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A Bill

SENATE BILL 178

5 By: Senator T. Garner
6 By: Representative Womack
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS ATHLETIC TRAINERS ACT;
10 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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13 TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS ATHLETIC TRAINERS
14 ACT.
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-93-402(1) and (2), concerning the
21 definitions of "athlete" and "athletic injury or illness" within the Arkansas
22 Athletic Trainers Act, are amended to read as follows:

23 (1) "Athlete" means an individual who is:

24 (A) participating A participant in organized athletic or
25 team activities at the interscholastic, intramural, intercollegiate, or
26 professional level, or sanctioned recreational sports activities;

27 (B) A military veteran;

28 (C) An active duty member of military personnel;

29 (D) A member of National Guard military personnel;

30 (E) A member of reserve military personnel; or

31 (F) A coach for recreational, intramural, interscholastic,
32 intercollegiate, or professional activities;

33 (2) "Athletic injury or illness" means an injury or illness
34 sustained by the athlete as a result of participation in those organized
35 athletic or team activities which require physical strength, agility,
36 flexibility, range of motion, speed, or stamina, or any comparable injury or



1 illness to an athlete which prevents the person ~~from participating in~~
2 ~~activities~~ described in subdivision (1) of this section from participating in
3 activities which require physical strength, agility, flexibility, range of
4 motion, speed, or stamina;

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6 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 17-93-402(6), concerning the definition of
7 "direct supervision" within the Arkansas Athletic Trainers Act, is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 (6) "Direct supervision" means supervision of the athletic
10 trainer in a clinical setting in which the supervising physical therapist or
11 supervising physician must be readily available for consultation for the care
12 of the athlete but not necessarily on the premises;

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14 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 17-93-411(b), concerning the direction and
15 supervision of athletic trainers, is amended to read as follows:

16 (b) The athletic trainer may practice athletic training in a hospital
17 or outpatient clinic under the direct supervision of:

18 (1) A a physical therapist and upon the referral of a physician
19 licensed in the State of Arkansas; or

20 (2) A physician.

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