



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 1051**

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**AN ACT CONCERNING THE PRACTICE OF ATHLETIC TRAINING.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 20-65f of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2011*):

3 As used in this chapter:

4 (1) "Athletic training" means (A) the application or provision, with  
5 the consent and under the direction of a health care provider, of [(A)  
6 principles, methods and procedures of evaluation, prevention,  
7 treatment and rehabilitation of athletic injuries sustained by athletes]  
8 (i) risk management and injury prevention services, (ii) clinical  
9 evaluation and assessment services, (iii) treatment services, and (iv)  
10 rehabilitation and intervention services for emergency, acute and  
11 chronic athletic injuries, (B) the application or provision of (i)  
12 appropriate preventative and supportive devices, temporary splinting,  
13 [and] bracing and casting, (ii) physical modalities of heat, cold, light,  
14 electric stimulation, massage, [water, electric stimulation, sound,]  
15 aquatic therapy, sound, therapeutic exercise, and [exercise equipment,]  
16 (iii) other modalities as prescribed by a health care provider, (C) the  
17 organization and administration of athletic training programs, [and]  
18 (D) education and counseling to athletes, coaches, medical personnel  
19 and [athletic communities] the community in the area of the  
20 prevention and care of athletic injuries, and (E) wellness care services

21 that are developed and applied in the treatment of asymptomatic  
22 clients. [For purposes of this subdivision, "health]

23 (2) "Health care provider" means a person licensed to practice  
24 medicine or surgery under chapter 370, chiropractic under chapter 372,  
25 podiatry under chapter 375 or natureopathy under chapter 373;

26 [(2)] (3) "Athletic injury" means any [injury] clinical condition  
27 sustained [by an athlete as a result of such athlete's participation in  
28 exercises, sports, games or recreation] as a result of an individual's  
29 participation in activities requiring strength, agility, flexibility, range of  
30 motion, speed or stamina, or any comparable [injury] clinical condition  
31 that prevents such [athlete] individual from participating in [any] such  
32 activities, or a clinical condition for which athletic training services are  
33 an appropriate course of treatment as determined by a health care  
34 provider;

35 [(3)] "Athlete" means any person who is a member of any  
36 professional, amateur, school or other sports team, or is a regular  
37 participant in sports or recreational activities, including, but not  
38 limited to, training and practice activities, that require strength, agility,  
39 flexibility, range of motion, speed or stamina. For purposes of this  
40 subdivision, "regular" means not less than three times per week;]

41 (4) "Wellness care" means services related to injury prevention,  
42 conditioning, strength training and fitness;

43 [(4)] "Standing orders" means written protocols, recommendations  
44 and guidelines for treatment and care, furnished and signed by a  
45 health care provider specified under subdivision (1) of this section, to  
46 be followed in the practice of athletic training that may include, but  
47 not be limited to, (A) appropriate treatments for specific athletic  
48 injuries, (B) athletic injuries or other conditions requiring immediate  
49 referral to a licensed health care provider, and (C) appropriate  
50 conditions for the immediate referral to a licensed health care provider  
51 of injured athletes of a specified age or age group;]

52 (5) "With the consent and under the direction of a health care  
53 provider" means the issuance of written standing orders that (A)  
54 provide protocols, recommendations or guidelines for the treatment  
55 and care of individuals participating in professional, amateur or school  
56 sports or recreational activities, (B) are furnished by a health care  
57 provider, and (C) are followed in the practice of athletic training while  
58 under the oversight of a health care provider;

59 (6) "Written standing orders" means written protocols,  
60 recommendations or guidelines for the treatment and care of  
61 individuals that (A) are furnished by a health care provider, (B) are  
62 followed by an athletic trainer while under the oversight of such health  
63 care provider, (C) are periodically reviewed by the health care  
64 provider and the athletic trainer, and (D) may be renewed annually.  
65 Written standing orders include, but are not limited to, appropriate  
66 treatments for (i) specific injuries, (ii) injuries or other medical  
67 conditions requiring immediate referral to a health care provider, (iii)  
68 conditions necessitating the immediate referral to a health care  
69 provider of individuals of a certain specified age or age group, and (iv)  
70 treatment and management of traumatic brain injuries;

71 (7) "Oversight" includes, but is not limited to, (A) continuous  
72 availability of direct communication either in person or by radio,  
73 telephone or other mode of telecommunication between a health care  
74 provider and an athletic trainer, (B) a health care provider's active and  
75 regular review of the athletic trainer's activities to ensure that such  
76 provider's directions are being implemented and to support the  
77 athletic trainer in the performance of his or her services, (C) a health  
78 care provider's personal review of the athletic trainer's services on a  
79 regular basis in order to ensure quality patient care, (D) delineation by  
80 a health care provider of a predetermined plan for emergency  
81 situations, and (E) designation of an alternate health care provider to  
82 provide oversight to the athletic trainer in the place of a supervising  
83 health care provider; and

84 [(5)] (8) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Public Health.

