

## LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

**NJSA:** 45:9-37.40 (Athletic trainers--temporary--allow registration without examination)

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**Bill No:** A1698

**Sponsor(s):** Martin

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**Committee: Assembly:** Higher Education

**Senate:** Labor, Industry and Professions

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**Sponsor statement:** Yes

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ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

ASSEMBLY, No. 1698

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: OCTOBER 27, 1988

Sponsored by Assemblyman MARTIN

2        *AN ACT* concerning the registration of athletic trainers and  
amending and supplementing P.L.1984, c.203.

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

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

8        6. a. Ninety days from the effective date of this act, it shall  
be unlawful for any person to practice athletic training in this  
10       State unless registered in accordance with the provisions of this  
act. Nothing in this act, however, shall prohibit any person  
12       licensed to practice in this State under any other law from  
engaging in the practice for which he is licensed.

14       b. This act shall not prohibit: a candidate for registration as  
an athletic trainer from accumulating the mandated number of  
16       hours of supervised clinical experience under the direction of a  
registered athletic trainer; a student enrolled in a school or  
18       educational program of athletic training approved by the board  
from performing acts of athletic training incidental to the course  
20       of study, if the performance is under the direction of a registered  
athletic trainer; a student in any educational program in the  
22       healing arts approved or accredited under the laws of this State  
from carrying out prescribed courses of study; a person employed  
24       by any agency, bureau or division of the federal government from  
discharging his official duties; or a person in connection with  
26       employment as an athletic trainer by a nonresident athlete,  
educational institution or recognized athletic organization  
28       temporarily visiting in this State, from practicing athletic  
training for a period not to exceed 90 days in one calendar year  
30       provided he is lawfully permitted to work as an athletic trainer in  
the state of residence of his employer.

32       c. The provisions of this act are not intended to limit the  
activities of persons legitimately engaged in the administration

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.

of nontherapeutic baths, massage and normal exercise.

2 (cf: P.L.1984, c.203, s.6)

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

6 7. An athletic trainer may not practice or be employed by any individual or entity in order to do physical therapy procedures for reimbursement unless licensed in accordance with the "Physical  
8 Therapist Licensing Act of 1983," P.L.1983, c.296 (C.45:9-37.11 et seq.).

10 (cf: P.L.1984, c.203, s.7).

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

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

16 a. Is 18 years of age or older;

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

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

22 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  
24 baccalaureate education and training and experience approved by the board and provides proof of its completion. The board, in  
26 establishing, altering or amending the standards for approving curricula and courses of study in institutions which grant  
28 baccalaureate degrees and which are accredited by a regional accreditation agency recognized by the Council on Postsecondary  
30 Accreditation or the United States Department of Education  
32 [programs that grant degrees in instruction of athletic training,] shall consult with the Board of Higher Education and the advisory  
34 committee [and shall establish standards which are equal to or exceed the standards of the National Athletic Trainer Association  
36 for certification and which]. The board, in establishing, altering, or amending the standards for approving programs of  
38 baccalaureate education and training and experience shall consult with the advisory committee. Both the curriculum and the

2 program shall include courses of study in the biophysical sciences  
for the use of physical agents and medical-surgical techniques as  
related to athletics.

4 (cf: P.L.1984, c.203, s.8)

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

8 9. [The board shall give an examination to applicants who  
comply with the qualifications for registration] An applicant who  
complies with the qualifications for registration shall successfully  
10 complete an examination approved by the board. The  
examination shall [include a written and oral-practical  
12 examination which shall] test the applicant's knowledge of the  
basic and clinical sciences that are pertinent to athletic training,  
14 emergency care of the injured athlete and principles of injury  
evaluation and conditioning, including the use of various physical  
16 modalities and exercise techniques. The examination shall be  
administered within the State no less than once each year at a  
18 time and place the board shall designate. [The deadline for  
making application shall be 60 days prior to the date of the  
20 administration of the test. The applicant shall be notified of the  
board's decision regarding the applicant's eligibility for  
22 examination 30 days prior to the administration of the  
examination. An applicant who fails the first examination may,  
24 after the expiration of six months but within two years, apply for  
a second examination. An applicant failing the second  
26 examination may, at the discretion of the board, apply for further  
examination provided the person qualifies for examination under  
28 the conditions in effect at the time of reapplication.]

(cf: P.L.1984, c.203, s.9)

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

32 10. On payment to the board of the application fee as provided  
in section 14 of this act, and upon approval of [an applicant's] the  
34 application, the board shall issue a registration to any person who  
successfully passes the [written and oral-practical] examination  
36 provided in section 9 of this act.

(cf: P.L.1984, c.203, s.10)

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

11. On payment to the board of the application fee as provided  
2 in section 14 of this act, and upon approval of a written  
application on forms provided by the board, the board shall issue,  
4 without examination, a registration to any person who:

a. Applies for registration within 90 days of the effective date  
6 of this act and who meets the qualifications set forth in  
subsections a., b., and c. of section 8 of this act and presents to  
8 the board evidence of having provided comprehensive,  
satisfactory athletic training services for five years or more as a  
10 major responsibility of employment in this State prior to the  
effective date of the act; or is a resident of this State and  
12 presents evidence of being certified by the National Athletic  
Trainers Association; or

b. Is licensed, certified or registered as an athletic trainer in  
14 any other state or territory of the United States or the District  
of Columbia, if the requirements for licensure, certification or  
16 registration [are] were at the time of the applicant's licensure,  
certification or registration equivalent to or in excess of the  
18 requirements of this act at the date of application for the  
20 registration 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  
22 evidence of being certified by the National Athletic Trainers  
24 Association as an athletic trainer.

