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H.B. No. 2495

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the requirements to obtain or renew an athletic trainer license.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Sections 38.158(b) and (e), Education Code, are amended to read as follows:

(b) The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation shall require ~~[approve for]~~ athletic trainers to obtain continuing education ~~[training courses]~~ in the subject matter of concussions ~~[and shall maintain an updated list of individuals and organizations authorized by the board to provide the training].~~

(e) For purposes of Subsection (c):

(1) a coach must take a course described by Subsection (a);

(2) an athletic trainer must take ~~[+]~~
~~[(A) a course described by Subsection (b), or~~
~~[(B)]~~ a course concerning the subject matter of concussions that meets the ~~[has been approved for]~~ continuing education requirements set ~~[credit]~~ by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation under Subsection (b) ~~[appropriate licensing authority for the profession]; and~~

(3) a school nurse or licensed health care professional, other than an athletic trainer, must take:

(A) a course described by Subsection (a) or (b);

1 or

2 (B) a course concerning the subject matter of
3 concussions that has been approved for continuing education credit
4 by the appropriate licensing authority for the profession.

5 SECTION 2. Section 451.101(a-1), Occupations Code, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (a-1) The department shall:

8 (1) ~~[adopt an official seal;~~

9 ~~[(2)]~~ prescribe the application form for a license
10 applicant;

11 (2) ~~[(3)]~~ prescribe a suitable form for a license
12 certificate;

13 (3) ~~[(4)]~~ prepare and conduct an examination for
14 license applicants; and

15 (4) ~~[(5)]~~ maintain a complete record of all licensed
16 athletic trainers~~;~~ and

17 ~~[(6) annually prepare a roster showing the names and
18 addresses of all licensed athletic trainers].~~

19 SECTION 3. Section 451.153, Occupations Code, is amended to
20 read as follows:

21 Sec. 451.153. APPLICANT QUALIFICATIONS. (a) An applicant
22 for an athletic trainer license must:

23 (1) have met the athletic training curriculum
24 requirements of a college or university approved by the commission
25 and give proof of graduation; or

26 (2) hold a degree or certificate in physical therapy
27 and have completed:

1 (A) a basic athletic training course from an
2 accredited college or university; and

3 (B) an apprenticeship described by Subsection
4 (b) [~~or~~

5 [~~(3) have a degree in corrective therapy with at least~~
6 ~~a minor in physical education or health that includes a basic~~
7 ~~athletic training course and meet the apprenticeship requirement or~~
8 ~~any other requirement established by the commission].~~

9 (b) The apprenticeship required to be completed by an
10 applicant consists of 720 hours completed in two years under the
11 direct supervision of a licensed athletic trainer acceptable to the
12 department. [~~Actual working hours include a minimum of 20 hours a~~
13 ~~week during each fall semester.]~~

14 SECTION 4. Section 451.156, Occupations Code, is amended to
15 read as follows:

16 Sec. 451.156. REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSE ISSUANCE. An
17 applicant for an athletic trainer license is entitled to receive
18 the license if the applicant:

19 (1) satisfies the requirements of Section 451.153 [~~or~~
20 ~~451.154~~];

21 (2) passes the examination required by the department;
22 and

23 (3) pays the required license fee.

24 SECTION 5. Section 451.157(a), Occupations Code, is amended
25 to read as follows:

26 (a) The department may issue a temporary license to an
27 applicant if the applicant satisfies:

1 (1) the requirements of Section 451.153 [~~or 451.154~~];

2 and

3 (2) any other requirement established by the
4 commission.

5 SECTION 6. Section 451.154, Occupations Code, is repealed.

6 SECTION 7. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
7 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
8 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
9 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
10 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.