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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
Comm: RCS	.	
10/22/2019	.	
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The Committee on Health Policy (Harrell) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause
and insert:

Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 468.701, Florida
Statutes, is amended to read:

468.701 Definitions.—As used in this part, the term:

(1) "Athletic trainer" means a person licensed under this
part who has met the requirements of ~~under~~ this part, including
the education requirements established ~~as set forth~~ by the



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11 Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education or
12 its successor organization and necessary credentials from the
13 Board of Certification. ~~An individual who is licensed as an
14 athletic trainer may not provide, offer to provide, or represent
15 that he or she is qualified to provide any care or services that
16 he or she lacks the education, training, or experience to
17 provide, or that he or she is otherwise prohibited by law from
18 providing.~~

19 Section 2. Section 468.707, Florida Statutes, is amended to
20 read:

21 468.707 Licensure requirements.—Any person desiring to be
22 licensed as an athletic trainer shall apply to the department on
23 a form approved by the department. An applicant shall also
24 provide records or other evidence, as determined by the board,
25 to prove he or she has met the requirements of this section. The
26 department shall license each applicant who:

27 (1) Has completed the application form and remitted the
28 required fees.

29 (2) ~~For a person who applies on or after July 1, 2016,~~ Has
30 submitted to background screening pursuant to s. 456.0135. The
31 board may require a background screening for an applicant whose
32 license has expired or who is undergoing disciplinary action.

33 (3) (a) Has obtained, at a minimum, a bachelor's
34 ~~baccalaureate or higher~~ degree from a college or university
35 professional athletic training degree program accredited by the
36 Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education or
37 its successor organization recognized and approved by the United
38 States Department of Education or the Commission on Recognition
39 of Postsecondary Accreditation, approved by the board, or



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40 recognized by the Board of Certification, and has passed the
41 national examination to be certified by the Board of
42 Certification; or-

43 (b)(4) Has obtained, at a minimum, a bachelor's degree, has
44 completed the Board of Certification internship requirements,
45 and holds ~~If graduated before 2004, has~~ a current certification
46 from the Board of Certification.

47 (4)(5) Has current certification in both cardiopulmonary
48 resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator
49 set forth in the continuing education requirements as determined
50 by the board pursuant to s. 468.711.

51 (5)(6) Has completed any other requirements as determined
52 by the department and approved by the board.

53 Section 3. Subsection (3) of section 468.711, Florida
54 Statutes, is amended to read:

55 468.711 Renewal of license; continuing education.-

56 (3) If initially licensed after January 1, 1998, the
57 licensee must be currently certified by the Board of
58 Certification or its successor agency and maintain that
59 certification in good standing without lapse.

60 Section 4. Section 468.713, Florida Statutes, is amended to
61 read:

62 468.713 Responsibilities of athletic trainers.-

63 (1) An athletic trainer shall practice under the direction
64 of a physician licensed under chapter 458, chapter 459, chapter
65 460, or otherwise authorized by Florida law to practice
66 medicine. The physician shall communicate his or her direction
67 through oral or written prescriptions or protocols as deemed
68 appropriate by the physician for the provision of services and



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69 care by the athletic trainer. An athletic trainer shall provide
70 service or care in the manner dictated by the physician.

71 (2) An athletic trainer shall work within his or her
72 allowable scope of practice as specified in board rule under s.
73 468.705. An athletic trainer may not provide, offer to provide,
74 or represent that he or she is qualified to provide any care or
75 services that he or she lacks the education, training, or
76 experience to provide or that he or she is otherwise prohibited
77 by law from providing.

78 Section 5. Subsection (2) of section 468.723, Florida
79 Statutes, is amended to read:

80 468.723 Exemptions.—This part does not prohibit ~~prevent~~ or
81 restrict:

82 (2) An athletic training student acting under the direct
83 supervision of a licensed athletic trainer. For purposes of this
84 subsection, "direct supervision" means the physical presence of
85 an athletic trainer so that the athletic trainer is immediately
86 available to the athletic training student and able to intervene
87 on behalf of the athletic training student. The supervision must
88 comply with board rule ~~in accordance with the standards set~~
89 ~~forth by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training~~
90 ~~Education or its successor.~~

91 Section 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.

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93 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

94 And the title is amended as follows:

95 Delete everything before the enacting clause
96 and insert:

97 A bill to be entitled



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98 An act relating to athletic trainers; amending s.
99 468.701, F.S.; revising the definition of the term
100 "athletic trainer"; deleting a requirement that is
101 relocated to another section; amending s. 468.707,
102 F.S.; revising athletic trainer licensure
103 requirements; amending s. 468.711, F.S.; requiring
104 certain licensees to maintain certification in good
105 standing without lapse as a condition of renewal of
106 their athletic trainer licenses; amending s. 468.713,
107 F.S.; requiring that an athletic trainer work within a
108 specified scope of practice; relocating an existing
109 requirement that was stricken from another section;
110 amending s. 468.723, F.S.; requiring the direct
111 supervision of an athletic training student to be in
112 accordance with rules adopted by the Board of Athletic
113 Training; providing an effective date.