

CHAPTER 152D ATHLETIC TRAINING

152D.1 Definitions.

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

1. "*Board*" means the board of examiners for athletic training created under chapter 147.
2. "*Licensed athletic trainer*" means a person licensed under this chapter.
3. "*Practice of athletic training*" means the prevention, physical evaluation, emergency care, and physical reconditioning relating to injuries and illnesses incurred through sports-induced trauma, which occurs during the preparation for or participation in a sports competition or during a physical training program, either of which is sponsored by an educational institution, amateur or professional athletic group, or other recognized organization, by a person who uses the title of licensed athletic trainer.

152D.2 Licensing and practice requirements.

A person shall not use the title of licensed athletic trainer as defined in this chapter without first obtaining a license pursuant to this chapter.

The practice of athletic training shall be carried out only under the supervision of a licensed physician.

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.

152D.3 Qualifications -- procedures.

1. An applicant for an athletic trainer license must possess the following qualifications:
 - a. Graduation from an accredited college or university and compliance with the minimum athletic training curriculum requirements established by the board.
 - b. Successful completion of an examination prepared or selected by the board.**
2. An out-of-state applicant for an athletic trainer license must fulfill the requirements of subsection 1, paragraphs "*a*" and "*b*", and submit proof of active engagement as an athletic trainer in the other state.

3. Application and renewal procedures, fees, and reciprocal agreements shall be provided in accordance with this chapter.

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, osteopathy, osteopathic medicine and surgery, optometry, occupational therapy, nursing, chiropractic, podiatry, dentistry, or physical therapy, or a licensed physician assistant.
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.

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 an examination for applicants for a license.
4. Establish a system for the collection of licensure fees. The fees charged shall be sufficient to defray the costs of administering this chapter and all fees collected shall be deposited with the treasurer of state who shall deposit them in the general fund of the state.

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.

152D.8 Penalty.

A person who violates a provision of this chapter is guilty of a simple misdemeanor.