

Subject Athletic trainer scope of practice

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Overview

This bill makes changes to statutes governing the licensure of athletic trainers.

Summary

Section	Description
1	<p>Athletic trainer.</p> <p>Amends § 148.7802, subd. 6. Amends the definition of “athletic trainer” in statutes governing licensure of athletic trainers, specifying athletic trainers practice in health care settings and serve patient populations identified by the Board of Certification for the Athletic Trainer and by approved education programs.</p>
2	<p>Athletic training.</p> <p>Adds subd. 6a to § 148.7802. Adds a definition of “athletic training” to statutes governing licensure of athletic trainers, to mean performing the listed actions to treat emergent, acute, and chronic injuries and nonorthopedic conditions and performed within an athletic trainer’s professional training and experience.</p>
3	<p>Athletic training.</p> <p>Amends § 148.7806. Requires an athletic trainer to provide athletic training under the supervision of, on the prescription of, and in collaboration with a primary physician who is licensed in Minnesota and whose license is in good standing. Specifies that an athletic trainer must use therapeutic interventions within the trainer’s experience and training, and changes references to individuals treated by athletic trainers from athletes to patients. Adds wellness, education, exercise, and reconditioning to the services not subject to the 30-day limit of time an athletic trainer may treat a patient who was not previously diagnosed, and specifies the 30-day limit does not apply to a patient referred to an athletic trainer by a physical therapist. Requires athletic trainers to monitor a patient’s signs, symptoms, and response to treatment; and to make suggestions to the primary physicians or treating provider to modify the patient’s treatment and rehabilitation based on these signs,</p>

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	symptoms, and response (current law permits athletic trainers to perform these activities).
4	Limitations on practice. Amends § 148.7807. Prohibits an athletic trainer from practicing or claiming to practice the listed health-related occupations unless the athletic trainer is licensed or registered to do so. Adds physical therapists to the health-related occupations to which an athletic trainer may refer a patient if the patient's condition is outside the athletic trainer's scope of practice.
5	Applicability. Amends § 148.7814. Provides that Minnesota's athletic trainer licensure requirements do not apply to an athletic trainer who is in Minnesota temporarily for a specific athletic event and who is licensed, certified, or registered by another state or county or is certified as an athletic trainer by the Board of Certification.
6	Repealer. Repeals § 148.7802, subdivisions 4 (definition of athlete) and 5 (definition of athletic injury).



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