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P.L. 2025, CHAPTER 151, *approved October 20, 2025*
Senate, No. 317 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning athletic training¹ **],** revising various parts of the
2 statutory law¹ and ¹**[repealing section 7 of]** amending¹
3 P.L.1984, c.203.
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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:
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8 1. Section 2 of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.36) is amended to
9 read as follows:

10 2. As used in this act:

11 ¹**[a.]** “Advisory committee” means the Athletic Training
12 Advisory Committee established in section 5 of P.L.1984, c.203
13 (C.45:9-37.39);

14 ¹**[b.]** **["Athlete"** means an individual who participates in
15 strenuous physical exercise, physical conditioning, or a sport;**]**
16 (Deleted by amendment, P.L. , c.) (pending before the
17 Legislature as this bill)

18 ¹**[c.]** “Athletic trainer” means a person who practices athletic
19 training;

20 ¹**[d.]** “Athletic training” means and includes **[the practice of**
21 physical conditioning and reconditioning of athletes and the
22 prevention of injuries incurred by athletes**]** but is not limited to: the
23 treatment of ¹**[an individual]** a physically active person¹ for injury
24 prevention and health management; the ¹**[clinical]** athletic training¹
25 evaluation and assessment of ¹**[an individual]** a physically active
26 person¹ for an injury or illness, or both; and the rehabilitation and
27 reconditioning of ¹**[an individual's]** a physically active person's¹
28 injury or illness, or both, as recommended by the advisory
29 committee and defined in regulations by the board. Athletic
30 training shall also include the application of physical treatment
31 modalities to ¹**[athletes]** physically active persons¹ under a plan of
32 care designed and overseen by a physician licensed in this State, as
33 recommended by the advisory committee and defined in regulations
34 by the board¹. “Athletic training” shall not include the prescription
35 of controlled dangerous substances¹;

36 ¹**[e.]** “Board” means the State Board of Medical Examiners;

37 ¹**[f.]** “Illness” means any disease, disorder, sickness, or
38 affliction that arises from or is a manifestation of a physically active

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Senate SCM committee amendments adopted March 24, 2025.

1 person's participation in an individual or team sport, athletic
2 competition, performing art, recreational activity, employment
3 activity, military exercise, or any other condition that may require
4 immediate intervention by an athletic trainer, acting with the
5 consent and under the supervision of a physician licensed in this
6 State during, prior to, or following the physically active person's
7 participation in the individual or team sport, athletic competition,
8 performing art, recreational activity, employment activity, or
9 military exercise. "Illness" shall include, but be not limited to, the
10 emergent and acute manifestations of exertion related illness,
11 including an affliction of the physically active person's
12 cardiorespiratory, thermoregulation, musculoskeletal,
13 neurovascular, or endocrine system. "Illness" shall not include any
14 disease, disorder, sickness, or affliction of a physically active
15 person in which the treatment is beyond the scope of practice,
16 education, or training of an athletic trainer. Intervention by an
17 athletic trainer due to a physically active person's participation in
18 an employment activity shall be limited to rendering advice and
19 consultation on matters of plant health and the provision of first aid
20 services pursuant to federal Occupational Safety and Health
21 Administration standards established for medical and first aid
22 services at 29 C.F.R. s.1910.151.

23 "Physically active person" means an individual who participates
24 in any of the following: (1) an individual or team sport; (2) an
25 athletic competition; (3) a performing art; (4) a recreational activity;
26 (5) an employment activity; or (6) a military exercise.¹

27 "Supervision" means that a physician licensed in this State is
28 accessible to an athletic trainer, either on-site **【or through】**, by
29 voice, or electronic communication, during athletic training.

30 (cf: P.L.2007, c.323, s.1)

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32 2. Section 3 of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.37) is amended to
33 read as follows:

34 3. a. No person shall practice or ¹**【hold himself out】** offer
35 services¹ as being able to practice athletic training in this State
36 unless licensed in accordance with the provisions of P.L.1984,
37 c.203 (C.45:9-37.35 et seq.).

38 b. **【A licensed athletic trainer may provide athletic training**
39 **only:**

40 (1) (a) to athletes engaged in interscholastic, intercollegiate, or
41 intramural athletic activities which are being conducted by an
42 educational institution licensed in this State; or (b) to professional
43 athletes; or

44 (2) to athletes in any setting when the athletic trainer is under
45 the supervision of a physician licensed in this State **【** Nothing in
46 P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.35 et seq.) shall be construed to
47 authorize the interpretation of data for the purpose of diagnosing

1 disease, organic condition or the practice of medicine and surgery,
2 chiropractic, podiatry, occupational therapy, physical therapy, or
3 prosthetics by a person who is not licensed to practice as such
4 pursuant to Title 45 of the Revised Statutes.

5 c. An athletic trainer shall immediately refer ¹~~["an"]~~ ¹~~a~~ ¹~~["athlete"]~~
6 ¹~~["individual"]~~ physically active person¹ to an appropriate health
7 care professional licensed in this State if the athletic trainer has
8 reasonable cause to believe that athletic training is contraindicated
9 or symptoms or conditions are present that require services outside
10 the scope of an athletic trainer's practice.

11 (cf: P.L.2007, c.323, s.2)

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13 3. Section 6 of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.40) is amended to
14 read as follows:

15 6. a. Beginning on the effective date of P.L.2001, c.156, it
16 shall be unlawful for any person, other than an athletic trainer
17 licensed pursuant to P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.35 et seq.) to
18 practice athletic training in this State unless licensed in accordance
19 with the provisions of ¹~~["this act"]~~ P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.35 et
20 seq.)¹. Nothing in ¹~~["this act"]~~ P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.35 et
21 seq.)¹, however, shall prohibit any person licensed to practice in
22 this State under any other law from engaging in the practice for
23 which ¹~~["he"]~~ the person¹ is licensed.

24 b. ¹~~["This act"]~~ P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.35 et seq.)¹ shall not
25 prohibit: a candidate for licensure as an athletic trainer from
26 accumulating the mandated number of hours of supervised clinical
27 experience under the direction of a licensed athletic trainer; a
28 student enrolled in a school or educational program of athletic
29 training approved by the board from performing acts of athletic
30 training incidental to the course of study, if the performance is
31 under the direction of a licensed athletic trainer; a student in any
32 educational program in the healing arts approved or accredited
33 under the laws of this State from carrying out prescribed courses of
34 study; a person employed by any agency, bureau or division of the
35 federal government from discharging ¹~~["his"]~~ the person's¹ official
36 duties; or a person in connection with employment as an athletic
37 trainer by a nonresident ~~["athlete"]~~ ¹~~["individual"]~~ physically active
38 person¹, educational institution or recognized athletic organization
39 temporarily visiting in this State, from practicing athletic training
40 for a period not to exceed 90 days in one calendar year provided
41 ¹~~["he"]~~ the person¹ is lawfully permitted to work as an athletic
42 trainer in the state of residence of ¹~~["his"]~~ the person's¹ employer.

43 c. The provisions of ¹~~["this act"]~~ P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.35
44 et seq.)¹ are not intended to limit the activities of persons
45 legitimately engaged in the administration of nontherapeutic baths,
46 massage and normal exercise.

47 (cf: P.L.2007, c.323, s.4)

1 ¹⁴. Section 7 of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.41) is amended to
2 read as follows:

3 7. **【An】** Except for athletic training services, procedures, and
4 modalities set forth in P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
5 Legislature as this bill), an athletic trainer may not practice or be
6 employed by any individual or entity in order to do physical therapy
7 **【procedures】** for reimbursement unless licensed in accordance with
8 the "Physical Therapist Licensing Act of 1983," P.L.1983, c.296
9 (C.45:9-37.11 et seq.).¹
10 (cf: P.L.1989, c.169, s.2)

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12 ¹⁵. Section 8 of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.42) is amended to
13 read as follows:

14 8. An applicant for licensure as an athletic trainer shall submit
15 evidence to the board, in the form the board may prescribe, that the
16 applicant:

- 17 a. Is 18 years of age or older;
- 18 b. Is of good moral character and does not engage in the
19 habitual use of alcohol, narcotics or other habit forming drugs;
- 20 c. **【Is a graduate of a high school approved by the Department**
21 **of Education or has obtained equivalent education acceptable to the**
22 **board; and】** (Deleted by amendment, P.L. , c.) (pending before the
23 Legislature as this bill);
- 24 d. Has met the athletic training curriculum requirements of a
25 college or university approved by the board and provides proof of
26 graduation or has successfully completed a program **【of**
27 **baccalaureate education and】** that led to a degree in professional
28 athletic training 【and experience approved by the board】 from a
29 postsecondary educational institution that meets the academic
30 standards for athletic trainers established by the Commission on
31 Accreditation of Athletic Training Education or its successor
32 organization and provides proof of its completion. The board, in
33 establishing, altering or amending the standards for approving
34 curricula and courses of study in institutions which **【grant**
35 **baccalaureate degrees】** offer degrees in professional athletic
36 training and which are accredited by **【a regional accreditation**
37 **agency recognized by the Council on Postsecondary Accreditation**
38 **or the United States Department of Education】** the Commission on
39 Accreditation of Athletic Training Education or its successor
40 organization shall consult with the Department of Education and
41 the advisory committee. The board, in establishing, altering, or
42 amending the standards for approving programs **【of baccalaureate**
43 **education and】** in professional athletic training and experience shall
44 consult with the advisory committee. Both the curriculum and the
45 program shall include courses of study in the biophysical sciences

1 for the use of physical agents and medical-surgical techniques [as
2 related to athletics].¹

3 (cf: P.L.2001, c.156, s.5)

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5 ¹6. Section 9 of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.43) is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 9. An applicant who complies with the qualifications for
8 licensure shall successfully complete the examination administered
9 by the [National Athletic Trainers' Association Board of
10 Certification, Inc.,] Board of Certification for the Athletic Trainer
11 or its successor organization, or a substantially equivalent
12 examination approved by the board. The examination shall test the
13 applicant's knowledge of the basic and clinical sciences that are
14 pertinent to athletic training, emergency care of the injured
15 [individual] physically active person and principles of injury or
16 illness evaluation and conditioning, including the use of various
17 physical modalities and exercise techniques. The examination shall
18 be administered within the State no less than once each year at a
19 time and place the board shall designate.¹

20 (cf: P.L.2007, c.323, s.5)

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22 ¹[4.] 7.¹ Section 10 of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.44) is
23 amended to read as follows:

24 10. a. On payment to the board of the application fee as
25 provided in section 14 of [this act] P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.48),
26 and upon approval of the application, the board shall issue a license
27 to any person who successfully passes the examination provided in
28 section 9 of [this act] P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.43).

29 b. The licensee shall display, or carry on the licensee's person
30 if displaying is not possible, a practicing license at any place the
31 licensee renders services.

32 c. Any license displayed pursuant to subsection b. of this
33 section may be displayed in a manner which prevents the public
34 display of the licensee's home address, provided that the license is
35 not permanently defaced or altered, and the license and all the
36 information contained thereon, including the address of record, can
37 be presented upon the request of a person conducting an
38 investigation.

39 (cf: P.L.2001, c.156, s.7)

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41 ¹8. Section 11 of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.45) is amended to
42 read as follows:

43 11. On payment to the board of the application fee as provided
44 in section 14 of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.48), and upon approval
45 of a written application or application for renewal, as the case may
46 be, on forms provided by the board, the board shall issue, without
47 examination, a license to any person who:

- 1 a. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.2001, c.156).
- 2 b. Is licensed, certified or registered as an athletic trainer in
3 any other state or territory of the United States or the District of
4 Columbia, if the requirements for licensure, certification or
5 registration were at the time of the applicant's licensure,
6 certification or registration equivalent to or in excess of the
7 requirements of **【this act】** P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.35 et seq.) at
8 the date of application for the license as shall be determined by the
9 board in consultation with the committee; or
- 10 c. Is employed in or is a resident of this State and presents
11 evidence of being certified by the **【National Athletic Trainers'**
12 **Association Board of Certification, Inc.,】** Board of Certification for
13 the Athletic Trainer or its successor organization, as an athletic
14 trainer; or
- 15 d. Is licensed as an athletic trainer pursuant to the provisions of
16 P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.35 et seq.) and makes a timely
17 application for renewal, as determined by the board, prior to the
18 expiration of **【his】** the biennial license.¹
19 (cf: P.L.2007, c.323, s.6)

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21 ¹9. Section 14 of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.48) is amended to
22 read as follows:

23 14. Each initial application under P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.35
24 et seq.) shall be accompanied by a fee as prescribed by the board.
25 Licensure shall expire biennially on January 31 and shall be
26 renewed upon application and payment of a fee as prescribed by the
27 board. If the fee is not paid by that date the license shall
28 automatically expire. A license which has expired may, within
29 three years of its expiration date, be renewed on payment to the
30 board of the prescribed reinstatement fee for each year or part
31 thereof during which the license was ineffective and a restoration
32 fee as prescribed by the board. After the three-year period, the
33 license may be renewed only by complying with the provisions of
34 **【this act】** P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.35 et seq.) regarding initial
35 licensure and presenting proof of current certification by the
36 **【National Athletic Trainers Association Board of Certification】**
37 Board of Certification for the Athletic Trainer or its successor
38 organization.¹
39 (cf: P.L.2007, c.323, s.8)

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41 ¹10. Section 6 of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.48a) is amended to
42 read as follows:

43 6. a. The State Board of Medical Examiners shall require each
44 person licensed as an athletic trainer, as a condition for biennial
45 license renewal pursuant to section 14 of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-
46 37.48), to complete 24 credits of continuing athletic trainer
47 education, which shall include a specific number of credits of

1 instruction on topics related to concussions and head injuries, as
2 determined by the State Board of Medical Examiners.

