



SENATE BILL 502

By Haile

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63,
Chapter 24 relative to athletic trainers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-24-101, is amended by deleting the section and substituting:

As used in this chapter:

(1) "Athletic injury" means any injury or condition that limits or prevents a person's participation in exercises, sports, games, or recreation, or other activities requiring physical strength, agility, flexibility, range of motion, speed, or stamina or a condition that prevents the person from participating in such activities;

(2) "Athletic trainer" means a healthcare provider with the qualifications prescribed in this chapter who, upon the advice, consent, and oral or written prescriptions or referrals of a physician licensed under this title, carries out the practice of prevention, recognition, evaluation, management, disposition, treatment, or rehabilitation of athletic injuries, and, in carrying out such functions is authorized to use manual techniques; physical modalities, such as heat, light, sound, cold, electricity, or therapeutic devices; and healthcare procedures related to prevention, recognition, evaluation, management, disposition, rehabilitation, and treatment; athletic trainers shall practice only in areas they are competent, by reason of training or experience that can be substantiated by records or other

evidence deemed acceptable by the board in the exercise of the board's discretion;

(3) "Board" means the board of athletic trainers;

(4) "Board of Certification" or "BOC" means the Board of Certification for the Athletic Trainer, Inc.; and

(5) "Healthcare procedures" means a course of action intended to achieve a result in the delivery of health care, including rectal core thermometer administration, blood glucose monitoring, injection administration, wound closure, dry needling application, and intravenous fluid administration.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-24-103, is amended by deleting the section and substituting:

(a) A person shall not represent themselves or claim to be an athletic trainer or perform any of the activities of an athletic trainer without first obtaining a license under this chapter.

(b) This chapter does not prevent a person from serving as an athletic training student, or a similar position if such service is not primarily for compensation and is carried out under the supervision of a licensed athletic trainer and a physician licensed under chapter 6 or chapter 9 of this title. Such supervision must be provided under the guidelines of the Board of Certification and approved by the board.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-24-104(a)(2), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting:

(2) Satisfactorily completed all of the Board of Certification qualifications and be certified as an athletic trainer in good standing by the BOC and approved by the board.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-24-104(b), is amended by deleting the language:

An out-of-state applicant from a state not having a licensure or certification act will be eligible to take the jurisprudence examination if certified by the NATA Board of Certification, Inc., and approved by the board.

and substituting:

An out-of-state applicant from a state not having a current licensure or certification act or an expired license or certificate in good standing at time of expiration will be eligible to take the jurisprudence examination if certified by the Board of Certification and approved by the board.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-24-105(a)(2), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting:

(2) The applicant is entitled to an athletic trainer's license if the applicant possesses the qualifications enumerated in § 63-24-104; completes and passes the certification requirements and examination of the Board of Certification or its equivalent as determined by the board; completes the jurisprudence examination administered and selected by the board, to its satisfaction; pays the licensure fee as prescribed in § 63-24-106; and has not committed an act that constitutes grounds for denial of a license under § 63-24-107.

SECTION 6. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

Amendment No. 1 to SB0502

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Signature of Sponsor

AMEND Senate Bill No. 502*

House Bill No. 658

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting:

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(2) "Athletic trainer" means a healthcare provider with the qualifications prescribed in this chapter who, upon the advice, consent, and oral or written prescriptions or referrals of a physician licensed under this title, carries out the practice of prevention, recognition, evaluation, management, disposition, treatment, or rehabilitation of athletic injuries, and, in carrying out such functions, is authorized to use physical modalities, such as heat, light, sound, cold, electricity, or mechanical or therapeutic devices, and healthcare procedures related to prevention, recognition, evaluation, management, disposition, rehabilitation, and treatment;

(3) "Board" means the board of athletic trainers;

(4) "Board of certification" or "BOC":

(A) Means the Board of Certification for the Athletic Trainer, Inc.;
and

(B) Includes any predecessor entity of the Board of Certification
for the Athletic Trainer, Inc.; and

(5) "Healthcare procedure":

(A) Means a course of action intended to achieve a result in the
delivery of health care; and

(B) Includes:

(i) Rectal core thermometer administration in an emergent
situation;

(ii) Blood glucose monitoring;

(iii) Wound closure that is limited to the closure of a
superficial laceration using a dermal adhesive pursuant to a
written or oral standing order from a physician;

(iv) Subcutaneous or intramuscular injection
administration that is limited to the following medications, which
may only be obtained, transported, provided, or administered
when providing athletic training services and pursuant to the
approval of and guidelines established by a supervising physician:

(a) Epinephrine 1:1000, in liquid medication form
or in an auto-injector device, for treatment of anaphylaxis;

(b) Naloxone, for treatment of drug overdose;

(c) Glucagon, for treatment of diabetic emergency;

(d) Flu vaccine, for administration to a person nine
(9) years of age or older; and

(e) Lidocaine, one percent (1%) or two percent
(2%), with or without epinephrine; and

(v) Intravenous injection administration when done with proper training and education, which must include a minimum of four (4) continuing education hours or coursework from a degree program showing education and understanding of intravenous administration, that is limited to the following medications, which may only be obtained, transported, provided, or administered when providing athletic training services and pursuant to the approval of and guidelines established by a supervising physician:

(a) For use in a diabetic emergency, dextrose fifty percent (50%) and dextrose twenty-five percent (25%); and

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(B) Completes and passes the certification requirements and examination of the board of certification or its equivalent as determined by the board;

(C) Completes the jurisprudence examination administered and selected by the board, to the board's satisfaction;

(D) Pays the licensure fee as prescribed in § 63-24-106; and

(E) Has not committed an act that constitutes grounds for denial of a license under § 63-24-107.

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 24, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

This chapter does not, and shall not be construed to, authorize an athletic trainer to engage in the practice of medicine, osteopathic medicine, podiatry, chiropractic, physical therapy, or nursing.

SECTION 7. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

Amendment No. 1 to HB0658

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House Bill No. 658

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Amendment No. 3 to HB0658

Hicks T
Signature of Sponsor

AMEND Senate Bill No. 502*

House Bill No. 658

by deleting the effective date section and substituting:

SECTION 7. This act takes effect July 1, 2026, the public welfare requiring it.