

HB 2375 -- MISSOURI ATHLETIC TRAINERS PRACTICE ACT

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The definition of "athletic trainer" is amended to provide that an athletic trainer is a health care professional who meets statutory licensure requirements and, upon the direction of a physician, provides preventative health services, clinical evaluation and clinical diagnosis, emergency care, first aid, treatment, or physical rehabilitation of injuries and illnesses incurred by individuals in the manner, means, and methods deemed necessary to effect care or rehabilitation, or both, and that are congruent with the athletic trainer's education, training and competence. The act creates a new definition for "athletic training student."

The act provides that the State Board of Registration for the Healing Arts may issue a temporary license to an athletic trainer who is licensed in another jurisdiction and who has not had disciplinary action taken against such license to practice and meets any other requirements established by the board. A temporary license shall be valid for six months from the date of issuance or until a permanent license is issued or denied and shall not be removed.

In order to obtain licensure after August 28, 2006, a person must have passed the Board of Certification examination and meet other requirements as established by the board. The board will no longer grant without examination licensure to any qualified nonresident athletic trainer holding a license in another state. Currently, all athletic training licenses expire each year on January 13th. The act provides that licenses shall expire on a schedule established by rule.

The list of reasons the board may file a complaint with the Administrative Hearing Commission against a licensee is amended to include that the licensee no longer be certified as an athletic trainer by the National Athletic Trainers' Association Board of Certification.

Currently, a member of the board is compensated an amount not to exceed \$75 per day. The act states that board members shall received a compensation amount established by the board by rule. Current law specifies that the provisions of law licensing athletic trainers do not apply to certain professions. This act removes from the list of professions dentists and optometrists.

Additionally, the act specifies that the licensing provisions do not apply to athletic trainers who hold valid credentials from another nation, state, or territory when performing duties for a team or organization during the course of the team's or organization's visit, but not to exceed 30 days in one calendar year.

A person who violates the provisions of the Athletic Trainers Practice Act is guilty of a class B, rather than class C, misdemeanor.

This bill is similar to SB 505 (2015).