3 b. The board shall, in conformance with the standards of the
4 Board of Certification for the Athletic Trainer or its successor
5 organization:

6 (1) establish standards for continuing athletic trainer education,
7 including the subject matter and content of courses of study; and

8 (2) accredit education programs offering credit toward
9 continuing athletic trainer education requirements or recognize
10 national or State organizations that may accredit education
11 programs.

12 c. Each hour of an educational course or program shall be
13 equivalent to one credit of continuing athletic trainer education.

14 d. The board may, in its discretion, waive requirements for
15 continuing athletic trainer education on an individual basis for
16 reasons of hardship such as illness or disability, retirement of
17 license, or other good cause. A waiver shall apply only to the
18 current biennial renewal period at the time of board issuance.

19 e. The board shall not require completion of continuing athletic
20 trainer education credits for any licensure period commencing
21 within 12 months of the effective date of this section.

22 f. The board shall require completion of athletic trainer
23 education credits on a pro-rated basis for any registration period
24 commencing more than 12 months but less than 24 months from the
25 effective date of this section.

26 g. Prior to license renewal, each licensee shall submit to the
27 board proof of completion of the required number of hours of
28 continuing athletic trainer education.¹

29 (cf: P.L.2010, c.94, s.6)

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31 ¹**【5. Section 7 of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.41) is repealed.】¹**

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33 ¹**【6.】** 11.¹ This act shall take effect immediately.

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38 Revises “Athletic Training Licensure Act.”

CHAPTER 151

AN ACT concerning athletic training and amending P.L.1984, c.203.

BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

1. Section 2 of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.36) is amended to read as follows:

C.45:9-37.36 Definitions.

2. As used in this act:

“Advisory committee” means the Athletic Training Advisory Committee established in section 5 of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.39);

(Deleted by amendment, P.L.2025, c.151)

“Athletic trainer” means a person who practices athletic training;

“Athletic training” means and includes, but is not limited to: the treatment of a physically active person for injury prevention and health management; the athletic training evaluation and assessment of a physically active person for an injury or illness, or both; and the rehabilitation and reconditioning of a physically active person’s injury or illness, or both, as recommended by the advisory committee and defined in regulations by the board. Athletic training shall also include the application of physical treatment modalities to physically active persons under a plan of care designed and overseen by a physician licensed in this State, as recommended by the advisory committee and defined in regulations by the board. “Athletic training” shall not include the prescription of controlled dangerous substances;

“Board” means the State Board of Medical Examiners;

“Illness” means any disease, disorder, sickness, or affliction that arises from or is a manifestation of a physically active person's participation in an individual or team sport, athletic competition, performing art, recreational activity, employment activity, military exercise, or any other condition that may require immediate intervention by an athletic trainer, acting with the consent and under the supervision of a physician licensed in this State during, prior to, or following the physically active person's participation in the individual or team sport, athletic competition, performing art, recreational activity, employment activity, or military exercise. “Illness” shall include, but be not limited to, the emergent and acute manifestations of exertion related illness, including an affliction of the physically active person’s cardiorespiratory, thermoregulation, musculoskeletal, neurovascular, or endocrine system. “Illness” shall not include any disease, disorder, sickness, or affliction of a physically active person in which the treatment is beyond the scope of practice, education, or training of an athletic trainer. Intervention by an athletic trainer due to a physically active person’s participation in an employment activity shall be limited to rendering advice and consultation on matters of plant health and the provision of first aid services pursuant to federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration standards established for medical and first aid services at 29 C.F.R. s.1910.151.

“Physically active person” means an individual who participates in any of the following: (1) an individual or team sport; (2) an athletic competition; (3) a performing art; (4) a recreational activity; (5) an employment activity; or (6) a military exercise.

“Supervision” means that a physician licensed in this State is accessible to an athletic trainer, either on-site, by voice, or electronic communication, during athletic training.

2. Section 3 of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.37) is amended to read as follows:

C.45:9-37.37 Practice of athletic training, licensure.

3. a. No person shall practice or offer services as being able to practice athletic training in this State unless licensed in accordance with the provisions of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.35 et seq.).

b. Nothing in P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.35 et seq.) shall be construed to authorize the interpretation of data for the purpose of diagnosing disease, organic condition or the practice of medicine and surgery, chiropractic, podiatry, occupational therapy, physical therapy, or prosthetics by a person who is not licensed to practice as such pursuant to Title 45 of the Revised Statutes.

c. An athletic trainer shall immediately refer a physically active person to an appropriate health care professional licensed in this State if the athletic trainer has reasonable cause to believe that athletic training is contraindicated or symptoms or conditions are present that require services outside the scope of an athletic trainer's practice.

3. Section 6 of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.40) is amended to read as follows:

C.45:9-37.40 Licensure required for practice of athletic training.

6. a. Beginning on the effective date of P.L.2001, c.156, it shall be unlawful for any person, other than an athletic trainer licensed pursuant to P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.35 et seq.) to practice athletic training in this State unless licensed in accordance with the provisions of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.35 et seq.). Nothing in P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.35 et seq.), however, shall prohibit any person licensed to practice in this State under any other law from engaging in the practice for which the person is licensed.

b. P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.35 et seq.) shall not prohibit: a candidate for licensure as an athletic trainer from accumulating the mandated number of hours of supervised clinical experience under the direction of a licensed athletic trainer; a student enrolled in a school or educational program of athletic training approved by the board from performing acts of athletic training incidental to the course of study, if the performance is under the direction of a licensed athletic trainer; a student in any educational program in the healing arts approved or accredited under the laws of this State from carrying out prescribed courses of study; a person employed by any agency, bureau or division of the federal government from discharging the person's official duties; or a person in connection with employment as an athletic trainer by a nonresident physically active person, educational institution or recognized athletic organization temporarily visiting in this State, from practicing athletic training for a period not to exceed 90 days in one calendar year provided the person is lawfully permitted to work as an athletic trainer in the state of residence of the person's employer.

c. The provisions of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.35 et seq.) are not intended to limit the activities of persons legitimately engaged in the administration of nontherapeutic baths, massage and normal exercise.

4. Section 7 of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.41) is amended to read as follows:

C.45:9-37.41 Physical therapy for reimbursement, licensing required.

7. Except for athletic training services, procedures, and modalities set forth in P.L.2025, c.151 (C.45:9-37.36 et al.), an athletic trainer may not practice or be employed by any individual or entity in order to do physical therapy for reimbursement unless licensed in

accordance with the "Physical Therapist Licensing Act of 1983," P.L.1983, c.296 (C.45:9-37.11 et seq.).

5. Section 8 of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.42) is amended to read as follows:

C.45:9-37.42 Qualifications for licensure as athletic trainer.

8. An applicant for licensure as an athletic trainer shall submit evidence to the board, in the form the board may prescribe, that the applicant:

- a. Is 18 years of age or older;
- b. Is of good moral character and does not engage in the habitual use of alcohol, narcotics or other habit-forming drugs; and
- c. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.2025, c.151)
- d. Has met the athletic training curriculum requirements of a college or university approved by the board and provides proof of graduation or has successfully completed a program that led to a degree in professional athletic training from a postsecondary educational institution that meets the academic standards for athletic trainers established by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education or its successor organization and provides proof of its completion. The board, in establishing, altering or amending the standards for approving curricula and courses of study in institutions which offer degrees in professional athletic training and which are accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education or its successor organization shall consult with the Department of Education and the advisory committee. The board, in establishing, altering, or amending the standards for approving programs in professional athletic training and experience shall consult with the advisory committee. Both the curriculum and the program shall include courses of study in the biophysical sciences for the use of physical agents and medical-surgical techniques.

6. Section 9 of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.43) is amended to read as follows:

C.45:9-37.43 Examination for licensing as athletic trainer.

9. An applicant who complies with the qualifications for licensure shall successfully complete the examination administered by the Board of Certification for the Athletic Trainer or its successor organization, or a substantially equivalent examination approved by the board. The examination shall test the applicant's knowledge of the basic and clinical sciences that are pertinent to athletic training, emergency care of the injured physically active person and principles of injury or illness evaluation and conditioning, including the use of various physical modalities and exercise techniques. The examination shall be administered within the State no less than once each year at a time and place the board shall designate.

7. Section 10 of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.44) is amended to read as follows:

C.45:9-37.44 Issuance of license.

10. a. On payment to the board of the application fee as provided in section 14 of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.48), and upon approval of the application, the board shall issue a license to any person who successfully passes the examination provided in section 9 of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.43).

b. The licensee shall display, or carry on the licensee's person if displaying is not possible, a practicing license at any place the licensee renders services.

c. Any license displayed pursuant to subsection b. of this section may be displayed in a manner which prevents the public display of the licensee's home address, provided that the license is not permanently defaced or altered, and the license and all the information contained thereon, including the address of record, can be presented upon the request of a person conducting an investigation.

8. Section 11 of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.45) is amended to read as follows:

C.45:9-37.45 Licensure without examination, conditions.

11. On payment to the board of the application fee as provided in section 14 of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.48), and upon approval of a written application or application for renewal, as the case may be, on forms provided by the board, the board shall issue, without examination, a license to any person who:

- a. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.2001, c.156)
- b. Is licensed, certified, or registered as an athletic trainer in any other state or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia, if the requirements for licensure, certification, or registration were at the time of the applicant's licensure, certification, or registration equivalent to or in excess of the requirements of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.35 et seq.) at the date of application for the license as shall be determined by the board in consultation with the committee; or
- c. Is employed in or is a resident of this State and presents evidence of being certified by the Board of Certification for the Athletic Trainer, or its successor organization, as an athletic trainer; or
- d. Is licensed as an athletic trainer pursuant to the provisions of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.35 et seq.) and makes a timely application for renewal, as determined by the board, prior to the expiration of the biennial license.

9. Section 14 of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.48) is amended to read as follows:

C.45:9-37.48 Application fee, expiration, renewal of license.

14. Each initial application under P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.35 et seq.) shall be accompanied by a fee as prescribed by the board. Licensure shall expire biennially on January 31 and shall be renewed upon application and payment of a fee as prescribed by the board. If the fee is not paid by that date the license shall automatically expire. A license which has expired may, within three years of its expiration date, be renewed on payment to the board of the prescribed reinstatement fee for each year or part thereof during which the license was ineffective and a restoration fee as prescribed by the board. After the three-year period, the license may be renewed only by complying with the provisions of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.35 et seq.) regarding initial licensure and presenting proof of current certification by the Board of Certification for the Athletic Trainer or its successor organization.

10. Section 6 of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.48a) is amended to read as follows:

C.45:9-37.48a Continuing education requirement for athletic trainer.

6. a. The State Board of Medical Examiners shall require each person licensed as an athletic trainer, as a condition for biennial license renewal pursuant to section 14 of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.48), to complete 24 credits of continuing athletic trainer education, which shall

include a specific number of credits of instruction on topics related to concussions and head injuries, as determined by the State Board of Medical Examiners.

b. The board shall, in conformance with the standards of the Board of Certification for the Athletic Trainer or its successor organization:

(1) establish standards for continuing athletic trainer education, including the subject matter and content of courses of study; and

(2) accredit education programs offering credit toward continuing athletic trainer education requirements or recognize national or State organizations that may accredit education programs.

c. Each hour of an educational course or program shall be equivalent to one credit of continuing athletic trainer education.

d. The board may, in its discretion, waive requirements for continuing athletic trainer education on an individual basis for reasons of hardship such as illness or disability, retirement of license, or other good cause. A waiver shall apply only to the current biennial renewal period at the time of board issuance.

e. The board shall not require completion of continuing athletic trainer education credits for any licensure period commencing within 12 months of the effective date of this section.

f. The board shall require completion of athletic trainer education credits on a pro-rated basis for any registration period commencing more than 12 months but less than 24 months from the effective date of this section.

g. Prior to license renewal, each licensee shall submit to the board proof of completion of the required number of hours of continuing athletic trainer education.

11. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved October 20, 2025.

SENATE, No. 317

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
221st LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2024 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Senator PATRICK J. DIEGNAN, JR.

District 18 (Middlesex)

Co-Sponsored by:

Senator Johnson

SYNOPSIS

Revises “Athletic Training Licensure Act.”

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 **AN ACT** concerning athletic training, revising various parts of the
2 statutory law and repealing section 7 of P.L.1984, c.203.

3

4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

6

7 1. Section 2 of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.36) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 2. As used in this act:

10 a. "Advisory committee" means the Athletic Training Advisory
11 Committee established in section 5 of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-
12 37.39);

13 b. **["Athlete"** means an individual who participates in
14 strenuous physical exercise, physical conditioning, or a sport;**]**
15 ~~(Deleted by amendment, P.L. _____, c. _____) (pending before the~~
16 ~~Legislature as this bill)~~

17 c. "Athletic trainer" means a person who practices athletic
18 training;

19 d. "Athletic training" means and includes **["the practice of**
20 physical conditioning and reconditioning of athletes and the
21 prevention of injuries incurred by athletes**]** but is not limited to: the
22 treatment of an individual for injury prevention and health
23 management; the clinical evaluation and assessment of an
24 individual for an injury or illness, or both; and the rehabilitation and
25 reconditioning of an individual's injury or illness, or both, as
26 recommended by the advisory committee and defined in regulations
27 by the board. Athletic training shall also include the application of
28 physical treatment modalities to athletes under a plan of care
29 designed and overseen by a physician licensed in this State, as
30 recommended by the advisory committee and defined in regulations
31 by the board;

32 e. "Board" means the State Board of Medical Examiners;

33 f. "Supervision" means that a physician licensed in this State is
34 accessible to an athletic trainer, either on-site **["or through"]** , by
35 voice, or electronic communication, during athletic training.
36 (cf: P.L.2007, c.323, s.1)

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38 2. Section 3 of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.37) is amended to
39 read as follows:

40 3. a. No person shall practice or hold himself out as being able
41 to practice athletic training in this State unless licensed in
42 accordance with the provisions of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-
43 37.35 et seq.).

