



## **Testimony of the Connecticut Athletic Trainers' Association (CATA) on Raised Senate Bill 171: "AAC Doctor of Physical Therapy Designation"**

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Representative Steinberg, Senator Gerratana, Senator Sommers and honorable members of the Public Health Committee, this testimony is on behalf of the Connecticut Athletic Trainers' Association for Raised Senate Bill 171, "AAC Doctor of Physical Therapy Designation," with suggestions for amended language.

CATA believes the designation is justified, however added clarification needs to be submitted clearly defining a physical therapist who uses the title "Dr." is responsible to make sure (verbal and written) that no person believes that they are a physician and/or surgeon. We want to ensure public protection through accurate representation of the designation. In the event that a complaint is received by the Board that a physical therapist is representing themselves as a physician and/or surgeon, the fact the complainant has that belief would indicate that the physical therapist had not met the burden of responsibility.

Also, that a doctor of physical therapy designation shall not imply or would not qualify them as a "health care provider" defined under state statute chapter 370.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony on Raised Senate Bill 171. We will provide the Chairs with more specific recommendations for language, and are happy to contribute to helping to improve and advance the bill.

Attached please find written testimony on behalf of the Connecticut Athletic Trainers' Association regarding Raised Senate Bill 171- AAC Doctor of Physical Therapy Designation

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