



BOARD OF CERTIFICATION
FOR THE ATHLETIC TRAINER

Be Certain.™

March 3, 2016

State of Connecticut
General Assembly
Legislative Office Building
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Legislator,

The Board of Certification, Inc. (BOC) is writing in support of the proposed updates to the athletic training statute in Connecticut (SB 356). The BOC provides a certification program for entry-level Athletic Trainers (ATs); Connecticut accepts the BOC exam for licensure. ATs are healthcare professionals whose services comprise prevention, emergency care, clinical diagnosis, therapeutic intervention and rehabilitation of injuries and medical conditions. Athletic training is recognized by the American Medical Association (AMA) as a healthcare profession.

ATs render service or treatment under the direction of, or in collaboration with, physicians to optimize activity and participation of patients and clients. ATs can be found anywhere there are active people. Traditionally, ATs are thought to work in professional sports, colleges and high schools, but as the profession grows so have the practice settings. Those practice settings include the performing arts, military, industrial (manufacturing settings) or public safety (police and fire fighters) and more.

The current language in the Athletic Trainer practice act limits the ability of Athletic Trainers to practice to the full extent of their education and training. The Institute of Medicine and the Pew Health Commission Taskforce on Healthcare Workforce Regulation recommend that regulators allow professionals to provide services to the full extent of their current education and training in order to meet consumer needs effectively and efficiently. Eliminating the restrictions of the current law will provide more Connecticut consumers' access to these healthcare providers.

It is our hope that you will consider an update to the Connecticut Athletic Trainer practice act.

Sincerely,

Denise Fandel, MBA, CAE
Executive Director

cc: Connecticut Athletic Trainers' Association