44 b. **["A** licensed athletic trainer may provide athletic training
45 only:

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is
 not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 (1) (a) to athletes engaged in interscholastic, intercollegiate, or
2 intramural athletic activities which are being conducted by an
3 educational institution licensed in this State; or (b) to professional
4 athletes; or

5 (2) to athletes in any setting when the athletic trainer is under
6 the supervision of a physician licensed in this State】 Nothing in
7 P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.35 et seq.) shall be construed to
8 authorize the interpretation of data for the purpose of diagnosing
9 disease, organic condition or the practice of medicine and surgery,
10 chiropractic, podiatry, occupational therapy, physical therapy, or
11 prosthetics by a person who is not licensed to practice as such
12 pursuant to Title 45 of the Revised Statutes.

13 c. An athletic trainer shall immediately refer an 【athlete】
14 individual to an appropriate health care professional licensed in this
15 State if the athletic trainer has reasonable cause to believe that
16 athletic training is contraindicated or symptoms or conditions are
17 present that require services outside the scope of an athletic trainer's
18 practice.

19 (cf: P.L.2007, c.323, s.2)

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21 3. Section 6 of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.40) is amended to
22 read as follows:

23 6. a. Beginning on the effective date of P.L.2001, c.156, it
24 shall be unlawful for any person, other than an athletic trainer
25 licensed pursuant to P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.35 et seq.) to
26 practice athletic training in this State unless licensed in accordance
27 with the provisions of this act. Nothing in this act, however, shall
28 prohibit any person licensed to practice in this State under any other
29 law from engaging in the practice for which he is licensed.

30 b. This act shall not prohibit: a candidate for licensure as an
31 athletic trainer from accumulating the mandated number of hours of
32 supervised clinical experience under the direction of a licensed
33 athletic trainer; a student enrolled in a school or educational
34 program of athletic training approved by the board from performing
35 acts of athletic training incidental to the course of study, if the
36 performance is under the direction of a licensed athletic trainer; a
37 student in any educational program in the healing arts approved or
38 accredited under the laws of this State from carrying out prescribed
39 courses of study; a person employed by any agency, bureau or
40 division of the federal government from discharging his official
41 duties; or a person in connection with employment as an athletic
42 trainer by a nonresident 【athlete】 individual, educational institution
43 or recognized athletic organization temporarily visiting in this State,
44 from practicing athletic training for a period not to exceed 90 days
45 in one calendar year provided he is lawfully permitted to work as an
46 athletic trainer in the state of residence of his employer.

1 c. The provisions of this act are not intended to limit the
2 activities of persons legitimately engaged in the administration of
3 nontherapeutic baths, massage and normal exercise.

4 (cf: P.L.2007, c.323, s.4)

5
6 4. Section 10 of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.44) is amended to
7 read as follows:

8 10. a. On payment to the board of the application fee as
9 provided in section 14 of [this act] P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.48),
10 and upon approval of the application, the board shall issue a license
11 to any person who successfully passes the examination provided in
12 section 9 of [this act] P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.43).

13 b. The licensee shall display, or carry on the licensee's person
14 if displaying is not possible, a practicing license at any place the
15 licensee renders services.

16 c. Any license displayed pursuant to subsection b. of this
17 section may be displayed in a manner which prevents the public
18 display of the licensee's home address, provided that the license is
19 not permanently defaced or altered, and the license and all the
20 information contained thereon, including the address of record, can
21 be presented upon the request of a person conducting an
22 investigation.

23 (cf: P.L.2001, c.156, s.7)

24
25 5. Section 7 of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.41) is repealed.

26
27 6. This act shall take effect immediately.

30 STATEMENT

31
32 This bill revises the "Athletic Training Licensure Act,"
33 P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.35 et seq.).

34 The bill amends the definition of "athletic training" in the act to
35 include the treatment of an individual for injury prevention and
36 health management; the clinical evaluation and assessment of an
37 individual for an injury or illness, or both; and the rehabilitation and
38 reconditioning of an individual's injury or illness, or both.

39 The bill also clarifies that nothing in the act is to be construed as
40 authorizing the interpretation of data for the purpose of diagnosing
41 disease, organic condition or the practice of various licensed health
42 care professions, including the practice of medicine and surgery,
43 chiropractic, podiatry, occupational therapy, physical therapy, or
44 prosthetics, by a person who is not licensed to practice such
45 profession. The bill's revisions to the act include various
46 amendments to delete references to "athlete," thereby
47 acknowledging the fact that athletic trainers provide services to
48 persons generally, rather than athletes specifically.

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1 The bill requires athletic trainers to display, or carry on the
2 athletic trainer's person if displaying is not possible, a practicing
3 license at any place the athletic trainer renders services.

4 The bill also repeals a section of the act that prohibits an athletic
5 trainer from practicing, or from being employed by any individual
6 or entity to do, physical therapy procedures for reimbursement
7 unless the athletic trainer is licensed pursuant to the "Physical
8 Therapist Licensing Act of 1983."

[First Reprint]
SENATE, No. 317

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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Senators Johnson, Turner, Assemblywoman Katz, Assemblyman Abdelaziz, Assemblywomen Murphy and Morales

SYNOPSIS

Revises “Athletic Training Licensure Act.”

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Senate Commerce Committee on March 24, 2025, with amendments.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/30/2025)

1 AN ACT concerning athletic training¹, revising various parts of the
 2 statutory law¹ and ¹[repealing section 7 of] amending¹
 3 P.L.1984, c.203.

4
 5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
 6 of New Jersey:

7
 8 1. Section 2 of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.36) is amended to
 9 read as follows:

10 2. As used in this act:

11 ¹[a.]¹ “Advisory committee” means the Athletic Training
 12 Advisory Committee established in section 5 of P.L.1984, c.203
 13 (C.45:9-37.39);

14 ¹[b.]¹ **["Athlete"** means an individual who participates in
 15 strenuous physical exercise, physical conditioning, or a sport;**]**
 16 (Deleted by amendment, P.L. , c.) (pending before the
 17 Legislature as this bill)

18 ¹[c.]¹ “Athletic trainer” means a person who practices athletic
 19 training;

20 ¹[d.]¹ “Athletic training” means and includes **[the practice of**
 21 **physical conditioning and reconditioning of athletes and the**
 22 **prevention of injuries incurred by athletes]** but is not limited to: the
 23 treatment of ¹[an individual] a physically active person¹ for injury
 24 prevention and health management; the ¹[clinical] athletic training¹
 25 evaluation and assessment of ¹[an individual] a physically active
 26 person¹ for an injury or illness, or both; and the rehabilitation and
 27 reconditioning of ¹[an individual's] a physically active person's¹
 28 injury or illness, or both, as recommended by the advisory
 29 committee and defined in regulations by the board. Athletic
 30 training shall also include the application of physical treatment
 31 modalities to ¹[athletes] physically active persons¹ under a plan of
 32 care designed and overseen by a physician licensed in this State, as
 33 recommended by the advisory committee and defined in regulations
 34 by the board¹. “Athletic training” shall not include the prescription
 35 of controlled dangerous substances¹;

36 ¹[e.]¹ “Board” means the State Board of Medical Examiners;

37 ¹[f.]¹ “Illness” means any disease, disorder, sickness, or
 38 affliction that arises from or is a manifestation of a physically active
 39 person's participation in an individual or team sport, athletic
 40 competition, performing art, recreational activity, employment
 41 activity, military exercise, or any other condition that may require
 42 immediate intervention by an athletic trainer, acting with the

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is
 not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Senate SCM committee amendments adopted March 24, 2025.

1 consent and under the supervision of a physician licensed in this
2 State during, prior to, or following the physically active person's
3 participation in the individual or team sport, athletic competition,
4 performing art, recreational activity, employment activity, or
5 military exercise. "Illness" shall include, but be not limited to, the
6 emergent and acute manifestations of exertion related illness,
7 including an affliction of the physically active person's
8 cardiorespiratory, thermoregulation, musculoskeletal,
9 neurovascular, or endocrine system. "Illness" shall not include any
10 disease, disorder, sickness, or affliction of a physically active
11 person in which the treatment is beyond the scope of practice,
12 education, or training of an athletic trainer. Intervention by an
13 athletic trainer due to a physically active person's participation in
14 an employment activity shall be limited to rendering advice and
15 consultation on matters of plant health and the provision of first aid
16 services pursuant to federal Occupational Safety and Health
17 Administration standards established for medical and first aid
18 services at 29 C.F.R. s.1910.151.

19 "Physically active person" means an individual who participates
20 in any of the following: (1) an individual or team sport; (2) an
21 athletic competition; (3) a performing art; (4) a recreational activity;
22 (5) an employment activity; or (6) a military exercise.¹

23 "Supervision" means that a physician licensed in this State is
24 accessible to an athletic trainer, either on-site **【or through】**, by
25 voice, or electronic communication, during athletic training.
26 (cf: P.L.2007, c.323, s.1)

27
28 2. Section 3 of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.37) is amended to
29 read as follows:

30 3. a. No person shall practice or **1【hold himself out】** offer
31 services¹ as being able to practice athletic training in this State
32 unless licensed in accordance with the provisions of P.L.1984,
33 c.203 (C.45:9-37.35 et seq.).

34 b. **【A licensed athletic trainer may provide athletic training**
35 **only:**

36 (1) (a) to athletes engaged in interscholastic, intercollegiate, or
37 intramural athletic activities which are being conducted by an
38 educational institution licensed in this State; or (b) to professional
39 athletes; or

40 (2) to athletes in any setting when the athletic trainer is under
41 the supervision of a physician licensed in this State **】** Nothing in
42 P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.35 et seq.) shall be construed to
43 authorize the interpretation of data for the purpose of diagnosing
44 disease, organic condition or the practice of medicine and surgery,
45 chiropractic, podiatry, occupational therapy, physical therapy, or
46 prosthetics by a person who is not licensed to practice as such
47 pursuant to Title 45 of the Revised Statutes.

1 c. An athletic trainer shall immediately refer **'[an] a' [athlete]**
2 **'[individual] physically active person'** to an appropriate health
3 care professional licensed in this State if the athletic trainer has
4 reasonable cause to believe that athletic training is contraindicated
5 or symptoms or conditions are present that require services outside
6 the scope of an athletic trainer's practice.
7 (cf: P.L.2007, c.323, s.2)

8
9 3. Section 6 of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.40) is amended to
10 read as follows:

11 6. a. Beginning on the effective date of P.L.2001, c.156, it
12 shall be unlawful for any person, other than an athletic trainer
13 licensed pursuant to P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.35 et seq.) to
14 practice athletic training in this State unless licensed in accordance
15 with the provisions of **'[this act] P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.35 et**
16 **seq.)'**. Nothing in **'[this act] P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.35 et**
17 **seq.)'**, however, shall prohibit any person licensed to practice in
18 this State under any other law from engaging in the practice for
19 which **'[he] the person'** is licensed.

20 b. **'[This act] P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.35 et seq.)'** shall not
21 prohibit: a candidate for licensure as an athletic trainer from
22 accumulating the mandated number of hours of supervised clinical
23 experience under the direction of a licensed athletic trainer; a
24 student enrolled in a school or educational program of athletic
25 training approved by the board from performing acts of athletic
26 training incidental to the course of study, if the performance is
27 under the direction of a licensed athletic trainer; a student in any
28 educational program in the healing arts approved or accredited
29 under the laws of this State from carrying out prescribed courses of
30 study; a person employed by any agency, bureau or division of the
31 federal government from discharging **'[his] the person's'** official
32 duties; or a person in connection with employment as an athletic
33 trainer by a nonresident **[athlete] '[individual] physically active**
34 **person'**, educational institution or recognized athletic organization
35 temporarily visiting in this State, from practicing athletic training
36 for a period not to exceed 90 days in one calendar year provided
37 **'[he] the person'** is lawfully permitted to work as an athletic
38 trainer in the state of residence of **'[his] the person's'** employer.

