

Athletic Trainers; SB 175

SB 175 amends the Athletic Trainers Licensure Act to amend the definition of “athletic training,” provide a licensure exemption, and make changes to the application for licensure as an athletic trainer.

Definition

The bill amends the definition of the term “athletic training”—the practice of injury prevention, physical evaluation, emergency care, and referral or physical reconditioning relating to athletic activity—to add:

- That it is including but not limited to sports participation, exercise, fitness training, strength and conditioning work, recreational physical activities, and competitive athletics. This encompasses wellness promotion, risk management, immediate or emergency care, examination, assessment and therapeutic intervention, or rehabilitation of athletic injury and illness; and
- Making clinical decisions to determine if consultation or referrals are necessary, health care administration, professional responsibility, performance of athletic training research, and educating and consulting with the public regarding safe participation in athletic activities and proper training methods.

Kansas Licensure Waiver Exemption for Athletic Trainers

The bill provides an exemption to the Kansas Athletic Trainers Licensure Act for an individual who accompanies an athletic team or organization from another state or jurisdiction and provides the services of an athletic trainer in Kansas if the individual meets the following criteria:

- Licensed and able to practice as an athletic trainer in another state, District of Columbia, territory, or foreign country; and
- Provides the services of an athletic trainer only to the members of the athletic team or organization that traveled to Kansas.

Changes to Athletic Trainer License Application Requirements

The bill eliminates the requirement that an application for licensure as an athletic trainer be made in writing.

The bill also requires an applicant for licensure as an athletic trainer to provide proof of graduation after successful completion of the curriculum requirements of an accredited training education program at an accredited college or university approved by the State Board of

Healing Arts, changed from requiring proof of receipt of a baccalaureate or post-baccalaureate degree with a major course of study in an athletic training curriculum.