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Overview

Currently, the Minnesota Board of Medical Practice enforces the requirements of the athletic trainer registration system. This bill provides for the licensing of athletic trainers in Minnesota, rather than registration. The bill makes corresponding updates to terminology and references throughout, modifies definitions, modifies continuing education and license application requirements, and repeals certain sections.

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- 1 **Approved continuing education program.** Amends § 148.7802, subd. 2. Modifies terminology.
- 2 **Approved education program.** Amends § 148.7802, subd. 3. Modifies the definition of “approved education program” for athletic training; specifies that an education program must result in a student being eligible to attain national certification as an athletic trainer from the Board of Certification for the Athletic Trainer.
- 3 **Athletic trainer.** Amends § 148.7802, subd. 6. Modifies the definition of “athletic trainer” by updating terminology.
- 4 **Credentialing examination.** Amends § 148.7802, subd. 9. Modifies the definition of “credentialing examination” to mean an examination administered by the Board of Certification for the Athletic Trainer.
- 5 **Prohibited practice or use of titles; penalty.** Amends § 148.7803.

Subd. 1. Designation. (a) Clarifies title protection provisions; updates terminology.

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(b) Specifies that persons exempt from licensure cannot use protected titles or designations.

Subd. 3. License required. Prohibits a person from engaging in athletic training without being licensed.

Subd. 4. Exceptions. Provides exceptions to the licensure requirements, including for an “athletic training student” engaged in athletic training under direct supervision as part of a training program and an athletic trainer as a member of the U.S. armed forces while on duty.

- 6 **The powers of the board.** Amends § 148.7804. Updates terminology.
- 7 **Membership.** Amends § 148.7805, subd. 1. Updates terminology.
- 8 **Duties.** Amends § 148.7805, subd. 3. Updates terminology.
- 9 **Athletic training.** Amends § 148.7806. Updates terminology.
- 10 **Licensure.** Amends § 148.7808, subd. 1. Updates terminology; modifies requirements for licensure applications; requires an applicant who holds or has held an athletic trainer or other health professional credential in another jurisdiction to provide verification from the credentialing body in each jurisdiction.
- 11 **License renewal.** Amends § 148.7809, subd. 1. Updates terminology; specifies that a license expires annually and that a fee is required for renewal; requires that the applicant provide any history of substance abuse, misdemeanor or felony conviction, and disciplinary action on any credential, on the renewal application.
- 12 **License renewal notice.** Amends § 148.7809, subd. 2. Updates terminology.
- 13 **Licensure following lapse of licensed status for two years or less.** Amends § 148.7809, subd. 4. Updates terminology; modifies requirements for licensure reinstatement after lapse of two years or less.
- 14 **Verification of application information.** Amends § 148.7810, subd. 1. Updates terminology.
- 15 **Request for hearing by applicant denied licensure.** Amends § 148.7810, subd. 3. Updates terminology.
- 16 **Change of address.** Amends § 148.7811. Updates terminology.
- 17 **Board of Certification for the Athletic Trainer requirements.** Amends § 148.7812, subd. 1. Modifies provisions related to professional development contact hours; specifies that an athletic trainer must meet the professional development requirements of the Board of Certification for the Athletic Trainer, in order to maintain certification, and may meet the requirements through a board-approved continuing education program.
- 18 **Approved programs.** Amends § 148.7812, subd. 2. Updates terminology.
- 19 **Verification of continuing education requirements.** Amends § 148.7812, subd. 4. Updates terminology.
- 20 **Discipline; reporting.** Amends § 148.7813, subd. 5. Updates terminology.

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- 21** **Fees.** Amends § 148.7816. Updates terminology and removes temporary registration and permit fees.
- 22** **Revisor’s instruction.** Instructs the revisor to change terminology from “register” or “registration” to “license” or “licensure” throughout statutes and rules when referring to athletic trainers.
- 23** **Repealer.** Repeals §§ 148.7808, subs. 3, 4, and 5 (reciprocal registration, temporary registration and permit requirements), and 148.7812, subs. 3 and 5 (approval of and restrictions on continuing education requirements).
- 24** **Effective date.** Makes sections 1 to 23 effective July 1, 2018. Specifies that athletic trainer registrations must be converted to licenses at the next renewal, and that a registration is equivalent to a license until the conversion, after July 1, 2018.