39 c. The provisions of **'[this act] P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.35**
40 **et seq.)'** are not intended to limit the activities of persons
41 legitimately engaged in the administration of nontherapeutic baths,
42 massage and normal exercise.
43 (cf: P.L.2007, c.323, s.4)

44
45 ¹4. Section 7 of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.41) is amended to
46 read as follows:

1 7. **【An】** Except for athletic training services, procedures, and
2 modalities set forth in P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
3 Legislature as this bill), an athletic trainer may not practice or be
4 employed by any individual or entity in order to do physical therapy
5 **【procedures】** for reimbursement unless licensed in accordance with
6 the "Physical Therapist Licensing Act of 1983," P.L.1983, c.296
7 (C.45:9-37.11 et seq.).¹
8 (cf: P.L.1989, c.169, s.2)

10 ¹5. Section 8 of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.42) is amended to
11 read as follows:

12 8. An applicant for licensure as an athletic trainer shall submit
13 evidence to the board, in the form the board may prescribe, that the
14 applicant:

15 a. Is 18 years of age or older;
16 b. Is of good moral character and does not engage in the
17 habitual use of alcohol, narcotics or other habit forming drugs;
18 c. **【Is a graduate of a high school approved by the Department**
19 **of Education or has obtained equivalent education acceptable to the**
20 **board; and】** (Deleted by amendment, P.L. , c.) (pending before the
21 Legislature as this bill);

22 d. Has met the athletic training curriculum requirements of a
23 college or university approved by the board and provides proof of
24 graduation or has successfully completed a program **【of**
25 **baccalaureate education and】** that led to a degree in professional
26 athletic training 【and experience approved by the board】 from a
27 postsecondary educational institution that meets the academic
28 standards for athletic trainers established by the Commission on
29 Accreditation of Athletic Training Education or its successor
30 organization and provides proof of its completion. The board, in
31 establishing, altering or amending the standards for approving
32 curricula and courses of study in institutions which **【grant**
33 **baccalaureate degrees】** offer degrees in professional athletic
34 training and which are accredited by **【a regional accreditation**
35 **agency recognized by the Council on Postsecondary Accreditation**
36 **or the United States Department of Education】** the Commission on
37 Accreditation of Athletic Training Education or its successor
38 organization shall consult with the Department of Education and
39 the advisory committee. The board, in establishing, altering, or
40 amending the standards for approving programs **【of baccalaureate**
41 **education and】** in professional athletic training and experience shall
42 consult with the advisory committee. Both the curriculum and the
43 program shall include courses of study in the biophysical sciences
44 for the use of physical agents and medical-surgical techniques 【as
45 related to athletics】.¹

46 (cf: P.L.2001, c.156, s.5)

1 ¹6. Section 9 of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.43) is amended to
2 read as follows:

3 9. An applicant who complies with the qualifications for
4 licensure shall successfully complete the examination administered
5 by the **【National Athletic Trainers' Association Board of**
6 **Certification, Inc.,】** Board of Certification for the Athletic Trainer
7 or its successor organization, or a substantially equivalent
8 examination approved by the board. The examination shall test the
9 applicant's knowledge of the basic and clinical sciences that are
10 pertinent to athletic training, emergency care of the injured
11 **【individual】** physically active person and principles of injury or
12 illness evaluation and conditioning, including the use of various
13 physical modalities and exercise techniques. The examination shall
14 be administered within the State no less than once each year at a
15 time and place the board shall designate.¹

16 (cf: P.L.2007, c.323, s.5)

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18 ¹**【4.】** 7.¹ Section 10 of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.44) is
19 amended to read as follows:

20 10. a. On payment to the board of the application fee as
21 provided in section 14 of **【this act】** P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.48),
22 and upon approval of the application, the board shall issue a license
23 to any person who successfully passes the examination provided in
24 section 9 of **【this act】** P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.43).

25 b. The licensee shall display, or carry on the licensee's person
26 if displaying is not possible, a practicing license at any place the
27 licensee renders services.

28 c. Any license displayed pursuant to subsection b. of this
29 section may be displayed in a manner which prevents the public
30 display of the licensee's home address, provided that the license is
31 not permanently defaced or altered, and the license and all the
32 information contained thereon, including the address of record, can
33 be presented upon the request of a person conducting an
34 investigation.

35 (cf: P.L.2001, c.156, s.7)

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37 ¹8. Section 11 of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.45) is amended to
38 read as follows:

39 11. On payment to the board of the application fee as provided
40 in section 14 of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.48), and upon approval
41 of a written application or application for renewal, as the case may
42 be, on forms provided by the board, the board shall issue, without
43 examination, a license to any person who:

44 a. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.2001, c.156).

45 b. Is licensed, certified or registered as an athletic trainer in
46 any other state or territory of the United States or the District of
47 Columbia, if the requirements for licensure, certification or

1 registration were at the time of the applicant's licensure,
2 certification or registration equivalent to or in excess of the
3 requirements of **【this act】** P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.35 et seq.) at
4 the date of application for the license as shall be determined by the
5 board in consultation with the committee; or

6 c. Is employed in or is a resident of this State and presents
7 evidence of being certified by the **【National Athletic Trainers'**
8 **Association Board of Certification, Inc.,】** Board of Certification for
9 the Athletic Trainer or its successor organization, as an athletic
10 trainer; or

11 d. Is licensed as an athletic trainer pursuant to the provisions of
12 P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.35 et seq.) and makes a timely
13 application for renewal, as determined by the board, prior to the
14 expiration of **【his】** the biennial license.¹

15 (cf: P.L.2007, c.323, s.6)

16
17 ¹9. Section 14 of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.48) is amended to
18 read as follows:

19 14. Each initial application under P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.35
20 et seq.) shall be accompanied by a fee as prescribed by the board.
21 Licensure shall expire biennially on January 31 and shall be
22 renewed upon application and payment of a fee as prescribed by the
23 board. If the fee is not paid by that date the license shall
24 automatically expire. A license which has expired may, within
25 three years of its expiration date, be renewed on payment to the
26 board of the prescribed reinstatement fee for each year or part
27 thereof during which the license was ineffective and a restoration
28 fee as prescribed by the board. After the three-year period, the
29 license may be renewed only by complying with the provisions of
30 **【this act】** P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.35 et seq.) regarding initial
31 licensure and presenting proof of current certification by the
32 **【National Athletic Trainers Association Board of Certification】**
33 Board of Certification for the Athletic Trainer or its successor
34 organization.¹

35 (cf: P.L.2007, c.323, s.8)

36
37 ¹10. Section 6 of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.48a) is amended to
38 read as follows:

39 6. a. The State Board of Medical Examiners shall require each
40 person licensed as an athletic trainer, as a condition for biennial
41 license renewal pursuant to section 14 of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-
42 37.48), to complete 24 credits of continuing athletic trainer
43 education, which shall include a specific number of credits of
44 instruction on topics related to concussions and head injuries, as
45 determined by the State Board of Medical Examiners.

1 b. The board shall, in conformance with the standards of the
2 Board of Certification for the Athletic Trainer or its successor
3 organization:

4 (1) establish standards for continuing athletic trainer education,
5 including the subject matter and content of courses of study; and

6 (2) accredit education programs offering credit toward
7 continuing athletic trainer education requirements or recognize
8 national or State organizations that may accredit education
9 programs.

10 c. Each hour of an educational course or program shall be
11 equivalent to one credit of continuing athletic trainer education.

12 d. The board may, in its discretion, waive requirements for
13 continuing athletic trainer education on an individual basis for
14 reasons of hardship such as illness or disability, retirement of
15 license, or other good cause. A waiver shall apply only to the
16 current biennial renewal period at the time of board issuance.

17 e. The board shall not require completion of continuing athletic
18 trainer education credits for any licensure period commencing
19 within 12 months of the effective date of this section.

20 f. The board shall require completion of athletic trainer
21 education credits on a pro-rated basis for any registration period
22 commencing more than 12 months but less than 24 months from the
23 effective date of this section.

24 g. Prior to license renewal, each licensee shall submit to the
25 board proof of completion of the required number of hours of
26 continuing athletic trainer education.¹

27 (cf: P.L.2010, c.94, s.6)

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29 ¹**【5. Section 7 of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.41) is repealed.】¹**

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31 ¹**【6.】** 11.¹ This act shall take effect immediately.

SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 317

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 24, 2025

The Senate Commerce Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 317.

This bill revises the “Athletic Training Licensure Act,” P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.35 et seq.).

As amended, the bill updates the definition of “athletic training” in to include the treatment of a physically active person for injury prevention and health management; the clinical evaluation and assessment of a physically active person for an injury or illness, or both; and the rehabilitation and reconditioning of a physically active person’s injury or illness, or both.

The bill also clarifies that athletic trainer law is not to be construed as authorizing the interpretation of data for the purpose of diagnosing disease, organic condition or the practice of various licensed health care professions, including the practice of medicine and surgery, chiropractic, podiatry, occupational therapy, physical therapy, or prosthetics, by a person who is not licensed to practice such profession. The bill’s revisions to the law include various amendments to delete references to “athlete,” thereby acknowledging the fact that athletic trainers provide services to physically active persons generally, rather than athletes specifically.

The bill requires athletic trainers to display, or carry on the athletic trainer’s person if displaying is not possible, a practicing license at any place the athletic trainer renders services.

The bill defines illnesses that may require immediate intervention by an athletic trainer, acting with the consent and under supervision of a physician.

The bill adjusts educational requirements for athletic trainers, and provides that trainers must have graduated or completed a program that led to a degree in professional athletic training that meets the academic standards for athletic trainers established by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education or its successor organization.

This bill was prefiled for introduction in the 2024-2025 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amended the bill to:

(1) replace references to the treatment of individuals with references to physically active persons;

(2) define illnesses that may require immediate intervention by an athletic trainer, acting with the consent and under supervision of a physician;

(3) adjust educational requirements for athletic trainers, and provide that trainers must have graduated or completed a program that led to a degree in professional athletic training that meets the academic standards for athletic trainers established by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education or its successor organization;

(4) replace references to the National Athletic Trainers' Association Board of Certification, Inc., with references to the Board of Certification for the Athletic Trainer; and

(5) make certain technical corrections.

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE
[First Reprint]
SENATE, No. 317
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
221st LEGISLATURE

DATED: JULY 2, 2025

SUMMARY

Synopsis: Revises "Athletic Training Licensure Act."
Type of Impact: Potential One-Time State Expenditure Increase.
Agencies Affected: Department of Law and Public Safety.

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	
Potential One-Time State Expenditure Increase	Indeterminate

- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) determines there may be no significant fiscal impact to the State Board of Medical Examiners, Athletic Training Advisory Committee, in the Division of Consumer Affairs, aside from the initial impact of updating documents to comply with the provisions of this bill. Depending on the division’s resource allocation policies, the added initial workload may or may not augment administrative expenditures.

BILL DESCRIPTION

This bill revises the Athletic Training Licensure Act.

The bill updates the definition of “athletic training” to include the treatment of a physically active person for injury prevention and health management; the clinical evaluation and assessment of a physically active person for an injury or illness; and the rehabilitation and reconditioning of a physically active person’s injury or illness.

The bill clarifies that the athletic trainer law is not to be construed as authorizing the interpretation of data for the purpose of diagnosing disease, organic condition or the practice of various licensed health care professions, including the practice of medicine and surgery, chiropractic, podiatry, occupational therapy, physical therapy, or prosthetics, by a person who is not licensed to practice such profession. The bill’s revisions to the law include various amendments to delete references to “athlete,” thereby acknowledging the fact that athletic trainers

provide services to physically active persons generally, rather than athletes specifically. The bill also defines illnesses that may require immediate intervention by an athletic trainer, acting with the consent and under the supervision of a physician.

The bill requires athletic trainers to display, or carry on the athletic trainer's person if displaying is not possible, a practicing license at any place the athletic trainer renders services.

The bill adjusts educational requirements for athletic trainers, and provides that trainers must have graduated or completed a program that led to a degree in professional athletic training that meets the academic standards for athletic trainers established by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education or its successor organization.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

The OLS determines there may be no significant fiscal impact to the State Board of Medical Examiners, Athletic Training Advisory Committee, in the Division of Consumer Affairs, aside from the initial impact of updating documents to comply with the provisions of this bill. Depending on the division's resource allocation policies, the added initial workload may or may not augment administrative expenditures. The OLS cannot assess at this time if the bill's provisions will grow the number of individuals that will require licensure for athletic training in the State, or by how much if there is growth, and thereby provide an estimate for any additional increase in costs and revenues of the division.

Athletic Training Advisory Committee Background: Since the enactment of P.L.2001, c.156, athletic trainers have been required to be licensed with the Division of Consumer Affairs to practice athletic training. Athletic training has been considered the practice of physical conditioning and reconditioning of athletes and the prevention of injuries incurred by athletes. Athletic training also includes the application of physical treatment modalities to athletes under a plan of care designed and overseen by a New Jersey licensed physician. A nonrefundable application fee of \$100 and an initial licensure of between \$40 and \$80 are required. The licensure renewal is biennial.

Section: *Law and Public Safety*
Analyst: *Kristin Brunner Santos*
 Lead Fiscal Analyst
Approved: *Thomas Koenig*
 Legislative Budget and Finance Officer

This legislative fiscal estimate has been produced by the Office of Legislative Services due to the failure of the Executive Branch to respond to our request for a fiscal note.

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67 (C.52:13B-6 et seq.).

ASSEMBLY, No. 1446

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

221st LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2024 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman ROBERT J. KARABINCHAK

District 18 (Middlesex)

Assemblyman BENJIE E. WIMBERLY

District 35 (Bergen and Passaic)

Assemblyman ERIK K. SIMONSEN

District 1 (Atlantic, Cape May and Cumberland)

SYNOPSIS

Revises “Athletic Training Licensure Act.”

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 2/8/2024)

1 **AN ACT** concerning athletic training, revising various parts of the
2 statutory law and repealing section 7 of P.L.1984, c.203.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. Section 2 of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.36) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 2. As used in this act:

10 a. "Advisory committee" means the Athletic Training Advisory
11 Committee established in section 5 of P.L.1984, c.203
12 (C.45:9-37.39);

13 b. **["Athlete"** means an individual who participates in strenuous
14 physical exercise, physical conditioning, or a sport;**"]** (Deleted by
15 amendment, P.L. , c.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill)

16 c. "Athletic trainer" means a person who practices athletic
17 training;

18 d. "Athletic training" means and includes **["the practice of**
19 **physical conditioning and reconditioning of athletes and the**
20 **prevention of injuries incurred by athletes"]** but is not limited to: the
21 treatment of an individual for injury prevention and health
22 management; the athletic training evaluation and assessment of an
23 individual for an injury or illness, or both; and the rehabilitation and
24 reconditioning of an individual's injury or illness, or both, as
25 recommended by the advisory committee and defined in regulations
26 by the board. Athletic training shall also include the application of
27 physical treatment modalities to **["athletes"]** individuals under a plan
28 of care designed and overseen by a physician licensed in this State,
29 as recommended by the advisory committee and defined in
30 regulations by the board;

31 e. "Board" means the State Board of Medical Examiners;

32 f. "Supervision" means that a physician licensed in this State is
33 accessible to an athletic trainer, either on-site **["or through"],** by voice,
34 or electronic communication, during athletic training;

35 g. "BOC" means the Board of Certification, Inc.; and

36 h. "CAATE" means the Commission on Accreditation of
37 Athletic Training Education.

