer;

125 (14) Dental hygienist;

126 (15) Dietitian-Nutritionist;

127 (16) Asbestos abatement worker;

128 (17) Asbestos abatement site supervisor;

129 (18) Licensed or certified alcohol and drug counselor;

130 (19) Professional counselor;

- 131 (20) Acupuncturist;
- 132 (21) Occupational therapist;
- 133 (22) Lead abatement contractor; [and]
- 134 (23) Nail technician; and
- 135 (24) Athletic trainer.

136 The department shall assume all powers and duties normally vested  
137 with a board in administering regulatory jurisdiction over said  
138 professions. The uniform provisions of this chapter and chapters 368v,  
139 369 to 381a, inclusive, 383 to 388, inclusive, 393a, 395, 398, 399, 400a  
140 and 400c, including, but not limited to, standards for entry and  
141 renewal; grounds for professional discipline; receiving and processing  
142 complaints; and disciplinary sanctions, shall apply, except as otherwise  
143 provided by law, to the professions listed in this subsection.

144 Sec. 9. Subsection (e) of section 19a-88 of the general statutes, as  
145 amended by section 61 of public act 99-2 of the June special session, is  
146 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

147 (e) Each person holding a license or certificate issued under section  
148 19a-514, 20-74s, as amended, 20-195cc or 20-206ll and chapters 370 to  
149 373, inclusive, 375, 378 to 381a, inclusive, 383 to 388, inclusive, 393a,  
150 395, 398, 399 or 400a and section 20-206n, 20-206o, [or] section 56 of  
151 [this act] public act 99-2 of the June special session, or section 6 of this  
152 act shall, annually, during the month of [the applicant's] such person's  
153 birth, apply for renewal of such license or certificate to the Department  
154 of Public Health, giving [the applicant's] such person's name in full,  
155 [the applicant's] residence and business address and such other  
156 information as the department requests. Each person holding a license  
157 or certificate issued pursuant to section 20-475 or 20-476 shall,  
158 annually, during the month of [the applicant's] such person's birth,  
159 apply for renewal of such license or certificate to the department. Each  
160 entity holding a license issued pursuant to section 20-475 shall,

161 annually, during the anniversary month of initial licensure, apply for  
162 renewal of such license or certificate to the department.

163 Sec. 10. Section 20-1 of the general statutes, as amended by section 1  
164 of public act 99-102, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
165 thereof:

166 The practice of the healing arts means the practice of medicine,  
167 chiropractic, podiatry, natureopathy and, except as used in chapters  
168 384a and 388, [and sections 19a-16a to 19a-16c, inclusive,] the practice  
169 of optometry.

170 Sec. 11. Subdivision (17) of subsection (b) of section 20-9 of the  
171 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
172 thereof:

173 (17) Any person [performing] practicing athletic training, as  
174 [described in section 19a-16a] defined in section 1 of this act.

175 Sec. 12. Section 20-66 of the general statutes, as amended by section  
176 6 of public act 99-249, is repealed and the following is substituted in  
177 lieu thereof:

178 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

179 (1) "Physical therapist" means a person licensed to practice physical  
180 therapy in [Connecticut as defined in subdivision (2) of this section]  
181 this state;

182 (2) "Physical therapy" means the evaluation and treatment of any  
183 person by the employment of the effective properties of physical  
184 measures, the performance of tests and measurements as an aid to  
185 evaluation of function and the use of therapeutic exercises and  
186 rehabilitative procedures, with or without assistive devices, for the  
187 purpose of preventing, correcting or alleviating a physical or mental  
188 disability. [Physical therapy] "Physical therapy" includes the  
189 establishment and modification of physical therapy programs,

190 treatment planning, instruction, peer review and consultative services,  
191 [The term "physical therapy"] but does not include the use of  
192 cauterization or the use of Roentgen rays or radium for diagnostic or  
193 therapeutic purposes; [and]

194 (3) "Physical therapist assistant" means [(A) a graduate of a physical  
195 therapist assistant program approved by the State Board of Examiners  
196 for Physical Therapists, with the consent of the Commissioner of  
197 Public Health, (B) a graduate of a United States physical therapy  
198 school approved by the State Board of Examiners for Physical  
199 Therapists, or (C) a person who has completed twenty years of  
200 employment as a physical therapist assistant prior to October 1, 1989] a  
201 person licensed to assist in the practice of physical therapy in this state;  
202 and

203 (4) "Assist in the practice of physical therapy" means the treatment  
204 of any person by the employment of the effective properties of  
205 physical measures and the use of therapeutic exercises and  
206 rehabilitative procedures, with or without assistive devices, for the  
207 purpose of preventing, correcting or alleviating a physical or mental  
208 disability, but does not include the interpretation of referrals, initial or  
209 discharge evaluation or assessment, or determination or modification  
210 or treatment or discharge plans.

