

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1142**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Edward F. Coppinger*

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to the practice of athletic training.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Edward F. Coppinger</i>	<i>10th Suffolk</i>
<i>Patricia A. Haddad</i>	<i>5th Bristol</i>
<i>Kevin G. Honan</i>	<i>17th Suffolk</i>
<i>Angelo L. D'Emilia</i>	<i>8th Plymouth</i>
<i>Marc R. Pacheco</i>	<i>First Plymouth and Bristol</i>
<i>Paul Tucker</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>
<i>David K. Muradian, Jr.</i>	<i>9th Worcester</i>
<i>Brendan P. Crighton</i>	<i>11th Essex</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>
<i>Thomas P. Walsh</i>	<i>12th Essex</i>
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>
<i>Alice Hanlon Peisch</i>	<i>14th Norfolk</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Shaunna L. O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>
<i>Jack Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>William Driscoll</i>	<i>7th Norfolk</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>

*Kevin J. Kuros*

*8th Worcester*

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By Mr. Coppinger of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. [BILL NUMBER]) of Edward F. Coppinger, Patricia A. Haddad and Kevin G. Honan relative to the practice of athletic training. Public Health.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1912 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act relative to the practice of athletic training.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           SECTION 1 - Section 23A of chapter 112 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the definitions of "Athletic Trainer" and  
3 "Athletic Training" and inserting in place thereof the following new definitions:-

4                    “Athletic Trainer”, a person who is duly licensed to practice Athletic Training in  
5 the Commonwealth in accordance with section 23B.

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7                    “Athletic Training”, the application of principles, methods and procedures of  
8 evaluation and treatment of injuries, preconditioning, conditioning and reconditioning of the  
9 patient through the use of appropriate preventative and supportive devices, splinting, and

10 bracing, physical modalities, including but not limited to heat, cold, massage, water, electric  
11 stimulation, sound, exercise and exercise equipment in collaboration with physicians or dentists  
12 duly registered in the Commonwealth. Athletic training includes education and instruction to  
13 coaches, athletes, parents, medical personnel and the community in the area of treatment, care  
14 and prevention of injuries.