38 (cf: P.L.2007, c.323, s.1)

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40 2. Section 3 of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.37) is amended to
41 read as follows:

42 3. a. No person shall practice or hold himself out as being able
43 to practice athletic training in this State unless licensed in accordance
44 with the provisions of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.35 et seq.).

45 b. **["A licensed athletic trainer may provide athletic training only:**

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 (1) (a) to athletes engaged in interscholastic, intercollegiate, or
2 intramural athletic activities which are being conducted by an
3 educational institution licensed in this State; or (b) to professional
4 athletes; or

5 (2) to athletes in any setting when the athletic trainer is under the
6 supervision of a physician licensed in this State】 Nothing in
7 P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.35 et seq.) shall be construed to authorize
8 the interpretation of data for the purpose of diagnosing disease,
9 organic condition or the practice of medicine and surgery,
10 chiropractic, podiatry, occupational therapy, physical therapy, or
11 prosthetics by a person who is not licensed to practice as such
12 pursuant to Title 45 of the Revised Statutes.

13 c. An athletic trainer shall immediately refer an 【athlete】
14 individual to an appropriate health care professional licensed in this
15 State if the athletic trainer has reasonable cause to believe that
16 athletic training is contraindicated or symptoms or conditions are
17 present that require services outside the scope of an athletic trainer's
18 practice.

19 (cf: P.L.2007, c.323, s.2)

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21 3. Section 6 of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.40) is amended to
22 read as follows:

23 6. a. Beginning on the effective date of P.L.2001, c.156, it shall
24 be unlawful for any person, other than an athletic trainer licensed
25 pursuant to P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.35 et seq.) to practice athletic
26 training in this State unless licensed in accordance with the
27 provisions of this act. Nothing in this act, however, shall prohibit any
28 person licensed to practice in this State under any other law from
29 engaging in the practice for which he is licensed.

30 b. This act shall not prohibit: a candidate for licensure as an
31 athletic trainer from accumulating the mandated number of hours of
32 supervised clinical experience under the direction of a licensed
33 athletic trainer; a student enrolled in a school or educational program
34 of athletic training approved by the board from performing acts of
35 athletic training incidental to the course of study, if the performance
36 is under the direction of a licensed athletic trainer; a student in any
37 educational program in the healing arts approved or accredited under
38 the laws of this State from carrying out prescribed courses of study;
39 a person employed by any agency, bureau or division of the federal
40 government from discharging his official duties; or a person in
41 connection with employment as an athletic trainer by a nonresident
42 【athlete】 individual, educational institution or recognized athletic
43 organization temporarily visiting in this State, from practicing
44 athletic training for a period not to exceed 90 days in one calendar
45 year provided he is lawfully permitted to work as an athletic trainer
46 in the state of residence of his employer.

c. The provisions of this act are not intended to limit the activities of persons legitimately engaged in the administration of nontherapeutic baths, massage and normal exercise.
(cf: P.L.2007, c.323, s.4)

4. Section 10 of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.44) is amended to read as follows:

10. a. On payment to the board of the application fee as provided in section 14 of [this act] P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.48), and upon approval of the application, the board shall issue a license to any person who successfully passes the examination provided in section 9 of [this act] P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.43).

b. The licensee shall display, or carry on the licensee's person if displaying is not possible, a practicing license at any place the licensee renders services.

c. Any license displayed pursuant to subsection b. of this section may be displayed in a manner which prevents the public display of the licensee's home address, provided that the license is not permanently defaced or altered, and the license and all the information contained thereon, including the address of record, can be presented upon the request of a person conducting an investigation.

(cf: P.L.2001, c.156, s.7)

5. Section 8 of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.42) is amended to read as follows:

8. An applicant for licensure as an athletic trainer shall submit evidence to the board, in the form the board may prescribe, that the applicant:

a. Is 18 years of age or older;

b. Is of good moral character and does not engage in the habitual use of alcohol, narcotics or other habit forming drugs;

c. Is a graduate of a high school approved by the Department of Education or has obtained equivalent education acceptable to the board; and

d. Has met the athletic training curriculum requirements of a college or university approved by the board and provides proof of graduation or has successfully completed a program [of baccalaureate education and] that led to a degree in professional athletic training [and experience approved by the board] from a postsecondary educational institution that meets the academic standards for athletic trainers established by the CAATE or its successor organization and provides proof of its completion. The board, in establishing, altering or amending the standards for approving curricula and courses of study in institutions which [grant baccalaureate degrees] offer degrees in professional athletic training and which are accredited by [a regional accreditation agency

1 recognized by the Council on Postsecondary Accreditation or the
2 United States Department of Education **】** the CAATE or its successor
3 organization shall consult with the Department of Education and the
4 advisory committee. The board, in establishing, altering, or amending
5 the standards for approving programs **【**of baccalaureate education
6 and**】** in professional athletic training and experience shall consult
7 with the advisory committee. Both the curriculum and the program
8 shall include courses of study in the biophysical sciences for the use
9 of physical agents and medical-surgical techniques **【**as related to
10 athletics**】**.

11 (cf: P.L.2001, c.156, s.5)

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13 6. Section 9 of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.43) is amended to
14 read as follows:

15 9. An applicant who complies with the qualifications for
16 licensure shall successfully complete the examination administered
17 by the **【**National Athletic Trainers' Association Board of
18 Certification, Inc.**】** BOC, or its successor organization, or a
19 substantially equivalent examination approved by the board. The
20 examination shall test the applicant's knowledge of the basic and
21 clinical sciences that are pertinent to athletic training, emergency
22 care of the injured individual and principles of injury evaluation and
23 conditioning, including the use of various physical modalities and
24 exercise techniques. The examination shall be administered within
25 the State no less than once each year at a time and place the board
26 shall designate.

27 (cf: P.L.2007, c.323, s.5)

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29 7. Section 11 of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.45) is amended to
30 read as follows:

31 11. On payment to the board of the application fee as provided in
32 section 14 of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.48), and upon approval of
33 a written application or application for renewal, as the case may be,
34 on forms provided by the board, the board shall issue, without
35 examination, a license to any person who:

36 a. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.2001, c.156).

37 b. Is licensed, certified or registered as an athletic trainer in any
38 other state or territory of the United States or the District of
39 Columbia, if the requirements for licensure, certification or
40 registration were at the time of the applicant's licensure, certification
41 or registration equivalent to or in excess of the requirements of this
42 act at the date of application for the license as shall be determined by
43 the board in consultation with the committee; or

44 c. Is employed in or is a resident of this State and presents
45 evidence of being certified by the **【**National Athletic Trainers'
46 Association Board of Certification, Inc.**】** BOC, or its successor
47 organization, as an athletic trainer; or

d. Is licensed as an athletic trainer pursuant to the provisions of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.35 et seq.) and makes a timely application for renewal, as determined by the board, prior to the expiration of his biennial license.

(cf: P.L.2007, c.323, s.6)

8. Section 14 of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.48) is amended to read as follows:

14. Each initial application under P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.35 et seq.) shall be accompanied by a fee as prescribed by the board. Licensure shall expire biennially on January 31 and shall be renewed upon application and payment of a fee as prescribed by the board. If the fee is not paid by that date the license shall automatically expire. A license which has expired may, within three years of its expiration date, be renewed on payment to the board of the prescribed reinstatement fee for each year or part thereof during which the license was ineffective and a restoration fee as prescribed by the board. After the three-year period, the license may be renewed only by complying with the provisions of this act regarding initial licensure and presenting proof of current certification by the **【National Athletic Trainers Association Board of Certification】** BOC or its successor organization.

(cf: P.L.2007, c.323, s.8)

9. Section 6 of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.48a) is amended to read as follows:

6. a. The State Board of Medical Examiners shall require each person licensed as an athletic trainer, as a condition for biennial license renewal pursuant to section 14 of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.48), to complete 24 credits of continuing athletic trainer education, which shall include a specific number of credits of instruction on topics related to concussions and head injuries, as determined by the State Board of Medical Examiners.

b. The board shall, in conformance with the standards of the BOC or its successor organization:

(1) establish standards for continuing athletic trainer education, including the subject matter and content of courses of study; and

(2) accredit education programs offering credit toward continuing athletic trainer education requirements or recognize national or State organizations that may accredit education programs.

c. Each hour of an educational course or program shall be equivalent to one credit of continuing athletic trainer education.

d. The board may, in its discretion, waive requirements for continuing athletic trainer education on an individual basis for reasons of hardship such as illness or disability, retirement of license, or other good cause. A waiver shall apply only to the current biennial renewal period at the time of board issuance.

1 e. The board shall not require completion of continuing athletic
2 trainer education credits for any licensure period commencing within
3 12 months of the effective date of this section.

4 f. The board shall require completion of athletic trainer
5 education credits on a pro-rated basis for any registration period
6 commencing more than 12 months but less than 24 months from the
7 effective date of this section.

8 g. Prior to license renewal, each licensee shall submit to the
9 board proof of completion of the required number of hours of
10 continuing athletic trainer education.

11 (cf: P.L.2010, c.94, s.6)

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13 10. Section 7 of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.41) is repealed.

14
15 11. This act shall take effect immediately.

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18 STATEMENT

19
20 This bill revises the “Athletic Training Licensure Act,” P.L.1984,
21 c.203 (C.45:9-37.35 et seq.).

22 The bill updates the definition of “athletic training” to include the
23 treatment of an individual for injury prevention and health
24 management; the evaluation and assessment of an individual for an
25 injury or illness, or both; and the rehabilitation and reconditioning of
26 an individual’s injury or illness, or both.

27 The bill also clarifies that nothing in the bill is to be construed as
28 authorizing the interpretation of data for the purpose of diagnosing
29 disease, organic condition or the practice of various licensed health
30 care professions, including the practice of medicine and surgery,
31 chiropractic, podiatry, occupational therapy, physical therapy, or
32 prosthetics, by a person who is not licensed to practice such
33 profession. The bill’s revisions include various amendments to delete
34 references to “athlete,” thereby acknowledging the fact that athletic
35 trainers provide services to persons generally, rather than athletes
36 specifically.

37 The bill requires athletic trainers to display, or carry on the athletic
38 trainer’s person if displaying is not possible, a practicing license at
39 any place the athletic trainer renders services.

40 The bill also modifies the curriculum requirements for the board
41 to approve to include, among other items, a degree in professional
42 athletic training from a postsecondary educational institution that
43 meets the academic standards of the Commission on Accreditation of
44 Athletic Training Education. Additionally, references to the Board
45 of Certification, Inc. are incorporated into current law, including to
46 replace references to the National Athletic Trainers’ Association
47 Board of Certification, Inc.

1 The bill also repeals a section of the act that prohibits an athletic
2 trainer from practicing, or from being employed by any individual or
3 entity to do, physical therapy procedures for reimbursement unless
4 the athletic trainer is licensed pursuant to the “Physical Therapist
5 Licensing Act of 1983.”

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 1446

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
221st LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2024 SESSION

Sponsored by:

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District 18 (Middlesex)

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Co-Sponsored by:

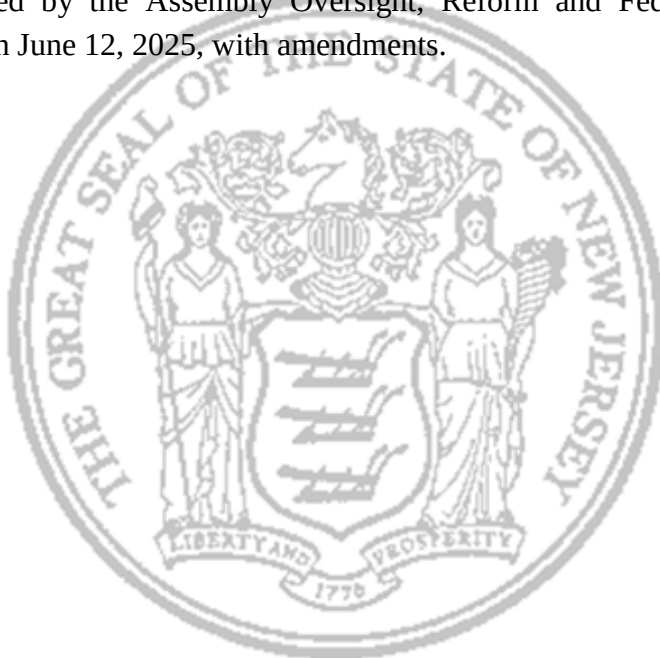
**Assemblywoman Katz, Assemblyman Abdelaziz, Assemblywomen Murphy
and Morales**

SYNOPSIS

Revises “Athletic Training Licensure Act.”

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Oversight, Reform and Federal Relations
Committee on June 12, 2025, with amendments.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/30/2025)

1 An Act concerning athletic training ¹**【**, revising various parts of the
 2 statutory law¹ and ¹**【**repealing section 7 of¹ amending¹
 3 P.L.1984, c.203.
 4

5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
 6 of New Jersey:
 7

8 1. Section 2 of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.36) is amended to
 9 read as follows:

10 2. As used in this act:

11 ¹**【a.】¹** "Advisory committee" means the Athletic Training
 12 Advisory Committee established in section 5 of P.L.1984, c.203
 13 (C.45:9-37.39);

14 ¹**【b.】¹** **【**"Athlete" means an individual who participates in
 15 strenuous physical exercise, physical conditioning, or a sport;¹
 16 (Deleted by amendment, P.L. , c.) (pending before the
 17 Legislature as this bill)

18 ¹**【c.】¹** "Athletic trainer" means a person who practices
 19 athletic training;

20 ¹**【d.】¹** "Athletic training" means and includes **【**the practice
 21 of physical conditioning and reconditioning of athletes and the
 22 prevention of injuries incurred by athletes¹ but is not limited to: the
 23 treatment of ¹**【an individual】** a physically active person¹ for injury
 24 prevention and health management; the athletic training evaluation
 25 and assessment of ¹**【an individual】** a physically active person¹ for an
 26 injury or illness, or both; and the rehabilitation and reconditioning
 27 of ¹**【an individual's】** a physically active person's¹ injury or illness,
 28 or both, as recommended by the advisory committee and defined in
 29 regulations by the board. Athletic training shall also include the
 30 application of physical treatment modalities to **【athletes】**
 31 ¹**【**individuals¹ physically active persons¹ under a plan of care
 32 designed and overseen by a physician licensed in this State, as
 33 recommended by the advisory committee and defined in regulations
 34 by the board ¹. "Athletic training" shall not include the prescription
 35 of controlled dangerous substances¹;

36 ¹**【e.】¹** "Board" means the State Board of Medical
 37 Examiners;

38 ¹**【f.】¹** "Illness" means any disease, disorder, sickness, or
 39 affliction that arises from or is a manifestation of a physically active
 40 person's participation in an individual or team sport, athletic
 41 competition, performing art, recreational activity, employment
 42 activity, military exercise, or any other condition that may require

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is
 not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly AOF committee amendments adopted June 12, 2025.