85 Sec. 2. Section 20-65h of the general statutes is repealed and the  
86 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2011*):

87 (a) Each person who practices athletic training [under standing  
88 orders] with the consent and under the direction of a health care  
89 provider shall make a written or oral referral to a [licensed] health care  
90 provider of any [athlete] individual who has an athletic injury whose  
91 symptoms have not improved for a period of four days from the day of  
92 onset, or who has any physical or medical condition that would  
93 constitute a medical contraindication for athletic training or that may  
94 require evaluation or treatment beyond the scope of athletic training.  
95 [The injuries or conditions requiring a referral under this subsection  
96 shall include, but not be limited to, suspected medical emergencies or  
97 illnesses, physical or mental illness and significant tissue or  
98 neurological pathologies.]

99 (b) Each person who practices athletic training, but [not under  
100 standing orders] who does so without the specific consent and  
101 direction of a health care provider, may perform an initial evaluation  
102 and temporary splinting and bracing of any [athlete] individual with  
103 an athletic injury and shall, without delay, make a written or oral  
104 referral of such [athlete] individual to a [licensed] health care provider.  
105 The limitations on the practice of athletic training set forth in this  
106 subsection shall not apply in the case of any [athlete] individual that is  
107 referred to such person by a [licensed] health care provider, provided  
108 such practice shall be limited to the scope of such referral.

109 Sec. 3. Section 20-65i of the general statutes is repealed and the  
110 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2011*):

111 A license to practice athletic training shall not be required of: (1) A  
112 practitioner who is licensed or certified by a state agency and is  
113 performing services within the scope of practice for which such person  
114 is licensed or certified; (2) a student [intern or trainee] pursuing a  
115 course of study in athletic training, provided the activities of such  
116 student [intern or trainee] are performed under the supervision of a

117 person licensed to practice athletic training and the student [intern or  
118 trainee] is given the title of ["athletic trainer intern"] "athletic training  
119 student", or similar [designation] title as designated by the  
120 Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education or its  
121 successor organization; (3) a person employed or volunteering as a  
122 coach of amateur sports who provides first aid for athletic injuries to  
123 athletes being coached by such person; (4) a person who furnishes  
124 assistance in an emergency; or (5) a person who acts as an athletic  
125 trainer in this state for less than thirty days per calendar year and who  
126 is licensed as an athletic trainer by another state or is certified by the  
127 Board of Certification, Inc., or its successor organization.

128 Sec. 4. Section 20-65j of the general statutes is repealed and the  
129 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2011*):

130 (a) Except as provided in [subsections (b) and (c)] subsection (b) of  
131 this section, an applicant for a license to practice athletic training shall  
132 have: (1) A baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited  
133 institution of higher education, or from an institution of higher  
134 learning located outside of the United States that is legally chartered to  
135 grant postsecondary degrees in the country in which such institution is  
136 located; and (2) current certification as an athletic trainer by the Board  
137 of Certification, Inc., or its successor organization.

138 (b) An applicant for licensure to practice athletic training by  
139 endorsement shall present evidence satisfactory to the commissioner  
140 (1) of licensure or certification as an athletic trainer, or as a person  
141 entitled to perform similar services under a different designation, in  
142 another state having requirements for practicing in such capacity that  
143 are substantially similar to or higher than the requirements in force in  
144 this state, and (2) that there is no disciplinary action or unresolved  
145 complaint pending against such applicant.

146 [(c) Prior to April 30, 2007, the commissioner shall grant a license as  
147 an athletic trainer to any applicant who presents evidence satisfactory  
148 to the commissioner of (1) the continuous providing of services as an

149 athletic trainer since October 1, 1979, or (2) certification as an athletic  
150 trainer by the Board of Certification, Inc., or its successor organization.]

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2011</i>	20-65f
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2011</i>	20-65h
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2011</i>	20-65i
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2011</i>	20-65j

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