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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1040

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For An Act To Be Entitled

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8 AN ACT TO LIMIT THE PRACTICE OF ATHLETIC TRAINING IN
9 A NONCLINICAL SETTING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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12 TO LIMIT THE PRACTICE OF ATHLETIC
13 TRAINING IN A NONCLINICAL SETTING.

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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-93-402(4), concerning the definition of
20 "athletic training", is amended to read as follows:

21 (4)(A) "Athletic training" means the prevention, recognition,
22 evaluation, treatment, and rehabilitation of an athletic injury or illness
23 and the organization and administration of exercise, conditioning, and
24 athletic training programs.

25 (B) "Athletic training" does not include the
26 administration of treatments to the spine including without limitation
27 cervical treatments, thoracic treatments, and lumbar treatments;

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29 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 17, Chapter 93, Subchapter 4, is
30 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

31 17-93-415. Limitation on practice of athletic training.

32 (a)(1) An athletic trainer shall not provide rehabilitation or
33 treatment of an athletic injury or illness in a nonclinical setting while the
34 athlete is in an acute stage or a sub-acute stage.

35 (2) As used in this section:

36 (A) "Acute stage" means the recovery stage beginning



1 immediately after a surgical operation and up to four (4) weeks after the
2 surgical operation;

3 (B) "Nonclinical setting" means a facility or setting that
4 is unable to bill Medicare for services provided at the facility or setting;
5 and

6 (C) "Sub-acute stage" means the recovery stage beginning
7 four (4) weeks after a surgical operation and up to ten (10) weeks after the
8 surgical operation.

9 (b) An athletic trainer who is found by the Arkansas State Board of
10 Athletic Training to be violation of this section shall be sanctioned by the
11 board with penalties, including without limitation the suspension or
12 revocation of the professional license of the athletic trainer.

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