1 immediate intervention by an athletic trainer, acting with the
2 consent and under the supervision of a physician licensed in this
3 State during, prior to, or following the physically active person's
4 participation in the individual or team sport, athletic competition,
5 performing art, recreational activity, employment activity, or
6 military exercise. "Illness" shall include, but be not limited to, the
7 emergent and acute manifestations of exertion related illness,
8 including an affliction of the physically active person's
9 cardiorespiratory, thermoregulation, musculoskeletal,
10 neurovascular, or endocrine system. "Illness" shall not include any
11 disease, disorder, sickness, or affliction of a physically active
12 person in which the treatment is beyond the scope of practice,
13 education, or training of an athletic trainer. Intervention by an
14 athletic trainer due to a physically active person's participation in
15 an employment activity shall be limited to rendering advice and
16 consultation on matters of plant health and the provision of first aid
17 services pursuant to federal Occupational Safety and Health
18 Administration standards established for medical and first aid
19 services at 29 C.F.R. s.1910.151.

20 "Physically active person" means an individual who participates
21 in any of the following: (1) an individual or team sport; (2) an
22 athletic competition; (3) a performing art; (4) a recreational activity;
23 (5) an employment activity; or (6) a military exercise.¹

24 "Supervision" means that a physician licensed in this State is
25 accessible to an athletic trainer, either on-site **【or through】**, by
26 voice, or electronic communication, during athletic training¹;

27 g. "BOC" means the Board of Certification, Inc.; and

28 h. "CAATE" means the Commission on Accreditation of
29 Athletic Training Education¹.

30 (cf: P.L.2007, c.323, s.1)

31
32 2. Section 3 of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.37) is amended to
33 read as follows:

34 3. a. No person shall practice or **‘【hold himself out】 offer**
35 **services¹** as being able to practice athletic training in this State
36 unless licensed in accordance with the provisions of P.L.1984,
37 c.203 (C.45:9-37.35 et seq.).

38 b. **【A licensed athletic trainer may provide athletic training**
39 **only:**

40 (1) (a) to athletes engaged in interscholastic, intercollegiate, or
41 intramural athletic activities which are being conducted by an
42 educational institution licensed in this State; or (b) to professional
43 athletes; or

44 (2) to athletes in any setting when the athletic trainer is under
45 the supervision of a physician licensed in this State**】 Nothing in**

1 P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.35 et seq.) shall be construed to
2 authorize the interpretation of data for the purpose of diagnosing
3 disease, organic condition or the practice of medicine and surgery,
4 chiropractic, podiatry, occupational therapy, physical therapy, or
5 prosthetics by a person who is not licensed to practice as such
6 pursuant to Title 45 of the Revised Statutes.

7 c. An athletic trainer shall immediately refer **'[an] a' [athlete]**
8 **'[individual] physically active person'** to an appropriate health care
9 professional licensed in this State if the athletic trainer has
10 reasonable cause to believe that athletic training is contraindicated
11 or symptoms or conditions are present that require services outside
12 the scope of an athletic trainer's practice.
13 (cf: P.L.2007, c.323, s.2)

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15 3. Section 6 of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.40) is amended to
16 read as follows:

17 6. a. Beginning on the effective date of P.L.2001, c.156, it
18 shall be unlawful for any person, other than an athletic trainer
19 licensed pursuant to P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.35 et seq.) to
20 practice athletic training in this State unless licensed in accordance
21 with the provisions of **'[this act] P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.35 et**
22 **seq.)'** . Nothing in **'[this act] P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.35 et**
23 **seq.)'** , however, shall prohibit any person licensed to practice in
24 this State under any other law from engaging in the practice for
25 which **'[he] the person'** is licensed.

26 b. **'[This act] P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.35 et seq.)'** shall not
27 prohibit: a candidate for licensure as an athletic trainer from
28 accumulating the mandated number of hours of supervised clinical
29 experience under the direction of a licensed athletic trainer; a
30 student enrolled in a school or educational program of athletic
31 training approved by the board from performing acts of athletic
32 training incidental to the course of study, if the performance is
33 under the direction of a licensed athletic trainer; a student in any
34 educational program in the healing arts approved or accredited
35 under the laws of this State from carrying out prescribed courses of
36 study; a person employed by any agency, bureau or division of the
37 federal government from discharging **'[his] the person's'** official
38 duties; or a person in connection with employment as an athletic
39 trainer by a nonresident **[athlete] '[individual] physically active**
40 **person'**, educational institution or recognized athletic organization
41 temporarily visiting in this State, from practicing athletic training
42 for a period not to exceed 90 days in one calendar year provided
43 **'[he] the person'** is lawfully permitted to work as an athletic trainer
44 in the state of residence of **'[his] the person's'** employer.

1 c. The provisions of ¹**["this act"] P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.35**
2 **et seq.)**¹ are not intended to limit the activities of persons
3 legitimately engaged in the administration of nontherapeutic baths,
4 massage and normal exercise.
5 (cf: P.L.2007, c.323, s.4)

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7 ¹**["4. Section 10 of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.44) is amended to**
8 **read as follows:**

9 10. a. On payment to the board of the application fee as
10 provided in section 14 of **["this act"] P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.48),**
11 and upon approval of the application, the board shall issue a license
12 to any person who successfully passes the examination provided in
13 section 9 of **["this act"] P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.43).**

14 b. The licensee shall display, or carry on the licensee's person
15 if displaying is not possible, a practicing license at any place the
16 licensee renders services.

17 c. Any license displayed pursuant to subsection b. of this
18 section may be displayed in a manner which prevents the public
19 display of the licensee's home address, provided that the license is
20 not permanently defaced or altered, and the license and all the
21 information contained thereon, including the address of record, can
22 be presented upon the request of a person conducting an
23 investigation.

24 (cf: P.L.2001, c.156, s.7)]¹

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26 ¹4. Section 7 of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.41) is amended to
27 read as follows:

28 7. **["An"]** Except for athletic training services, procedures, and
29 modalities set forth in P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
30 Legislature as this bill), an athletic trainer may not practice or be
31 employed by any individual or entity in order to do physical therapy
32 **["procedures"]** for reimbursement unless licensed in accordance with
33 the "Physical Therapist Licensing Act of 1983," P.L.1983, c.296
34 (C.45:9-37.11 et seq.).¹

35 (cf: P.L.1989, c.169, s.2)

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37 5. Section 8 of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.42) is amended to
38 read as follows:

39 8. An applicant for licensure as an athletic trainer shall submit
40 evidence to the board, in the form the board may prescribe, that the
41 applicant:

42 a. Is 18 years of age or older;

43 b. Is of good moral character and does not engage in the
44 habitual use of alcohol, narcotics or other habit forming drugs;

1 c. ¹Is a graduate of a high school approved by the Department
2 of Education or has obtained equivalent education acceptable to the
3 board; and ~~](Deleted by amendment, P.L. ,c.) (pending before the~~
4 Legislature as this bill)¹

5 d. Has met the athletic training curriculum requirements of a
6 college or university approved by the board and provides proof of
7 graduation or has successfully completed a program ~~](of~~
8 baccalaureate education and] that led to a degree in professional
9 athletic training [and experience approved by the board] from a
10 postsecondary educational institution that meets the academic
11 standards for athletic trainers established by the ¹~~](CAATE]~~
12 Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education¹ or its
13 successor organization and provides proof of its completion. The
14 board, in establishing, altering or amending the standards for
15 approving curricula and courses of study in institutions which
16 ~~](grant baccalaureate degrees]~~ offer degrees in professional athletic
17 training and which are accredited by ~~](a regional accreditation~~
18 agency recognized by the Council on Postsecondary Accreditation
19 or the United States Department of Education] ~~](the~~ ¹~~](CAATE]~~
20 Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education¹ or its
21 successor organization shall consult with the Department of
22 Education and the advisory committee. The board, in establishing,
23 altering, or amending the standards for approving programs ~~](of~~
24 baccalaureate education and] in professional athletic training and
25 experience shall consult with the advisory committee. Both the
26 curriculum and the program shall include courses of study in the
27 biophysical sciences for the use of physical agents and medical-
28 surgical techniques ~~](as related to athletics]~~.

29 (cf: P.L.2001, c.156, s.5)

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31 6. Section 9 of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.43) is amended to
32 read as follows:

33 9. An applicant who complies with the qualifications for
34 licensure shall successfully complete the examination administered
35 by the ~~](National Athletic Trainers' Association Board of~~
36 Certification, Inc.] ¹~~](BOC,]~~ Board of Certification for the Athletic
37 Trainer¹ or its successor organization, or a substantially equivalent
38 examination approved by the board. The examination shall test the
39 applicant's knowledge of the basic and clinical sciences that are
40 pertinent to athletic training, emergency care of the injured
41 ¹~~](individual]~~ physically active person¹ and principles of injury ¹or
42 illness¹ evaluation and conditioning, including the use of various
43 physical modalities and exercise techniques. The examination shall

1 be administered within the State no less than once each year at a
2 time and place the board shall designate.

3 (cf: P.L.2007, c.323, s.5)

4 ¹7. Section 10 of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.44) is amended to
5 read as follows:

6 10. a. On payment to the board of the application fee as
7 provided in section 14 of **【this act】** P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.48),
8 and upon approval of the application, the board shall issue a license
9 to any person who successfully passes the examination provided in
10 section 9 of **【this act】** P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.43).

11 b. The licensee shall display, or carry on the licensee's person
12 if displaying is not possible, a practicing license at any place the
13 licensee renders services.

14 c. Any license displayed pursuant to subsection b. of this
15 section may be displayed in a manner which prevents the public
16 display of the licensee's home address, provided that the license is
17 not permanently defaced or altered, and the license and all the
18 information contained thereon, including the address of record, can
19 be presented upon the request of a person conducting an
20 investigation.¹

21 (cf: P.L.2001, c.156, s.7)

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23 ¹**【7.】**¹ 8. Section 11 of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.45) is
24 amended to read as follows:

25 11. On payment to the board of the application fee as provided
26 in section 14 of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.48), and upon approval
27 of a written application or application for renewal, as the case may
28 be, on forms provided by the board, the board shall issue, without
29 examination, a license to any person who:

30 a. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.2001, c.156).

31 b. Is licensed, certified or registered as an athletic trainer in
32 any other state or territory of the United States or the District of
33 Columbia, if the requirements for licensure, certification or
34 registration were at the time of the applicant's licensure,
35 certification or registration equivalent to or in excess of the
36 requirements of ¹**【this act】** P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.35 et seq.)¹
37 at the date of application for the license as shall be determined by
38 the board in consultation with the committee; or

39 c. Is employed in or is a resident of this State and presents
40 evidence of being certified by the **【National Athletic Trainers'**
41 **Association Board of Certification, Inc.】** ¹**【BOC.】** Board of
42 Certification for the Athletic Trainer¹ or its successor organization,
43 as an athletic trainer; or

44 d. Is licensed as an athletic trainer pursuant to the provisions of
45 P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.35 et seq.) and makes a timely

1 application for renewal, as determined by the board, prior to the
2 expiration of ¹~~his~~ the¹ biennial license.

3 (cf: P.L.2007, c.323, s.6)

4 ¹~~8.~~ 9.¹ Section 14 of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.48) is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 14. Each initial application under P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.35
7 et seq.) shall be accompanied by a fee as prescribed by the board.
8 Licensure shall expire biennially on January 31 and shall be
9 renewed upon application and payment of a fee as prescribed by the
10 board. If the fee is not paid by that date the license shall
11 automatically expire. A license which has expired may, within
12 three years of its expiration date, be renewed on payment to the
13 board of the prescribed reinstatement fee for each year or part
14 thereof during which the license was ineffective and a restoration
15 fee as prescribed by the board. After the three-year period, the
16 license may be renewed only by complying with the provisions of
17 ¹~~this act~~ P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.35 et seq.)¹ regarding initial
18 licensure and presenting proof of current certification by the
19 ~~National Athletic Trainers Association Board of Certification~~
20 ¹~~BOC~~ Board of Certification for the Athletic Trainer¹ or its
21 successor organization.

22 (cf: P.L.2007, c.323, s.8)

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24 ¹~~9.~~ 10.¹ Section 6 of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.48a) is
25 amended to read as follows:

26 6. a. The State Board of Medical Examiners shall require each
27 person licensed as an athletic trainer, as a condition for biennial
28 license renewal pursuant to section 14 of P.L.1984, c.203
29 (C.45:9-37.48), to complete 24 credits of continuing athletic trainer
30 education, which shall include a specific number of credits of
31 instruction on topics related to concussions and head injuries, as
32 determined by the State Board of Medical Examiners.

