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1 3 AN ACT
1 4 PROVIDING FOR LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO THE PRACTICE
1 5 OF ATHLETIC TRAINING AND INCREASING A PENALTY.

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1 7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 9 Section 1. Section 147.2, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code
1 10 2003, is amended to read as follows:

1 11 A person shall not engage in the practice of medicine and
1 12 surgery, podiatry, osteopathy, osteopathic medicine and
1 13 surgery, psychology, chiropractic, physical therapy, nursing,
1 14 dentistry, dental hygiene, optometry, speech pathology,
1 15 audiology, occupational therapy, respiratory care, pharmacy,
1 16 cosmetology, barbering, social work, dietetics, marital and
1 17 family therapy or mental health counseling, massage therapy,
1 18 mortuary science, athletic training, or acupuncture, or shall
1 19 not practice as a physician assistant as defined in the
1 20 following chapters of this subtitle, unless the person has
1 21 obtained from the department a license for that purpose.

1 22 Sec. 2. Section 147.74, subsection 20, Code Supplement
1 23 2003, is amended to read as follows:

1 24 20. An athletic trainer licensed under chapter 152D and
1 25 this chapter may use the title words "licensed athletic
1 26 trainer" or the letters "LAT" after the person's name.

1 27 Sec. 3. Section 152D.1, Code 2003, is amended by striking
1 28 the section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

1 29 152D.1 DEFINITIONS.

1 30 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise
1 31 requires:

1 32 1. "Athlete" means a person who participates in a
1 33 sanctioned amateur or professional sport or other recreational
1 34 sports activity.

1 35 2. "Athletic injury" means any of the following:

2 1 a. An injury or illness sustained by an athlete as a
2 2 result of the athlete's participation in sports, games, or
2 3 recreational sports activities.

2 4 b. An injury or illness that impedes or prevents an
2 5 athlete from participating in sports, games, or recreational
2 6 sports activities.

2 7 3. "Athletic trainer" means a person licensed under this
2 8 chapter to practice athletic training under the direction of a
2 9 licensed physician.

2 10 4. "Athletic training" means the practice of prevention,
2 11 recognition, assessment, physical evaluation, management,
2 12 treatment, disposition, and physical reconditioning of
2 13 athletic injuries that are within the professional preparation
2 14 and education of a licensed athletic trainer and under the
2 15 direction of a licensed physician. The term "athletic
2 16 training" includes the organization and administration of
2 17 educational programs and athletic facilities, and the
2 18 education and counseling of the public on matters relating to
2 19 athletic training.

2 20 5. "Board" means the board of examiners for athletic
2 21 training created under chapter 147.

2 22 Sec. 4. Section 152D.3, Code 2003, is amended to read as
2 23 follows:

2 24 152D.3 ~~QUALIFICATIONS --- PROCEDURES~~ REQUIREMENTS FOR
2 25 LICENSURE.

2 26 1. An applicant for ~~an athletic trainer license must~~
2 27 ~~possess the following qualifications~~ a license to practice
2 28 athletic training shall:

2 29 a. ~~Graduation from~~ Be a graduate of an accredited college
2 30 or university and ~~compliance~~ comply with the minimum athletic
2 31 training curriculum requirements established by the board.

2 32 b. ~~Successful completion of~~ Have successfully completed an
2 33 examination prepared or selected by the board.

2 34 2. ~~An out-of-state applicant for an athletic trainer~~
2 35 ~~license must fulfill the requirements of subsection 1,~~
3 1 ~~paragraphs "a" and "b", and submit proof of active engagement~~
3 2 ~~as an athletic trainer in the other state.~~

3 3 3. ~~2.~~ Application and renewal procedures, fees, and
3 4 reciprocal agreements shall be provided in accordance with
3 5 this chapter rules adopted by the board pursuant to chapter

3 6 17A.

