

AN ACT

relating to the regulation of athletic trainers.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 451.001(1) and (3), Occupations Code, are amended to read as follows:

(1) "Athletic injury" means an injury sustained by a person as a result of physical activity or exercise or the person's participation in an organized sport or sport-related exercise or activity, including interscholastic, intercollegiate, intramural, recreational, semiprofessional, and professional sports activities.

(3) "Athletic training" means the form of health care that includes principles and methods for managing and treating athletic injuries for athletic individuals in good general health [~~the practice of preventing, recognizing, assessing, managing, treating, disposing of, and reconditioning athletic injuries~~] under the direction of a physician licensed in this state or another qualified, licensed health professional who is authorized to refer for health care services within the scope of the person's license, and consists of:

(A) managing the risk of an athletic injury or illness;

(B) preventing an athletic injury or illness;

(C) assessing an athletic injury or illness;

- 1 (D) providing immediate emergency care;
- 2 (E) providing therapeutic intervention for an
- 3 athletic injury; and
- 4 (F) reconditioning an athletic injury or
- 5 illness.

6 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2512 was passed by the House on May 6, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 124, Nays 10, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2512 was passed by the Senate on May 24, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 2.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor