

SENATE No. 1438

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Barry R. Finegold

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 athletic training.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Barry R. Finegold</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>	
<i>Michael F. Rush</i>	<i>Norfolk and Suffolk</i>	<i>3/5/2021</i>
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>First Essex</i>	<i>3/5/2021</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	<i>3/5/2021</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>	<i>3/5/2021</i>
<i>Adam J. Scanlon</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>3/11/2021</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>	<i>3/31/2021</i>

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By Mr. Finegold, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1438) of Barry R. Finegold, Michael F. Rush, Diana DiZoglio, Jason M. Lewis and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to athletic training. Public Health.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act relative to 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 is hereby amended by
2 striking out the definitions of "Athletic Trainer" and "Athletic Training" and inserting in place
3 thereof the following new definitions: -

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

6 "Athletic Training", the application of principles, methods and procedures of evaluation
7 and treatment of injuries and other medical conditions of the patient consistent with the
8 educational standard and role delineation of the athletic trainer through the use of appropriate
9 preventative, emergent, and rehabilitative care, supportive devices, splinting, bracing, and
10 physical modalities, including but not limited to heat, cold, massage, water, electric stimulation,
11 sound, exercise and exercise equipment in consultation with physicians or dentists duly
12 registered in the Commonwealth. Athletic training includes education and instruction to coaches,

13 athletes, parents, other medical personnel and the community in the area of care and prevention
14 of injuries and other medical conditions.

15 SECTION 2. The Board of Allied Health Professions must review and update the rules
16 and regulations pursuant to this act within 180 days of the passage of this act.