3 7 Sec. 5. Section 152D.4, subsection 1, Code 2003, is
3 8 amended to read as follows:

3 9 1. Persons otherwise licensed to practice medicine and
3 10 surgery, osteopathy, osteopathic medicine and surgery,
3 11 optometry, occupational therapy, nursing, chiropractic,
3 12 podiatry, dentistry, or physical therapy, or a licensed
3 13 physician assistant who do not represent themselves to the
3 14 public as athletic trainers.

3 15 Sec. 6. Section 152D.4, Code 2003, is amended by adding
3 16 the following new subsection:

3 17 NEW SUBSECTION. 4. An athletic trainer who is in this
3 18 state temporarily with an individual or group that is
3 19 participating in an athletic event and who is licensed,
3 20 certified, or registered by another state or country, or
3 21 certified as an athletic trainer by the board of certification
3 22 of the national athletic trainers association or its successor
3 23 organization.

3 24 Sec. 7. Section 152D.5, subsection 3, Code 2003, is
3 25 amended to read as follows:

3 26 3. Prepare and conduct, or prescribe, an examination for
3 27 applicants for a license.

3 28 Sec. 8. NEW SECTION. 152D.7 PRACTICE OR USE OF TITLE ==
3 29 LICENSE REQUIRED.

3 30 1. An individual licensed pursuant to this chapter shall
3 31 be designated a licensed athletic trainer and may use the
3 32 letters "LAT" after the individual's name.

3 33 2. It is unlawful for a person to engage in the practice
3 34 of athletic training, or use in connection with the person's
3 35 name the title "athletic trainer", "licensed athletic
4 1 trainer", "registered athletic trainer", the letters "AT",
4 2 "AT,C", "LAT", "ATC/L", or "ATC=L", or other words,
4 3 abbreviations, or insignia that imply or represent that the
4 4 person practices athletic training, unless the person is
4 5 licensed pursuant to this chapter.

4 6 3. The practice of physical reconditioning shall be
4 7 carried out under the oral or written orders of a physician or
4 8 physician assistant. A physician or physician assistant who
4 9 issues an oral order must reduce the order to writing and
4 10 provide a copy of the order to the athletic trainer within
4 11 thirty days of the oral order.

4 12 Sec. 9. Section 152D.8, Code 2003, is amended to read as
4 13 follows:

4 14 152D.8 PENALTY.

4 15 A person who violates a provision of this chapter is guilty
4 16 of a ~~simple~~ serious misdemeanor.

4 17 Sec. 10. NEW SECTION. 152D.9 TRANSITION PROVISIONS.

4 18 1. Applicants for licensure under this chapter who have
4 19 not passed a licensure examination administered or approved by
4 20 the board by July 1, 2004, shall be issued a temporary license
4 21 to practice athletic training for a period of three years,
4 22 commencing on July 1, 2004, provided that the applicant
4 23 satisfies all of the following requirements:

4 24 a. Submits a letter of recommendation to the board from
4 25 the applicant's most recent employer.

4 26 b. Submits letters of recommendation to the board from two
4 27 licensed physicians attesting to the competency of the
4 28 applicant.

4 29 c. Presents satisfactory evidence to the board that the
4 30 applicant possesses current cardiopulmonary resuscitation and
4 31 first aid certification.

4 32 d. Presents satisfactory evidence to the board
4 33 demonstrating that the applicant possesses a baccalaureate
4 34 degree from an accredited college or university.

4 35 2. An applicant issued a temporary license pursuant to
5 1 this section shall pass a licensure examination administered
5 2 or approved by the board on or before July 1, 2007, in order
5 3 to remain licensed as an athletic trainer.

5 4 Sec. 11. Section 152D.2, Code 2003, is repealed.

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Speaker of the House

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JEFFREY M. LAMBERTI
President of the Senate

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5 16 I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and

5 17 is known as House File 2452, Eightieth General Assembly.

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MARGARET THOMSON
Chief Clerk of the House

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5 28 Governor