



Testimony in Support of Raised SB No. 356: An Act Concerning Athletic Trainers

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Senator Gerratana, Representative Ritter, and honorable members of the Public Health Committee. I am writing today to testify in support of SB No. 356) An Act Concerning Athletic Trainers. I am a master's prepared registered nurse at Stamford Health's Orthopedic Service Line who has seen the transformation of healthcare in the past 30 years.

With the changes of healthcare comes a change within the scope of practice with our health care constituents. While ATs have traditionally worked with athletes in the school setting, many have expanded their unique skill set to other practice settings. Expanding their roles to not only include a group of athletes, but also have the opportunity to work with athletes, or a specific patient population that require their services individually.

With the breadth and depth of their knowledge, ATs can play an integral role that includes coordination of care, community outreach, business development and continuing education.

RB356 would update the current Athletic Trainer practice act to reflect current practice, and allow ATs in Connecticut to practice to the full extent of their education and knowledge.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please feel free to contact me with further questions.

Sincerely,

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