(cf: P.L.1984, c.203, s.11)

7. (New section) Any person who, on December 4, 1984, was  
26 eligible for registration as an athletic trainer pursuant to  
subsection a. of section 11 of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.45a)  
28 may apply for registration without examination to the State  
Board of Medical Examiners on or before the 180th day following  
30 the effective date of this amendatory and supplementary act.

8. (New section) The board shall publish within 30 days of the  
32 effective date of this amendatory and supplementary act a notice  
containing the language of section 7 of this amendatory and  
34 supplementary act and a brief description of the eligibility  
requirements for registration without examination pursuant to  
36 subsection a. of section 11 of P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.45a).

38 The notice shall contain the specific date of the 180th day  
following the effective date of this amendatory and

2 supplementary act. The notice shall be published at least twice  
during the 30-day period in one or more newspapers circulating in  
each county in the State.

4 9. This act shall take effect immediately.

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REGULATED PROFESSIONS

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Sports and Recreation

10 Revises sections of the "Athletic Training Practice Act," and  
provides a temporary period for certain persons to be registered  
12 as athletic trainers without examination.

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ASSEMBLY, No. 1698

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1988 SESSION

By Assemblyman MARTIN

1 AN ACT providing a temporary period for certain persons to be  
2 registered as athletic trainers without examination under P.L.  
3 1984, c. 203 (C. 45:9-37.35 et seq.).

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

7 1. Any person who, on December 4, 1984, was eligible for  
8 registration as an athletic trainer pursuant to subsection a. of  
9 section 11 of P.L. 1984, c. 203 (C. 45:9-37.45a) may apply for  
10 registration without examination to the State Board of Medical  
11 Examiners on or before the 90th day following the effective  
12 date of this act.

13 2. The board shall publish within 30 days of the effective date  
14 of this act a notice containing the language of section 1 of this  
15 act and a brief description of the eligibility requirements for  
16 registration without examination pursuant to P.L. 1984, c. 203  
17 (C. 45:9-37.35 et seq.).

18 The notice shall contain the specific date of the 90th day  
19 following the effective date of this act. The notice shall be  
20 published at least twice during the 30-day period in one or more  
21 newspapers circulating in each county in the State.

22 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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25 STATEMENT

27 This bill provides an additional 90 days for registration  
28 without examination as an athletic trainer under P.L. 1984, c.  
29 203. That law allowed such registration for 90 days from its  
30 effective date of December 4, 1984 for certain qualified  
31 persons. Evidently, it was not possible to register all eligible  
32 persons within that time period. This bill will grant an  
33 additional 90 days.

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**REGULATED PROFESSIONS**

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as athletic trainers without examination.

ASSEMBLY HIGHER EDUCATION AND REGULATED  
PROFESSIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

**ASSEMBLY, No. 1698**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: OCTOBER 27, 1988

The Assembly Higher Education and Regulated Professions Committee favorably reports the Assembly Committee Substitute for Assembly Bill No. 1698.

This bill revises various sections of the "Athletic Training Practice Act," P.L.1984, c.203, as follows:

1. Limits to 90 days the period of time in which an unregistered athletic trainer who is employed by a nonresident athlete, educational institution or athletic organization temporarily visiting within the State may practice in New Jersey.
2. Allows a person who has successfully completed a program of baccalaureate education, training and experience approved by the State Board of Medical Examiners to qualify to take the registration examination. Currently, an applicant for registration must have completed the athletic training curriculum requirements of a college or university approved by the board and provide proof of graduation.
3. Deletes the requirement that the board examination for registration be both written and oral-practical.
4. Allows an individual who is employed in or is a resident of the State and presents evidence of being certified by the National Athletic Trainers Association to be registered without examination.

The bill also provides an additional 180 days for registration without examination as an athletic trainer under P.L.1984, c.203. That law allowed such registration for 90 days from its effective date of December 4, 1984 for certain qualified persons. Evidently, it was not possible to register all eligible persons within that time period. This bill will grant an additional 180 days.

SENATE LABOR, INDUSTRY AND PROFESSIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

ASSEMBLY, No. 1698

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 4, 1989

The Senate Labor, Industry and Professions Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1698 (ACS).

This bill revises various sections of the "Athletic Training Practice Act," P.L.1984, c.203 (C.45:9-37.35 et seq.), as follows:

1. Limits to 90 days in any calendar year the period of time in which an unregistered athletic trainer who is employed by a nonresident athlete, educational institution or athletic organization temporarily visiting within the State may practice in New Jersey. No time limit is provided by present law.
2. Allows a person who has successfully completed an accredited program of baccalaureate education, training and experience approved by the State Board of Medical Examiners to qualify to take the registration examination. Currently, an applicant for registration must have completed the athletic training curriculum requirements of a college or university approved by the board and provide proof of graduation.
3. Deletes the requirement that the board examination for registration be both written and oral-practical.
4. Allows an individual who is employed in or is a resident of the State and presents evidence of being certified by the National Athletic Trainers Association to be registered without examination.
5. Clarifies that a registered athletic trainer who is a licensed physical therapist may practice physical therapy procedures.

The bill also provides an additional 180 days for registration without examination as an athletic trainer under the original grandfather provisions of P.L.1984, c.203. That law allowed such registration for 90 days from its effective date of December 4, 1984 for persons who were athletic trainers in this State for five or more years or were residents of this State and certified by the National Athletic Trainers Association and who met certain other standards. Evidently, it was not possible to register all eligible persons within that time period. This bill will grant an additional 180 days.