

HOUSE BILL NO. 2375

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE HOUGH.

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AN ACT

To repeal sections 334.700, 334.702, 334.704, 334.706, 334.708, 334.710, 334.712, 334.715, 334.717, 334.719, 334.720, 334.721, and 334.725, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof fourteen new sections relating to the licensure of athletic trainers, with a penalty provision.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 334.700, 334.702, 334.704, 334.706, 334.708, 334.710, 334.712, 334.715, 334.717, 334.719, 334.720, 334.721, and 334.725, RSMo, are repealed and fourteen new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 334.700, 334.702, 334.703, 334.704, 334.706, 334.708, 334.710, 334.712, 334.715, 334.717, 334.719, 334.720, 334.721, and 334.725, to read as follows:

334.700. Sections 334.700 to 334.725 shall be known and may be cited as the "Missouri Athletic Trainers **Practice Act**".

334.702. As used in sections 334.700 to 334.725, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the following terms mean:

(1) ["Athlete", a person who participates in a sanctioned amateur or professional sport or recreational sport activity;

(2) "Athletic trainer", a [person] **health care professional** who meets the qualifications of section 334.708 and who, upon the direction of [the team physician and/or consulting] a physician, [practices prevention,] **provides preventative health services, clinical evaluation and clinical diagnosis**, emergency care, first aid, treatment, or physical rehabilitation of injuries **and illnesses** incurred by [athletes] **individuals** in the manner, means, and methods deemed

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

10 necessary to effect care or rehabilitation, or both, **and that are congruent with the athletic**
11 **trainer's education, training, and competence;**

12 (2) "Athletic training student", a person enrolled in a professional athletic training
13 degree program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training
14 Education, or its successor agency, and who, as part of such program, assists in the duties
15 usually performed by a licensed athletic trainer and who performs these duties under the
16 direct supervision of a licensed health care professional;

17 (3) "Board", the Missouri state board of registration for the healing arts;

18 (4) "Committee", the Missouri athletic [trainers] trainer advisory committee;

19 (5) "Division", the division of professional registration[;] of the department of
20 insurance, financial institutions and professional registration.

21 [(6) "Student athletic trainer", a person who assists in the duties usually performed by
22 a licensed athletic trainer and who works under the direct supervision of a licensed athletic
23 trainer.]

334.703. 1. As used in this section, "approved health care provider" means a health
2 care provider licensed to practice in this state, or any physician duly licensed in another
3 jurisdiction.

4 2. An athletic trainer may initiate treatment for a new injury or illness with a
5 prescription or referral from an approved health care provider, or a treatment otherwise
6 endorsed by a directing physician licensed under this chapter.

7 3. An athletic trainer shall refer any individual whose medical condition is beyond
8 the scope of the athletic trainer's education, training, and competence.

9 4. Nothing in this section shall be construed as to limit the ability of athletic trainers
10 to provide health care services in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

334.704. No person shall hold himself or herself out as an athletic trainer [in this state]
2 or purport to provide athletic training, by title or description, including the words athletic
3 trainer (AT), licensed athletic trainer (LAT), or certified athletic trainer (ATC), unless such
4 person has been licensed as such under the provisions of sections 334.700 to 334.725.

334.706. 1. (1) The board shall license applicants who meet the qualifications for
2 athletic trainers, who file for licensure, and who pay all fees required for this licensure.

3 (2) The board may issue a temporary license to any person who is licensed as an
4 athletic trainer in any other state or territory of the United States, who has attested that
5 no professional license issued to him or her has ever been disciplined, and who meets any
6 other requirements established by the board.

7 (3) A temporary license shall be valid for six months from the date of issuance or
8 until a permanent license is issued or denied and shall not be renewed.

9 **(4) A temporary license may be denied under the cases and procedures set forth in**
10 **section 334.715.**

11 2. The board shall:

12 (1) Prescribe application forms to be furnished to all persons seeking licensure pursuant
13 to sections 334.700 to 334.725;

14 (2) Prescribe the form and design of the licensure to be issued pursuant to sections
15 334.700 to 334.725;

16 (3) Set the fee for licensure and renewal thereof;

17 (4) Keep a record of all of its proceedings regarding the Missouri athletic trainers
18 **practice** act and of all athletic trainers licensed in this state;

19 (5) [Annually prepare] **Make available** a roster of the names and **business** addresses of
20 all athletic trainers licensed in this state[, copies of which shall be made available upon request
21 to any person paying the fee therefor];

22 (6) [Set the fee for the roster at an amount sufficient to cover the actual cost of
23 publishing and distributing the roster;

24 (7)] Appoint members of the Missouri athletic trainer advisory committee];

25 (8) Adopt an official seal].

26 3. The board may:

27 (1) Issue subpoenas to compel witnesses to testify or produce evidence in proceedings
28 to deny[, suspend, or revoke] a license or licensure **or discipline a license**;

29 (2) Promulgate rules pursuant to chapter 536 in order to carry out the provisions of
30 sections 334.700 to 334.725;

31 (3) Establish guidelines for athletic trainers in sections 334.700 to 334.725.