33 b. The board shall, in conformance with the standards of the
34 ¹~~BOC~~ Board of Certification for the Athletic Trainer¹ or its
35 successor organization:

36 (1) establish standards for continuing athletic trainer education,
37 including the subject matter and content of courses of study; and

38 (2) accredit education programs offering credit toward
39 continuing athletic trainer education requirements or recognize
40 national or State organizations that may accredit education
41 programs.

42 c. Each hour of an educational course or program shall be
43 equivalent to one credit of continuing athletic trainer education.

44 d. The board may, in its discretion, waive requirements for
45 continuing athletic trainer education on an individual basis for

1 reasons of hardship such as illness or disability, retirement of
2 license, or other good cause. A waiver shall apply only to the
3 current biennial renewal period at the time of board issuance.

4 e. The board shall not require completion of continuing athletic
5 trainer education credits for any licensure period commencing
6 within 12 months of the effective date of this section.

7 f. The board shall require completion of athletic trainer
8 education credits on a pro-rated basis for any registration period
9 commencing more than 12 months but less than 24 months from the
10 effective date of this section.

11 g. Prior to license renewal, each licensee shall submit to the
12 board proof of completion of the required number of hours of
13 continuing athletic trainer education.

14 (cf: P.L.2010, c.94, s.6)

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16 ¹**10. Section 7 of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.41) is repealed.**¹

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18 11. This act shall take effect immediately.

ASSEMBLY, No. 1446

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

221st LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2024 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman ROBERT J. KARABINCHAK

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SYNOPSIS

Revises “Athletic Training Licensure Act.”

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Regulated Professions Committee with technical review.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 4/10/2025)

1 **AN ACT** concerning athletic training, revisi
 2 sing various parts of the statutory law and repealing section 7 of
 3 P.L.1984, c.203.

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 5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
 6 of New Jersey:

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 8 1. Section 2 of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.36) is amended to
 9 read as follows:

10 2. As used in this act:

11 a. "Advisory committee" means the Athletic Training Advisory
 12 Committee established in section 5 of P.L.1984, c.203
 13 (C.45:9-37.39);

14 b. **["Athlete"** means an individual who participates in strenuous
 15 physical exercise, physical conditioning, or a sport;**"]** (Deleted by
 16 amendment, P.L. , c.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill)

17 c. "Athletic trainer" means a person who practices athletic
 18 training;

19 d. "Athletic training" means and includes **["the practice of**
 20 physical conditioning and reconditioning of athletes and the
 21 prevention of injuries incurred by athletes**"]** but is not limited to: the
 22 treatment of an individual for injury prevention and health
 23 management; the athletic training evaluation and assessment of an
 24 individual for an injury or illness, or both; and the rehabilitation and
 25 reconditioning of an individual's injury or illness, or both, as
 26 recommended by the advisory committee and defined in regulations
 27 by the board. Athletic training shall also include the application of
 28 physical treatment modalities to **["athletes"]** individuals under a plan
 29 of care designed and overseen by a physician licensed in this State,
 30 as recommended by the advisory committee and defined in
 31 regulations by the board;

32 e. "Board" means the State Board of Medical Examiners;

33 f. "Supervision" means that a physician licensed in this State is
 34 accessible to an athletic trainer, either on-site **["or through"],** by voice,
 35 or electronic communication, during athletic training;

36 g. "BOC" means the Board of Certification, Inc.; and

37 h. "CAATE" means the Commission on Accreditation of
 38 Athletic Training Education.

39 (cf: P.L.2007, c.323, s.1)

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 41 2. Section 3 of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.37) is amended to
 42 read as follows:

43 3. a. No person shall practice or hold himself out as being able
 44 to practice athletic training in this State unless licensed in accordance
 45 with the provisions of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.35 et seq.).

46 b. **["A licensed athletic trainer may provide athletic training only:**

**EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is
 not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 (1) (a) to athletes engaged in interscholastic, intercollegiate, or
2 intramural athletic activities which are being conducted by an
3 educational institution licensed in this State; or (b) to professional
4 athletes; or

5 (2) to athletes in any setting when the athletic trainer is under the
6 supervision of a physician licensed in this State】 Nothing in
7 P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.35 et seq.) shall be construed to authorize
8 the interpretation of data for the purpose of diagnosing disease,
9 organic condition or the practice of medicine and surgery,
10 chiropractic, podiatry, occupational therapy, physical therapy, or
11 prosthetics by a person who is not licensed to practice as such
12 pursuant to Title 45 of the Revised Statutes.

13 c. An athletic trainer shall immediately refer an 【athlete】
14 individual to an appropriate health care professional licensed in this
15 State if the athletic trainer has reasonable cause to believe that
16 athletic training is contraindicated or symptoms or conditions are
17 present that require services outside the scope of an athletic trainer's
18 practice.

19 (cf: P.L.2007, c.323, s.2)

20
21 3. Section 6 of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.40) is amended to
22 read as follows:

23 6. a. Beginning on the effective date of P.L.2001, c.156, it shall
24 be unlawful for any person, other than an athletic trainer licensed
25 pursuant to P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.35 et seq.) to practice athletic
26 training in this State unless licensed in accordance with the
27 provisions of this act. Nothing in this act, however, shall prohibit any
28 person licensed to practice in this State under any other law from
29 engaging in the practice for which he is licensed.

30 b. This act shall not prohibit: a candidate for licensure as an
31 athletic trainer from accumulating the mandated number of hours of
32 supervised clinical experience under the direction of a licensed
33 athletic trainer; a student enrolled in a school or educational program
34 of athletic training approved by the board from performing acts of
35 athletic training incidental to the course of study, if the performance
36 is under the direction of a licensed athletic trainer; a student in any
37 educational program in the healing arts approved or accredited under
38 the laws of this State from carrying out prescribed courses of study;
39 a person employed by any agency, bureau or division of the federal
40 government from discharging his official duties; or a person in
41 connection with employment as an athletic trainer by a nonresident
42 【athlete】 individual, educational institution or recognized athletic
43 organization temporarily visiting in this State, from practicing
44 athletic training for a period not to exceed 90 days in one calendar
45 year provided he is lawfully permitted to work as an athletic trainer
46 in the state of residence of his employer.

c. The provisions of this act are not intended to limit the activities of persons legitimately engaged in the administration of nontherapeutic baths, massage and normal exercise.
(cf: P.L.2007, c.323, s.4)

4. Section 10 of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.44) is amended to read as follows:

10. a. On payment to the board of the application fee as provided in section 14 of [this act] P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.48), and upon approval of the application, the board shall issue a license to any person who successfully passes the examination provided in section 9 of [this act] P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.43).

b. The licensee shall display, or carry on the licensee's person if displaying is not possible, a practicing license at any place the licensee renders services.

c. Any license displayed pursuant to subsection b. of this section may be displayed in a manner which prevents the public display of the licensee's home address, provided that the license is not permanently defaced or altered, and the license and all the information contained thereon, including the address of record, can be presented upon the request of a person conducting an investigation.

(cf: P.L.2001, c.156, s.7)

5. Section 8 of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.42) is amended to read as follows:

8. An applicant for licensure as an athletic trainer shall submit evidence to the board, in the form the board may prescribe, that the applicant:

a. Is 18 years of age or older;

b. Is of good moral character and does not engage in the habitual use of alcohol, narcotics or other habit forming drugs;

c. Is a graduate of a high school approved by the Department of Education or has obtained equivalent education acceptable to the board; and

d. Has met the athletic training curriculum requirements of a college or university approved by the board and provides proof of graduation or has successfully completed a program [of baccalaureate education and] that led to a degree in professional athletic training [and experience approved by the board] from a postsecondary educational institution that meets the academic standards for athletic trainers established by the CAATE or its successor organization and provides proof of its completion. The board, in establishing, altering or amending the standards for approving curricula and courses of study in institutions which [grant baccalaureate degrees] offer degrees in professional athletic training and which are accredited by [a regional accreditation agency

1 recognized by the Council on Postsecondary Accreditation or the
2 United States Department of Education **】** the CAATE or its successor
3 organization shall consult with the Department of Education and the
4 advisory committee. The board, in establishing, altering, or amending
5 the standards for approving programs **【**of baccalaureate education
6 and**】** in professional athletic training and experience shall consult
7 with the advisory committee. Both the curriculum and the program
8 shall include courses of study in the biophysical sciences for the use
9 of physical agents and medical-surgical techniques **【**as related to
10 athletics**】**.

11 (cf: P.L.2001, c.156, s.5)

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13 6. Section 9 of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.43) is amended to
14 read as follows:

15 9. An applicant who complies with the qualifications for
16 licensure shall successfully complete the examination administered
17 by the **【**National Athletic Trainers' Association Board of
18 Certification, Inc.**】** BOC, or its successor organization, or a
19 substantially equivalent examination approved by the board. The
20 examination shall test the applicant's knowledge of the basic and
21 clinical sciences that are pertinent to athletic training, emergency
22 care of the injured individual and principles of injury evaluation and
23 conditioning, including the use of various physical modalities and
24 exercise techniques. The examination shall be administered within
25 the State no less than once each year at a time and place the board
26 shall designate.

27 (cf: P.L.2007, c.323, s.5)

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29 7. Section 11 of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.45) is amended to
30 read as follows:

31 11. On payment to the board of the application fee as provided in
32 section 14 of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.48), and upon approval of
33 a written application or application for renewal, as the case may be,
34 on forms provided by the board, the board shall issue, without
35 examination, a license to any person who:

36 a. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.2001, c.156).

37 b. Is licensed, certified or registered as an athletic trainer in any
38 other state or territory of the United States or the District of
39 Columbia, if the requirements for licensure, certification or
40 registration were at the time of the applicant's licensure, certification
41 or registration equivalent to or in excess of the requirements of this
42 act at the date of application for the license as shall be determined by
43 the board in consultation with the committee; or

44 c. Is employed in or is a resident of this State and presents
45 evidence of being certified by the **【**National Athletic Trainers'
46 Association Board of Certification, Inc.**】** BOC, or its successor
47 organization, as an athletic trainer; or

d. Is licensed as an athletic trainer pursuant to the provisions of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.35 et seq.) and makes a timely application for renewal, as determined by the board, prior to the expiration of his biennial license.

(cf: P.L.2007, c.323, s.6)

8. Section 14 of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.48) is amended to read as follows:

14. Each initial application under P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.35 et seq.) shall be accompanied by a fee as prescribed by the board. Licensure shall expire biennially on January 31 and shall be renewed upon application and payment of a fee as prescribed by the board. If the fee is not paid by that date the license shall automatically expire. A license which has expired may, within three years of its expiration date, be renewed on payment to the board of the prescribed reinstatement fee for each year or part thereof during which the license was ineffective and a restoration fee as prescribed by the board. After the three-year period, the license may be renewed only by complying with the provisions of this act regarding initial licensure and presenting proof of current certification by the **【National Athletic Trainers Association Board of Certification】** BOC or its successor organization.

(cf: P.L.2007, c.323, s.8)

9. Section 6 of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.48a) is amended to read as follows:

6. a. The State Board of Medical Examiners shall require each person licensed as an athletic trainer, as a condition for biennial license renewal pursuant to section 14 of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.48), to complete 24 credits of continuing athletic trainer education, which shall include a specific number of credits of instruction on topics related to concussions and head injuries, as determined by the State Board of Medical Examiners.

b. The board shall, in conformance with the standards of the BOC or its successor organization:

(1) establish standards for continuing athletic trainer education, including the subject matter and content of courses of study; and

(2) accredit education programs offering credit toward continuing athletic trainer education requirements or recognize national or State organizations that may accredit education programs.

c. Each hour of an educational course or program shall be equivalent to one credit of continuing athletic trainer education.

d. The board may, in its discretion, waive requirements for continuing athletic trainer education on an individual basis for reasons of hardship such as illness or disability, retirement of license, or other good cause. A waiver shall apply only to the current biennial renewal period at the time of board issuance.

- 1 e. The board shall not require completion of continuing athletic
2 trainer education credits for any licensure period commencing within
3 12 months of the effective date of this section.
- 4 f. The board shall require completion of athletic trainer
5 education credits on a pro-rated basis for any registration period
6 commencing more than 12 months but less than 24 months from the
7 effective date of this section.
- 8 g. Prior to license renewal, each licensee shall submit to the
9 board proof of completion of the required number of hours of
10 continuing athletic trainer education.
11 (cf: P.L.2010, c.94, s.6)
- 12
- 13 10. Section 7 of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.41) is repealed.
- 14
- 15 11. This act shall take effect immediately.

ASSEMBLY REGULATED PROFESSIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1446

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 13, 2024

The Assembly Regulated Professions Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1446.

This bill revises the “Athletic Training Licensure Act.”

Specifically, the bill updates the definition of “athletic training” to include the treatment of an individual for injury prevention and health management; the evaluation and assessment of an individual for an injury or illness, or both; and the rehabilitation and reconditioning of an individual’s injury or illness, or both.

The bill also clarifies that nothing in the bill is to be construed as authorizing the interpretation of data for the purpose of diagnosing disease, organic condition or the practice of various licensed health care professions, including the practice of medicine and surgery, chiropractic, podiatry, occupational therapy, physical therapy, or prosthetics, by a person who is not licensed to practice such profession. The bill’s revisions include various amendments to delete references to “athlete,” thereby acknowledging the fact that athletic trainers provide services to persons generally, rather than athletes specifically.

The bill requires athletic trainers to display, or carry on the athletic trainer’s person if displaying is not possible, a practicing license at any place the athletic trainer renders services.

The bill also modifies the curriculum requirements for the board to approve to include, among other items, a degree in professional athletic training from a postsecondary educational institution that meets the academic standards of the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education. Additionally, references to the Board of Certification, Inc. are incorporated into current law, including to replace references to the National Athletic Trainers' Association Board of Certification, Inc.

The bill also repeals a section of the act that prohibits an athletic trainer from practicing, or from being employed by any individual or entity to do, physical therapy procedures for reimbursement unless the athletic trainer is licensed pursuant to current law governing physical therapists.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2024-2025 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

ASSEMBLY OVERSIGHT, REFORM AND FEDERAL
RELATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1446

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 12, 2025

The Assembly Oversight, Reform and Federal Relations Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 1446.

This bill revises the “Athletic Training Licensure Act,” P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.35 et seq.).

As amended by the committee, the bill updates the definition of “athletic training” to include the treatment of a physically active person for injury prevention and health management; the clinical evaluation and assessment of a physically active person for an injury or illness, or both; and the rehabilitation and reconditioning of a physically active person’s injury or illness, or both.

The bill also clarifies that athletic trainer law is not to be construed as authorizing the interpretation of data for the purpose of diagnosing disease, organic condition or the practice of various licensed health care professions, including the practice of medicine and surgery, chiropractic, podiatry, occupational therapy, physical therapy, or prosthetics, by a person who is not licensed to practice such profession. The bill’s revisions to the law include various amendments to delete references to “athlete,” thereby acknowledging the fact that athletic trainers provide services to physically active persons generally, rather than athletes specifically.

The bill requires athletic trainers to display, or carry on the athletic trainer’s person if displaying is not possible, a practicing license at any place the athletic trainer renders services.

The bill defines illnesses that may require immediate intervention by an athletic trainer, acting with the consent and under supervision of a physician.

The bill adjusts educational requirements for athletic trainers, and provides that trainers must have graduated or completed a program that led to a degree in professional athletic training that meets the academic standards for athletic trainers established by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education or its successor organization.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amended the bill to:

(1) replace references to the treatment of individuals with references to physically active persons;

(2) define illnesses that may require immediate intervention by an athletic trainer, acting with the consent and under supervision of a physician;

(3) adjust educational requirements for athletic trainers, and provide that trainers must have graduated or completed a program that led to a degree in professional athletic training that meets the academic standards for athletic trainers established by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education or its successor organization;

(4) replace references to the National Athletic Trainers' Association Board of Certification, Inc., with references to the Board of Certification for the Athletic Trainer; and

(5) make certain technical corrections.

ASSEMBLY BUDGET COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 1446

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 26, 2025

The Assembly Budget Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1446 (1R).

As reported, this bill revises the “Athletic Training Licensure Act,” P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.35 et seq.).

Specifically, the bill updates the definition of “athletic training” to include the treatment of a physically active person for injury prevention and health management; the clinical evaluation and assessment of a physically active person for an injury or illness, or both; and the rehabilitation and reconditioning of a physically active person’s injury or illness, or both.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Services determines there may be no significant fiscal impact to the State Board of Medical Examiners, Athletic Training Advisory Committee, in the Division of Consumer Affairs, aside from the initial impact of updating documents to comply with the provisions of this bill. Depending on the division's resource allocation policies, the added initial workload may or may not augment administrative expenditures.

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 1446
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
221st LEGISLATURE

DATED: JUNE 30, 2025

SUMMARY

Synopsis: Revises "Athletic Training Licensure Act."

Type of Impact: Potential One-Time State Expenditure Increase.

Agencies Affected: Department of Law and Public Safety.

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	
Potential One-Time State Expenditure Increase	Indeterminate

- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) determines there may be no significant fiscal impact to the State Board of Medical Examiners, Athletic Training Advisory Committee, in the Division of Consumer Affairs, aside from the initial impact of updating documents to comply with the provisions of this bill. Depending on the division’s resource allocation policies, the added initial workload may or may not augment administrative expenditures.

BILL DESCRIPTION

This bill revises the Athletic Training Licensure Act.

The bill updates the definition of “athletic training” to include the treatment of a physically active person for injury prevention and health management; the clinical evaluation and assessment of a physically active person for an injury or illness; and the rehabilitation and reconditioning of a physically active person’s injury or illness.

The bill clarifies that the athletic trainer law is not to be construed as authorizing the interpretation of data for the purpose of diagnosing disease, organic condition or the practice of various licensed health care professions, including the practice of medicine and surgery, chiropractic, podiatry, occupational therapy, physical therapy, or prosthetics, by a person who is not licensed to practice such profession. The bill’s revisions to the law include various amendments to delete references to “athlete,” thereby acknowledging the fact that athletic trainers provide services to physically active persons generally, rather than athletes specifically. The bill

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FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

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Athletic Training Advisory Committee Background: Since the enactment of P.L.2001, c.156, athletic trainers have been required to be licensed with the Division of Consumer Affairs to practice athletic training. Athletic training has been considered the practice of physical conditioning and reconditioning of athletes and the prevention of injuries incurred by athletes. Athletic training also includes the application of physical treatment modalities to athletes under a plan of care designed and overseen by a New Jersey licensed physician. A nonrefundable application fee of \$100 and an initial licensure of between \$40 and \$80 are required. The licensure renewal is biennial.

Section: Law and Public Safety
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Legislative Budget and Finance Officer

This legislative fiscal estimate has been produced by the Office of Legislative Services due to the failure of the Executive Branch to respond to our request for a fiscal note.

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67 (C.52:13B-6 et seq.).

Governor Phil Murphy

Governor Murphy Takes Action on Legislation

Posted on - 10/20/2025

TRENTON – Today, Governor Murphy signed the following bills into law:**S-317/A-1446** (Diegnan, Amato/Karabinchak, Simonsen) – Revises "Athletic Training Licensure Act"**S-1403/A-4029** (Singleton, Space/Sumter, Sampson, Hall) – Requires employer or contractor engaged in work for public body to submit payroll records to DOLWD**S-2783/A-3696** (McKeon, Gopal/Danielsen) – "Travel Insurance Act"**S-3132/A-4334** (Ruiz/Speight, Atkins, Sampson) – Imposes certain requirements on secondhand dealers of cellular telephones and wireless communication devices

Governor Murphy conditionally vetoed the following bills:

S-1277/A-3363 (Beach, Ruiz/Miller, Reynolds-Jackson, Sampson) – CONDITIONAL – Establishes centralized directory for affordable housing, and housing for senior citizens and veterans[Copy of Statement \(https://d31hzhk6di2h5.cloudfront.net/20251020/94/64/e2/50/e0397ad31ded8eb98ea18040/S1277CV.pdf\)](https://d31hzhk6di2h5.cloudfront.net/20251020/94/64/e2/50/e0397ad31ded8eb98ea18040/S1277CV.pdf)[https://urldefense.com/v3/_https://t.e2ma.net/click/nbxtjn/nrddit/ftx36cb_!!J30X0ZrnC1oQtBA!J7n9EVu_YcGk0TPr6n3fawoksyK59emNKGOJeEN9setY-9R5NJYAPWZi43p_c7wm-sZ7C8Q9AxeHXOF2tajKCOy1Zfw\\$](https://urldefense.com/v3/_https://t.e2ma.net/click/nbxtjn/nrddit/ftx36cb_!!J30X0ZrnC1oQtBA!J7n9EVu_YcGk0TPr6n3fawoksyK59emNKGOJeEN9setY-9R5NJYAPWZi43p_c7wm-sZ7C8Q9AxeHXOF2tajKCOy1Zfw$)**S-2332/A-3893** (Scutari, Vitale/Murphy, Donlon, Inganamort) – CONDITIONAL – Allows complaint for guardianship of minor to be filed six months before minor reaches age 18 under certain circumstances; establishes certain standards for filing guardianship complaints[Copy of Statement \(https://d31hzhk6di2h5.cloudfront.net/20251020/11/09/92/c9/14f54a3ed5c4244273885875/S2332CV.pdf\)](https://d31hzhk6di2h5.cloudfront.net/20251020/11/09/92/c9/14f54a3ed5c4244273885875/S2332CV.pdf)[https://urldefense.com/v3/_https://t.e2ma.net/click/nbxtjn/nrddit/bez36cb_!!J30X0ZrnC1oQtBA!J7n9EVu_YcGk0TPr6n3fawoksyK59emNKGOJeEN9setY-9R5NJYAPWZi43p_c7wm-sZ7C8Q9AxeHXOF2tajKE6Ok0-H\\$](https://urldefense.com/v3/_https://t.e2ma.net/click/nbxtjn/nrddit/bez36cb_!!J30X0ZrnC1oQtBA!J7n9EVu_YcGk0TPr6n3fawoksyK59emNKGOJeEN9setY-9R5NJYAPWZi43p_c7wm-sZ7C8Q9AxeHXOF2tajKE6Ok0-H$)**S-2961/A-4124** (Burzichelli, Wimberly/Reynolds-Jackson, Katz, Ramirez) – CONDITIONAL – Establishes minimum qualifications for persons employed on public works contract[Copy of Statement \(https://d31hzhk6di2h5.cloudfront.net/20251020/b7/50/75/c6/8b97be1f7b4b6762445edb2f/S2961CV.pdf\)](https://d31hzhk6di2h5.cloudfront.net/20251020/b7/50/75/c6/8b97be1f7b4b6762445edb2f/S2961CV.pdf)[https://urldefense.com/v3/_https://t.e2ma.net/click/nbxtjn/nrddit/7y036cb_!!J30X0ZrnC1oQtBA!J7n9EVu_YcGk0TPr6n3fawoksyK59emNKGOJeEN9setY-9R5NJYAPWZi43p_c7wm-sZ7C8Q9AxeHXOF2tajKJdJX24S\\$](https://urldefense.com/v3/_https://t.e2ma.net/click/nbxtjn/nrddit/7y036cb_!!J30X0ZrnC1oQtBA!J7n9EVu_YcGk0TPr6n3fawoksyK59emNKGOJeEN9setY-9R5NJYAPWZi43p_c7wm-sZ7C8Q9AxeHXOF2tajKJdJX24S$)**S-3041/A-4194** (Mukherji, Lagana/Allen, Venezia, Quijano) – CONDITIONAL – Prohibits cooperative from receiving public works contract when cooperative-approved vendor fails to pay prevailing wage; concerns cooperative purchasing agreements with other states; and permits contracting units to award certain indefinite contracts[Copy of Statement \(https://d31hzhk6di2h5.cloudfront.net/20251020/a9/a0/ea/47/a259e5c9c81cafa4f1d231df/S3041CV.pdf\)](https://d31hzhk6di2h5.cloudfront.net/20251020/a9/a0/ea/47/a259e5c9c81cafa4f1d231df/S3041CV.pdf)[https://urldefense.com/v3/_https://t.e2ma.net/click/nbxtjn/nrddit/3j236cb_!!J30X0ZrnC1oQtBA!J7n9EVu_YcGk0TPr6n3fawoksyK59emNKGOJeEN9setY-9R5NJYAPWZi43p_c7wm-sZ7C8Q9AxeHXOF2tajKI7MspcS\\$](https://urldefense.com/v3/_https://t.e2ma.net/click/nbxtjn/nrddit/3j236cb_!!J30X0ZrnC1oQtBA!J7n9EVu_YcGk0TPr6n3fawoksyK59emNKGOJeEN9setY-9R5NJYAPWZi43p_c7wm-sZ7C8Q9AxeHXOF2tajKI7MspcS$)**S-3663/A-4915** (Burzichelli, Ruiz/Drulis, Katz, Peterpaul, Simmons) – CONDITIONAL – Establishes reproductive health travel advisory[Copy of Statement \(https://d31hzhk6di2h5.cloudfront.net/20251020/20/01/3d/c5/66cd3f8082956acc4c036760/S3663CV.pdf\)](https://d31hzhk6di2h5.cloudfront.net/20251020/20/01/3d/c5/66cd3f8082956acc4c036760/S3663CV.pdf)[https://urldefense.com/v3/_https://t.e2ma.net/click/nbxtjn/nrddit/z4336cb_!!J30X0ZrnC1oQtBA!J7n9EVu_YcGk0TPr6n3fawoksyK59emNKGOJeEN9setY-9R5NJYAPWZi43p_c7wm-sZ7C8Q9AxeHXOF2tajKOhes-Be\\$](https://urldefense.com/v3/_https://t.e2ma.net/click/nbxtjn/nrddit/z4336cb_!!J30X0ZrnC1oQtBA!J7n9EVu_YcGk0TPr6n3fawoksyK59emNKGOJeEN9setY-9R5NJYAPWZi43p_c7wm-sZ7C8Q9AxeHXOF2tajKOhes-Be$)

S-3776/A-5779 (Turner, McKnight/Reynolds-Jackson, Carter, Morales) – CONDITIONAL – Establishes Chronic Absenteeism Task Force

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S-4293/A-5548 (Ruiz, Burgess/Pintor Marin, Venezia, Karabinchak) – CONDITIONAL – Requires owner or operator of data center to submit water and energy usage report to BPU

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Karabinchak Bill to Revise the Athletic Training Licensure Act Signed into Law

Legislation broadens the definition of “athletic training” to include treatment of a range of physically active people

(TRENTON) – Assemblyman [Robert Karabinchak's](#) bill that makes technical changes to the “Athletic Training Licensure Act” was signed into law today. Bill [A1446](#) revises the definition of athletic training to include the treatment of “physically active people” rather than just “athletes.” It also updates who trainers can provide care for in case of injury or illness and clarifies what care they can provide within the limits of their license.



“The purpose of this legislation is to modernize the regulation of athletic training in the state of New Jersey,” **said Assemblyman Karabinchak (D-Middlesex).** “We want to ensure that there are high professional standards for athletic trainers, while making sure that the scope of practice is broad enough to serve diverse populations.”

Specifically, the new definition includes the treatment of a physically active person for injury prevention and health management; the clinical evaluation and assessment of a physically active person for an injury or illness, or both; and the rehabilitation and reconditioning of a physically active person’s injury or illness, or both.

Additionally, the legislation adjusts curriculum requirements for trainers, requiring them to have graduated or completed a program which led to a degree in professional athletic training that meets the academic standards for athletic trainers established by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education or its successor organization.