

By the Committee on Health Policy; and Senator Harrell

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to athletic trainers; amending s.
3 468.701, F.S.; revising the definition of the term
4 "athletic trainer"; deleting a requirement that is
5 relocated to another section; amending s. 468.707,
6 F.S.; revising athletic trainer licensure
7 requirements; amending s. 468.711, F.S.; requiring
8 certain licensees to maintain certification in good
9 standing without lapse as a condition of renewal of
10 their athletic trainer licenses; amending s. 468.713,
11 F.S.; requiring that an athletic trainer work within a
12 specified scope of practice; relocating an existing
13 requirement that was stricken from another section;
14 amending s. 468.723, F.S.; requiring the direct
15 supervision of an athletic training student to be in
16 accordance with rules adopted by the Board of Athletic
17 Training; providing an effective date.

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19 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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

23 468.701 Definitions.—As used in this part, the term:

24 (1) "Athletic trainer" means a person licensed under this
25 part who has met the requirements of ~~under~~ this part, including
26 the education requirements established ~~as set forth~~ by the
27 Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education or
28 its successor organization and necessary credentials from the
29 Board of Certification. ~~An individual who is licensed as an~~

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30 ~~athletic trainer may not provide, offer to provide, or represent~~
31 ~~that he or she is qualified to provide any care or services that~~
32 ~~he or she lacks the education, training, or experience to~~
33 ~~provide, or that he or she is otherwise prohibited by law from~~
34 ~~providing.~~

35 Section 2. Section 468.707, Florida Statutes, is amended to
36 read:

37 468.707 Licensure requirements.—Any person desiring to be
38 licensed as an athletic trainer shall apply to the department on
39 a form approved by the department. An applicant shall also
40 provide records or other evidence, as determined by the board,
41 to prove he or she has met the requirements of this section. The
42 department shall license each applicant who:

43 (1) Has completed the application form and remitted the
44 required fees.

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

49 (3) (a) Has obtained, at a minimum, a bachelor's
50 ~~baccalaureate or higher~~ degree from a college or university
51 professional athletic training degree program accredited by the
52 Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education or
53 its successor organization recognized and approved by the United
54 States Department of Education or the Commission on Recognition
55 of Postsecondary Accreditation, approved by the board, or
56 recognized by the Board of Certification, and has passed the
57 national examination to be certified by the Board of
58 Certification; or-

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

63 (4) ~~(5)~~ Has current certification in both cardiopulmonary
64 resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator
65 set forth in the continuing education requirements as determined
66 by the board pursuant to s. 468.711.

67 (5) ~~(6)~~ Has completed any other requirements as determined
68 by the department and approved by the board.

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

71 468.711 Renewal of license; continuing education.—

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

76 Section 4. Section 468.713, Florida Statutes, is amended to
77 read:

78 468.713 Responsibilities of athletic trainers.—

79 (1) An athletic trainer shall practice under the direction
80 of a physician licensed under chapter 458, chapter 459, chapter
81 460, or otherwise authorized by Florida law to practice
82 medicine. The physician shall communicate his or her direction
83 through oral or written prescriptions or protocols as deemed
84 appropriate by the physician for the provision of services and
85 care by the athletic trainer. An athletic trainer shall provide
86 service or care in the manner dictated by the physician.

87 (2) An athletic trainer shall work within his or her

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88 allowable scope of practice as specified in board rule under s.
89 468.705. An athletic trainer may not provide, offer to provide,
90 or represent that he or she is qualified to provide any care or
91 services that he or she lacks the education, training, or
92 experience to provide or that he or she is otherwise prohibited
93 by law from providing.

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

96 468.723 Exemptions.—This part does not prohibit ~~prevent~~ or
97 restrict:

98 (2) An athletic training student acting under the direct
99 supervision of a licensed athletic trainer. For purposes of this
100 subsection, "direct supervision" means the physical presence of
101 an athletic trainer so that the athletic trainer is immediately
102 available to the athletic training student and able to intervene
103 on behalf of the athletic training student. The supervision must
104 comply with board rule ~~in accordance with the standards set~~
105 ~~forth by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training~~
106 ~~Education or its successor.~~

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