211 Sec. 13. Section 20-70 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
212 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

213 (a) (1) Any person who is a graduate of a school of physical therapy  
214 approved by the [State] Board of Examiners for Physical Therapists,  
215 with the consent of the Commissioner of Public Health, or has  
216 successfully completed requirements for graduation from such school,  
217 shall be eligible for examination for licensure as a physical therapist  
218 upon the payment of a fee of two hundred twenty-five dollars. [Said  
219 department] The Department of Public Health with the consent of the  
220 board shall determine the subject matter of such examination, which  
221 shall be designed to show proficiency in physical therapy and related



222 subjects, and shall determine whether such examination shall be  
223 written, oral or practical, or a combination. Passing scores shall be  
224 established by the department with the consent of the board. Warning  
225 of such examination shall be given by [said] the department not less  
226 than two weeks in advance of the date set for the examination. If the  
227 applicant passes such examination the [Department of Public Health]  
228 department shall issue to such applicant a license to practice physical  
229 therapy.

230 (2) Any person who is a graduate of a physical therapist assistant  
231 school approved by the Board of Examiners for Physical Therapists or  
232 an approved United States physical therapist assistant school, with the  
233 consent of the commissioner, or has successfully completed  
234 requirements for graduation from such school, shall be eligible for  
235 examination for licensure as a physical therapist assistant upon the  
236 payment of a fee of one hundred fifty dollars. The department with the  
237 consent of the board shall determine the subject matter of such  
238 examination, which shall be designed to show proficiency in physical  
239 therapy and related subjects, and shall determine whether such  
240 examination shall be written, oral or practical, or a combination.  
241 Passing scores shall be established by the department with the consent  
242 of the board. Warning of such examination shall be given by the  
243 department not less than two weeks in advance of the date set for the  
244 examination. If the applicant passes such examination the department  
245 shall issue to such applicant a physical therapist assistant license.

246 (b) (1) Any person who is a graduate of an approved United States  
247 physical therapy school and who has filed an application with the  
248 department may, between the dates of filing and the publication of the  
249 results of the next succeeding examination, practice as a physical  
250 therapist under the direct and immediate supervision of a licensed  
251 physical therapist in this state. If the person practicing pursuant to this  
252 [section] subdivision fails to pass the examination, all privileges under  
253 this [section] subdivision shall automatically cease.

254 (2) Any person who is a graduate of an approved United States  
255 physical therapist assistant school and who has filed an application  
256 with the department may, between the dates of filing and the  
257 publication of the results of the next succeeding examination, practice  
258 as a physical therapist assistant under the direct and immediate  
259 supervision of a licensed physical therapist in this state. If the person  
260 practicing pursuant to this subdivision fails to pass the examination,  
261 all privileges under this subdivision shall automatically cease.

262 (c) Any applicant under this section who fails to pass the  
263 examination prescribed by [said] the department with the consent of  
264 the board may take a subsequent examination on payment of an  
265 additional application fee.

266 Sec. 14. Section 20-71 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
267 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

268 (a) The [department] Department of Public Health may issue a  
269 license to practice physical therapy without examination, on payment  
270 of a fee of two hundred twenty-five dollars, to an applicant who is a  
271 physical therapist registered or licensed under the laws of any other  
272 state or territory of the United States, any province of Canada or any  
273 other country, if the requirements for registration or licensure of  
274 physical therapists in such state, territory, province or country were, at  
275 the time of application, similar to or higher than the requirements in  
276 force in this state.

277 (b) The department may issue a physical therapist assistant license  
278 without examination, on payment of a fee of one hundred fifty dollars,  
279 to an applicant who: (1) Is a physical therapist assistant registered or  
280 licensed under the laws of any other state or territory of the United  
281 States, any province of Canada or any other country, if the  
282 requirements for registration or licensure of physical therapist  
283 assistants in such state, territory, province or country were, at the time  
284 of application, similar to or higher than the requirements in force in  
285 this state; (2) was eligible for registration as a physical therapist

286 assistant before the effective date of this act; or (3) as of July 1, 2000,  
287 (A) is a graduate of an approved United States physical therapy school,  
288 approved by the Board of Examiners for Physical Therapists, with the  
289 consent of the Commissioner of Public Health, or (B) has completed  
290 twenty years of employment as a physical therapist assistant prior to  
291 October 1, 1989.

