

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 272

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAMBURG

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

ATHLETICS/TRAINERS: Provides relative to athletic trainer licensure

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 37:3302(3) and (9) through (13) and 3308.1(A)(12) and to repeal
3 R.S. 37:3302(1), (2), (5), and (8) and 3306.1(A)(2), relative to athletic trainers; to
4 change and repeal certain definitions; to provide for qualifications for an athletic
5 trainer license; to provide grounds for denial, revocation, or suspension of license;
6 and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 37:3302(3) and (9) through (13) and 3308.1(A)(12) are hereby
9 amended and reenacted to read as follows:

10 §3302. Definitions

11 As used in this Chapter, the following terms have the meaning ascribed in
12 this Section:

13 (3) "Athletic trainer" means ~~an individual~~ a person licensed by the board who
14 has met the requirements of this Chapter and necessary credentials from the Board
15 of Certification, Inc. ~~as an athletic trainer with the specific qualifications set forth in~~
16 ~~R.S. 37:3306.1 who, under the general supervision of a physician, carries out the~~
17 ~~practice of prevention, emergency management, and physical rehabilitation of~~
18 ~~athletic injuries and sports-related conditions incurred by athletes. In carrying out~~

1 ~~these functions, the athletic trainer shall use whatever physical modalities are~~
2 ~~prescribed by a team physician or consulting physician, or both.~~

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4 (9) "Emergency management" means the immediate onsite care given to an
5 ~~injured athlete~~ under the general supervision of ~~the team or consulting a~~ physician.
6 ~~To accomplish this care, an athletic trainer may use such methods as accepted first~~
7 ~~aid procedures approved by the American Red Cross, the American Heart~~
8 ~~Association, or protocol previously established by the athletic trainer and the team~~
9 ~~or consulting physicians.~~

10 (10) "General supervision" means the care and service is furnished under a
11 physician's overall direction and control, but the physician's presence shall not be
12 required during the provision of service.

13 (11) "Physical rehabilitation" ~~means the care given to athletes following an~~
14 ~~athletic injury and recovery. These~~ is the practice of athletic training including
15 ~~treatments and rehabilitation programs may consist~~ consisting of preestablished
16 ~~methods of physical modality use and exercise~~ written clinical practice guidelines
17 ~~as prescribed by a team supervising physician, consulting physician, or both.~~
18 ~~Physical rehabilitation also includes working cooperatively with and under the~~
19 ~~general supervision of a physician with respect to the following:~~

- 20 ~~(a) Reconditioning procedures.~~
 - 21 ~~(b) Operation of therapeutic devices and equipment.~~
 - 22 ~~(c) Fitting of braces, guards, and other protective devices.~~
 - 23 ~~(d) Referrals to other physicians, auxiliary health services, and institutions.~~
- 24 ~~Referrals will be made with the agreement of the athlete or, in the case of a minor,~~
25 ~~with the agreement of a parent or guardian except when circumstances require~~
26 ~~emergency transfer and the parent or guardian is unavailable.~~

27 (12) "Physician" means a person licensed to practice medicine by the board
28 ~~in the state who is qualified by training and experience to supervise an athletic~~
29 ~~trainer.~~

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to the licensure of athletic trainers.

Present law defines terms as they relate to an individual who is licensed as an athletic trainer.

Proposed law amends the terms "athletic trainer", "emergency management", "general supervision", "physical rehabilitation", "physician", and "practice of prevention".

Proposed law also repeals the definitions for "athlete", "athletic injury", "board-approved organization", and "educational institution".

Present law outlines the qualifications an individual must have to obtain a license as an athletic trainer.

Proposed law repeals the requirement that an individual have a degree in athletic training from a Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education-accredited program or a comparable degree accepted by the Board of Certification, Inc. and approved by the board.

Present law provides the causes for denial, revocation, or suspension of an athletic trainer's license, specifically, if an athletic trainer pays or gives anything of economic value to another person, firm, or corporation to induce the referral of injured athletes to an athletic trainer.

Proposed law amends this cause to remove the requirement that the referral is of an injured athlete to an athletic trainer.

(Amends R.S. 37:3302(3) and (9) through (13) and 3308.1(A)(12); Repeals R.S. 37:3302(1), (2), (5), and (8) and 3306.1(A)(2))