



**THE SPORTS MEDICINE LICENSURE CLARITY ACT OF 2017**  
*PROTECTING ATHLETIC TRAINERS WHO  
PROVIDE SERVICES IN A SECONDARY STATE*

**ATHLETES' ACCESS TO TIMELY HEALTH CARE IS IN PERIL**

Many states do not provide legal protection for athletic trainers or sports medicine professionals who travel to another state with an athletic team solely to provide care for that team. Medical liability insurance carriers do not cover them when they travel with their team to states where they are not licensed to practice. Consequently, they must choose between either treating injured athletes at great professional risk or abandoning the teams to whom they provide care. Congress must pass legislation that provides legal protection for athletic trainers and other sports medicine professionals who deliver care to athletic teams across state lines.

**S. 808**

- **S. 808 will provide legal protection for athletic trainers and other sports medicine professionals who travel out of state with an athletic team to provide care, ultimately ensuring that medical care for athletes is not jeopardized.**
- **Under the bill, health care services provided by a covered athletic trainer or sports medicine professional to an athlete, an athletic team, or a staff member in another state will be deemed to have satisfied any licensure requirements of the secondary state.**
- **S. 808 allows athletic trainers and sports medicine professionals to engage in the treatment of injured athletes across state lines without the fear of legal ramifications and professional loss.**
- **This bill aims to preserve sports athletes and athletic teams' access to sports medicine professionals who provide high-quality health care services.**

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