292       Sec. 15. Section 20-73 of the general statutes, as amended by section  
293 24 of public act 99-102, is repealed and the following is substituted in  
294 lieu thereof:

295       (a) (1) No person may practice as a physical therapist unless  
296 licensed pursuant to this chapter. No person may use the term  
297 "Registered Physical Therapist", "Licensed Physical Therapist" or  
298 "Physical Therapist" or the letters "R.P.T.", "L.P.T." or any other letters,  
299 words or insignia indicating or implying licensure as a physical  
300 therapist in this state unless the person is so licensed.

301       (2) No person may practice as a physical therapist assistant unless  
302 licensed pursuant to this chapter. No person may use the term  
303 "Registered Physical Therapist Assistant", "Licensed Physical Therapist  
304 Assistant" or "Physical Therapist Assistant" or the letters "P.T.A." or  
305 any other letters, words or insignia indicating or implying licensure as  
306 a physical therapist assistant in this state unless the person is so  
307 licensed.

308       **(b)** The treatment of human ailments by physical therapy shall only  
309 be performed by a person licensed under the provisions of this chapter  
310 as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant upon the oral or  
311 written referral of a person licensed in this state or in a bordering state  
312 having licensing requirements meeting the approval of the appropriate  
313 examining board in this state to practice medicine and surgery,  
314 podiatry, natureopathy, chiropractic or dentistry, or an advanced  
315 practice registered nurse licensed to prescribe in accordance with  
316 section 20-94a, as amended, or a physician assistant licensed to  
317 prescribe in accordance with section 20-12d, as amended.

318 (c) Any person who violates the provisions of this section or who  
319 obtains or attempts to obtain licensure as a physical therapist or  
320 physical therapist assistant by any wilful misrepresentation or any  
321 fraudulent representation shall be fined not more than five hundred  
322 dollars or imprisoned not more than five years, or both. A physical  
323 therapist, physical therapist assistant or dentist who violates the  
324 provisions of this section shall be subject to licensure revocation in the  
325 same manner as is provided under section 19a-17, or in the case of a  
326 healing arts practitioner, section 20-45. For purposes of this section  
327 each instance of patient contact or consultation in violation of any  
328 provision of this section shall constitute a separate offense. Failure to  
329 renew a license in a timely manner shall not constitute a violation for  
330 the purposes of this section.

331 [(b) Each physical therapy assistant who is assisting in the practice  
332 of physical therapy under the supervision of a licensed physical  
333 therapist, as defined in section 20-66, shall, upon payment of an  
334 application fee of twenty-five dollars, register with the Department of  
335 Public Health on a form furnished by the department, giving his name  
336 in full, his residence and business addresses and such other  
337 information as the department requests. Each physical therapy  
338 assistant shall notify the department in writing within thirty days of  
339 any change in his name or residence or business addresses. A physical  
340 therapy assistant shall not practice physical therapy assisting without  
341 registering with the department pursuant to this section. The  
342 commissioner may, upon receipt of notification and investigation,  
343 assess a civil penalty of not more than one hundred dollars against any  
344 physical therapy assistant who has practiced physical therapy assisting  
345 without first registering with said department.]

346 Sec. 16. Section 20-73a of the general statutes, as amended by section  
347 25 of public act 99-102, is repealed and the following is substituted in  
348 lieu thereof:

349 The Board of Examiners for Physical Therapists shall have

350 jurisdiction to hear all charges of conduct that fails to conform to the  
351 accepted standards of the practice of physical therapy brought against  
352 any person licensed as a physical therapist or physical therapist  
353 assistant and, after holding a hearing, written notice of which shall be  
354 given to the person complained of, [said] the board, if it finds such  
355 person to be guilty, may revoke or suspend such person's license or  
356 take any of the actions set forth in section 19a-17. Any proceedings  
357 relative to such action may be begun by the filing of written charges  
358 with the Commissioner of Public Health. The causes for which such  
359 action may be taken are as follows: (1) Conviction in a court of  
360 competent jurisdiction, either within or without this state, of any crime  
361 in the practice of [his] such person's profession; (2) illegal, incompetent  
362 or negligent conduct in the practice of physical therapy or in the  
363 supervision of a physical therapist assistant; (3) aiding or abetting the  
364 unlawful practice of physical therapy; (4) treating human ailments by  
365 physical therapy without the oral or written referral by a person  
366 licensed in this state or in a bordering state having licensing  
367 requirements meeting the approval of the appropriate examining  
368 board in this state to practice medicine and surgery, podiatry,  
369 natureopathy, chiropractic or dentistry; (5) failure to register with the  
370 Department of Public Health as required by law; (6) fraud or deception  
371 in obtaining a license; (7) engaging in fraud or material deception in  
372 the course of professional services or activities; or (8) violation of any  
373 provision of this chapter, or any regulation adopted [hereunder] under  
374 this chapter. The clerk of any court in this state in which a person  
375 practicing physical therapy has been convicted of any crime as  
376 described in this section shall, immediately after such conviction,  
377 transmit a certified copy, in duplicate, of the information and  
378 judgment, without charge, to the Department of Public Health,  
379 containing the name and address of the physical therapist or physical  
380 therapist assistant, the crime of which [he] the physical therapist or  
381 physical therapist assistant has been convicted and the date of  
382 conviction. The hearing on such charges shall be conducted in  
383 accordance with the regulations adopted by the Commissioner of