32 4. No rule or portion of a rule promulgated under the authority of sections 334.700 to
33 334.725 shall become effective unless it has been promulgated pursuant to the provisions of
34 section 536.024.

334.708. [1.] Any person seeking licensure pursuant to sections 334.700 to 334.725 after
2 August 28, 2006, must [be a resident or in the process of establishing residency in this state and]
3 have passed the [National Athletic Trainers Association] Board of Certification, or its successor
4 agency, examination **and meet other requirements established by the board by rule.**

5 [2. The board shall grant, without examination, licensure to any qualified nonresident
6 athletic trainer holding a license or licensure in another state if such other state recognizes
7 licenses or licensure of the state of Missouri in the same manner.]

334.710. 1. All applications for initial licensure pursuant to sections 334.700 to 334.725
2 shall be submitted on forms prescribed by the board and shall be accompanied by an initial
3 licensure fee. All applications for renewal of licensure issued pursuant to sections 334.700 to

4 334.725 shall be submitted on forms prescribed by the board and shall be accompanied by a
5 renewal fee.

6 2. All fees of any kind and character authorized to be charged by the board shall be [paid
7 to the director of revenue and shall be deposited by the state treasurer into the board for the
8 healing arts fund, to be disbursed only in payment for expenses of maintaining the athletic trainer
9 licensure program and for the enforcement of the provisions of sections 334.700 to 334.725]
10 **collected and deposited under section 334.050.**

334.712. 1. Any person who meets the qualifications listed in section 334.708, submits
2 his or her application and fees in accordance with section 334.710, and has not committed any
3 act listed in section 334.715 shall be issued a license pursuant to sections 334.700 to 334.725.

4 2. Each license issued pursuant to sections 334.700 to 334.725 shall contain the name
5 of the person to whom it was issued, the date on which it was issued and such other information
6 as the board deems advisable. All licenses issued pursuant to sections 334.700 to 334.725 shall
7 expire on [January thirtieth of each year] **a schedule established by the board by rule.**

334.715. 1. The board may refuse to issue or renew any license required under sections
2 334.700 to 334.725 for one or any combination of causes listed in subsection 2 of this section
3 or any cause listed in section 334.100. The board shall notify the applicant in writing of the
4 reasons for the refusal and shall advise the applicant of the applicant's right to file a complaint
5 with the administrative hearing commission as provided in chapter 621. As an alternative to a
6 refusal to issue or renew any certificate, registration, or authority, the board may, in its discretion,
7 issue a license which is subject to reprimand, probation, restriction, or limitation to an applicant
8 for licensure for any one or any combination of causes listed in subsection 2 of this section or
9 section 334.100. The board's order of reprimand, probation, limitation, or restriction shall
10 contain a statement of the discipline imposed, the basis therefor, the date such action shall
11 become effective, and a statement that the applicant has thirty days to request in writing a hearing
12 before the administrative hearing commission. If the board issues a probationary, limited, or
13 restricted license to an applicant for licensure, either party may file a written petition with the
14 administrative hearing commission within thirty days of the effective date of the probationary,
15 limited, or restricted license seeking review of the board's determination. If no written request
16 for a hearing is received by the administrative hearing commission within the thirty-day period,
17 the right to seek review of the board's decision shall be considered waived.

18 2. The board may cause a complaint to be filed with the administrative hearing
19 commission as provided in chapter 621 against any holder of a certificate of registration or
20 authority, permit, or license required by sections 334.700 to 334.725 or any person who has
21 failed to renew or has surrendered the person's certification of registration or license for any one
22 or any combination of the following causes:

23 (1) Violated or conspired to violate any provision of sections 334.700 to 334.725 or any
24 provision of any rule promulgated pursuant to sections 334.700 to 334.725; or

25 (2) Has been found guilty of unethical conduct as defined in the ethical standards of the
26 National Athletic [Trainers] **Trainers'** Association or the [National Athletic Trainers
27 Association] Board of Certification, or its successor agency, as adopted and published by the
28 committee and the board and filed with the secretary of state; or

29 (3) **Is no longer certified as an athletic trainer by the National Athletic Trainers'**
30 **Board of Certification, or its successor agency; or**

31 (4) Any cause listed in section 334.100.

32 3. After the filing of such complaint before the administrative hearing commission, the
33 proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of chapter 621. Upon a finding
34 by the administrative hearing commission that the grounds provided in subsection 2 of this
35 section for disciplinary action are met, the board may, singly or in combination[:

36 (1) Warn, censure, or place the person named in the complaint on probation on such
37 terms and conditions as the board deems appropriate for a period not to exceed ten years; or

38 (2) Suspend the person's license, certificate, or permit for a period not to exceed three
39 years; or

40 (3) Administer a public or private reprimand; or

41 (4) Deny the person's application for a license; or

42 (5) Permanently withhold issuance of a license or require the person to submit to the
43 care, counseling, or treatment of physicians designated by the board at the expense of the
44 individual to be examined; or

45 (6) Require the person to attend such continuing education courses and pass such
46 examinations as the board may direct; or

47 (7) Restrict or limit the person's license for an indefinite period of time; or

48 (8) Revoke the person's license] , **impose any of the disciplinary actions authorized**
49 **in section 334.100.**

50 [4. In any order of revocation, the board may provide that the person shall not apply for
51 reinstatement of the person's license for a period of time ranging from two to seven years
52 following the date of the order of revocation. All stay orders shall toll such time period.

