

CHAPTER 152D

ATHLETIC TRAINING

Referred to in §147.74, 147.76, 272.2, 272C.1

Enforcement, §147.87, 147.92

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152D.1 Definitions.

As used in [this chapter](#), unless the context otherwise requires:

1. “*Athlete*” means a person who participates in a sanctioned amateur or professional sport or other recreational sports activity.
2. “*Athletic injury*” means any of the following:
 - a. An injury or illness sustained by an athlete as a result of the athlete’s participation in sports, games, or recreational sports activities.
 - b. An injury or illness that impedes or prevents an athlete from participating in sports, games, or recreational sports activities.
3. “*Athletic trainer*” means a person licensed under [this chapter](#) to practice athletic training under the direction of a licensed physician.
4. “*Athletic training*” means the practice of prevention, recognition, assessment, physical evaluation, management, treatment, disposition, and physical reconditioning of athletic injuries that are within the professional preparation and education of a licensed athletic trainer and under the direction of a licensed physician. The term “*athletic training*” includes the organization and administration of educational programs and athletic facilities, and the education and counseling of the public on matters relating to athletic training.
5. “*Board*” means the board of athletic training created under [chapter 147](#).
[94 Acts, ch 1132, §1; 98 Acts, ch 1053, §36, 37; 2004 Acts, ch 1045, §3; 2007 Acts, ch 10, §131](#)

152D.2 Licensing and practice requirements. Repealed by 2004 Acts, ch 1045, §11. See §152D.7.

152D.3 Requirements for licensure.

1. An applicant for a license to practice athletic training shall:
 - a. Be a graduate of an accredited college or university and comply with the minimum athletic training curriculum requirements established by the board.
 - b. Have successfully completed an examination prepared or selected by the board.
2. Application and renewal procedures, fees, and reciprocal agreements shall be provided in accordance with rules adopted by the board pursuant to [chapter 17A](#).
[94 Acts, ch 1132, §3; 95 Acts, ch 94, §2; 98 Acts, ch 1053, §38; 2004 Acts, ch 1045, §4](#)

152D.4 Scope of chapter.

The provisions of [this chapter](#) do not apply to any of the following:

1. Persons otherwise licensed to practice medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, optometry, occupational therapy, nursing, chiropractic, podiatry, dentistry, or physical therapy, and licensed physician assistants who do not represent themselves to the public as athletic trainers.
2. Elementary or secondary school teachers, coaches, or authorized volunteers who do not hold themselves out to the public as athletic trainers.
3. Students of athletic training who practice athletic training under the supervision of a licensed athletic trainer in connection with the regular course of instruction at a school providing athletic training instruction.

4. An athletic trainer who is in this state temporarily with an individual or group that is participating in an athletic event and who is licensed, certified, or registered by another state or country, or certified as an athletic trainer by the board of certification of the national athletic trainers association or its successor organization.

94 Acts, ch 1132, §4; 2004 Acts, ch 1045, §5, 6; 2006 Acts, ch 1010, §55; 2008 Acts, ch 1088, §141

152D.5 Duties of the board.

The board shall:

1. Adopt rules consistent with [this chapter](#) and [chapter 147](#) which are necessary for the performance of its duties.

2. Establish standards and guidelines for athletic trainers including minimum curriculum requirements.

3. Prepare and conduct, or prescribe, an examination for applicants for a license.

4. Establish a system for the collection of licensure fees.

94 Acts, ch 1132, §5; 98 Acts, ch 1053, §39; 2004 Acts, ch 1045, §7; 2006 Acts, ch 1155, §11, 15

152D.6 License suspension and revocation.

A license issued by the board under the provisions of [this chapter](#) may be suspended or revoked, or renewal denied by the board, for violation of any provision of [this chapter](#) or [section 147.55](#), [section 272C.10](#), or rules adopted by the board.

94 Acts, ch 1132, §6; 98 Acts, ch 1053, §40

152D.7 Practice or use of title — license required.

1. An individual licensed pursuant to [this chapter](#) shall be designated a licensed athletic trainer and may use the letters “LAT” after the individual’s name.

2. It is unlawful for a person to engage in the practice of athletic training, or use in connection with the person’s name the title “athletic trainer”, “licensed athletic trainer”, “registered athletic trainer”, the letters “AT”, “AT,C”, “LAT”, “ATC/L”, or “ATC-L”, or other words, abbreviations, or insignia that imply or represent that the person practices athletic training, unless the person is licensed pursuant to [this chapter](#).

3. The practice of physical reconditioning shall be carried out under the oral or written orders of a physician or physician assistant. A physician or physician assistant who issues an oral order must reduce the order to writing and provide a copy of the order to the athletic trainer within thirty days of the oral order.

2004 Acts, ch 1045, §8

152D.8 Penalty.

A person who violates a provision of [this chapter](#) is guilty of a serious misdemeanor.

94 Acts, ch 1132, §8; 2004 Acts, ch 1045, §9

152D.9 Transition provisions.

1. Applicants for licensure under [this chapter](#) who have not passed a licensure examination administered or approved by the board by July 1, 2004, shall be issued a temporary license to practice athletic training for a period of three years, commencing on July 1, 2004, provided that the applicant satisfies all of the following requirements:

a. Submits a letter of recommendation to the board from the applicant’s most recent employer.

b. Submits letters of recommendation to the board from two licensed physicians attesting to the competency of the applicant.

c. Presents satisfactory evidence to the board that the applicant possesses current cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid certification.

d. Presents satisfactory evidence to the board demonstrating that the applicant possesses a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university.

2. An applicant issued a temporary license pursuant to [this section](#) shall pass a licensure

examination administered or approved by the board on or before July 1, 2007, in order to remain licensed as an athletic trainer.

[2004 Acts, ch 1045, §10](#)