384 Public Health in accordance with chapter 54. Any person aggrieved by  
385 a final decision of [said] the board may appeal therefrom as provided  
386 in section 4-183, as amended. Such appeal shall have precedence over  
387 nonprivileged cases in respect to order of trial. The Attorney General  
388 shall act as attorney in the public interest in defending against such an  
389 appeal. The board may petition the superior court for the judicial  
390 district of Hartford to enforce any action taken pursuant to section  
391 19a-17.

392 Sec. 17. Section 20-74 of the general statutes, as amended by section  
393 26 of public act 99-102, is repealed and the following is substituted in  
394 lieu thereof:

395 No provision of this chapter shall confer any authority to practice  
396 medicine or surgery, nor shall this chapter prohibit the incidental care  
397 of the sick by domestic servants or by persons principally employed as  
398 housekeepers or as athletic trainers, nor prohibit any person from the  
399 domestic administration of family remedies or the furnishing of  
400 assistance in the case of emergency. It shall not prohibit persons  
401 registered under the provisions of chapter 372, 373, 375 or 378 from  
402 administering care to patients, nor shall it prohibit the care of the sick  
403 with or without compensation or personal profit in connection with  
404 the practice of the religious tenets of any church by adherents thereof,  
405 provided such persons shall not otherwise engage in the practice of  
406 physical therapy or assist in the practice of physical therapy within the  
407 meaning of this chapter. It shall not prohibit students who are enrolled  
408 in schools or courses of physical therapy or physical therapist assistant  
409 programs approved by the Board of Examiners for Physical Therapists  
410 with the consent of the Commissioner of Public Health from  
411 performing such work as is incidental to their respective courses of  
412 study; nor shall it prohibit any physical therapist from another state  
413 from doing such therapist's work or other physical therapy activities as  
414 is incidental to the person's course of study when taking or giving a  
415 postgraduate course or other courses of study in this state approved by  
416 said board. [It shall not prohibit any person who is a physical therapist

417 assistant from assisting in the practice of physical therapy under the  
418 supervision of a licensed physical therapist provided such assistance is  
419 limited to the treatment of a person by the employment of the effective  
420 properties of physical measures and the use of therapeutic exercises  
421 and rehabilitative procedures, with or without assistive devices, for the  
422 purpose of preventing, correcting or alleviating a physical or mental  
423 disability, and does not include the interpretation of referrals, initial or  
424 discharge evaluation or assessment, or determination or modification  
425 of treatment or discharge plans.] Any physical therapist who is a  
426 graduate from a school approved by [said] the board [of examiners]  
427 with the consent of the Department of Public Health but not licensed in  
428 this state may, with the approval of [said] the department and upon  
429 obtaining a temporary certificate from [said] the department, practice  
430 physical therapy in this state on a temporary basis for a period of six  
431 months, which period may be extended upon request at the discretion  
432 of the department, provided (1) such physical therapist does not claim  
433 to be licensed to practice in this state, and (2) application for licensure  
434 by examination, reciprocity or endorsement is filed with [said] the  
435 department within six months after starting such practice. Persons in  
436 the service of the federal government are excluded from the provisions  
437 of this chapter. [For the purposes of this section, supervision means the  
438 overseeing of or the participation in the work of a physical therapist  
439 assistant by a licensed physical therapist including but not limited to  
440 (1) continuous availability of direct communication between the  
441 physical therapist assistant and a licensed physical therapist; (2)  
442 availability of a licensed physical therapist on a regularly scheduled  
443 basis to (A) review the practice of the physical therapist assistant, and  
444 (B) support the physical therapist assistant in the performance of his  
445 services; and (3) a predetermined plan for emergency situations,  
446 including the designation of an alternate licensed physical therapist in  
447 the absence of the regular licensed physical therapist.]

448       Sec. 18. Sections 19a-16a to 19a-16c, inclusive, of the general statutes  
449 are repealed.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To revise the licensing requirements for athletic trainers and to establish licensing requirements for physical therapist assistants.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*