53 5. Before restoring to good standing a license, certificate, or permit issued under this
54 chapter which has been in a revoked, suspended, or inactive state for any cause for more than two
55 years, the board may require the applicant to attend such continuing education courses and pass
56 such examinations as the board may direct.]

334.717. 1. There is hereby created the "Missouri Athletic Trainer Advisory
2 Committee", to be composed of five members to be appointed by the board.

3 2. The athletic trainer advisory committee shall:

4 (1) Assist the board in conducting [examinations] **evaluations** for applicants of athletic
5 trainer licensure;

6 (2) Advise the board on all matters pertaining to the licensure of athletic trainers;

7 (3) Review all complaints and/or investigations wherein there is a possible violation of
8 **section 334.100**, sections 334.700 to 334.725, or regulations promulgated pursuant thereto and
9 make recommendations to the board for action;

10 (4) Follow the provisions of the board's administrative practice procedures in conducting
11 all official duties.

12 3. [Each] **The** athletic trainer advisory committee [member] shall **be comprised as**
13 **follows**:

14 (1) **Each member shall** be a citizen of the United States and a resident of the state of
15 Missouri for five years [next] **immediately** preceding appointment **and remain a resident of**
16 **the state of Missouri throughout the term**; [and]

17 (2) [Be comprised of] Three **members shall be** licensed athletic trainers [except for
18 initial appointees]; [and]

19 (3) One member shall be a physician duly licensed by the Missouri state board of
20 **registration** for the healing arts; [and]

21 (4) One member shall be a general public member; **and**

22 **(5) One member shall be a member of the board.**

23 4. [Except for the initial appointees,] Members shall hold office for terms of six years.
24 [The board shall designate one member for a term expiring in 1984, one member for a term
25 expiring in 1985, one member for a term expiring in 1986, one member for a term expiring in
26 1987, and one member for a term expiring in 1988.] In the event of death, resignation, or
27 removal of any member, the vacancy of the unexpired term shall be filled by the board in the
28 same manner as the other appointments.

334.719. Any person [who is a resident of this state and] who was actively engaged as
2 an athletic trainer on September 28, 1983, shall be entitled to continue to practice as such [but,
3 within six months of that date, comply with the provisions of section 334.708 to 334.715]. For
4 the purposes of this section a person is actively engaged as an athletic trainer if he is employed
5 on a salary basis by an educational institution, a professional athletic organization, or any other
6 bona fide athletic organization for the duration of the institutional year or the athletic
7 organization's season, and one of his job responsibilities requires him to perform the duties of
8 an athletic trainer.

334.720. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, any appointed
2 member of the board shall receive as compensation an amount established by the director of the

3 division of professional registration not to exceed [seventy dollars per day] **the amount**
4 **established by the board by rule** for board business plus actual and necessary expenses. The
5 director of the division of professional registration shall establish by rule guidelines for payment.

334.721. 1. Nothing in sections 334.700 to 334.725 shall be construed to authorize the
2 practice of medicine by any person not licensed by the state board of registration for the healing
3 arts.

4 2. The provisions of sections 334.700 to 334.725 shall not apply to the following
5 persons:

6 (1) Physicians and surgeons licensed **under this chapter** by the state board of
7 registration for the healing arts;

8 (2) [Dentists licensed by the Missouri dental board who confine their practice strictly to
9 dentistry;

10 (3) Optometrists licensed by the state board of optometry who confine their practice
11 strictly to optometry, as defined in section 336.010;

12 (4) Nurses licensed **under chapter 335** by the state board of nursing who confine their
13 practice strictly to nursing;

14 [(5)] (3) Chiropractors licensed by the state board of chiropractic examiners who confine
15 themselves strictly to the practice of chiropractic, as defined in section 331.010;

16 [(6)] (4) Podiatrists licensed by the state board of chiropody or podiatry who confine
17 their practice strictly to that of a podiatrist, as defined in section 330.010;

18 [(7)] (5) Professional physical therapists licensed by the state board of registration for
19 the healing arts who confine their practice strictly to professional physical therapy, as defined
20 in section 334.500;

21 [(8)] Coaches and physical education instructors in the performance of their duties;

22 (9) (6) Athletic training students who confine themselves strictly to their duties as
23 defined in sections 334.700 to 334.725;

24 [(10)] (7) Athletic trainers **holding a valid credential** from other nations, states, or
25 territories performing their duties for their respective teams or organizations if they restrict their
26 duties only to their teams or organizations and only during the course of their teams' or
27 organizations' stay, **not to exceed thirty days in one calendar year**, in this state.

334.725. Any person who violates any provision of sections 334.700 to 334.725 is guilty
2 of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished as for a class [C] B
3 misdemeanor.

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