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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1259

5 By: Representatives L. Johnson, Watson, *McKenzie*
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS ATHLETIC TRAINERS ACT;
9 TO AUTHORIZE ATHLETIC TRAINERS TO PRACTICE UNDER THE
10 DIRECT SUPERVISION OF A PHYSICIAN; AND FOR OTHER
11 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS ATHLETIC TRAINERS
15 ACT; AND TO AUTHORIZE ATHLETIC TRAINERS
16 TO PRACTICE UNDER THE DIRECT SUPERVISION
17 OF A PHYSICIAN.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-93-402(5), concerning the definition of
24 "direct supervision" in the Arkansas Athletic Trainers Act, is amended to
25 read as follows:

26 (5) "Direct supervision" means supervision of the athletic
27 trainer in a clinical setting ~~in which~~ by the supervising physical therapist
28 or physician who is ~~must be~~ readily available for consultation for the care
29 of the athlete ~~but not necessarily~~ and is on the premises;
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31 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 17-93-402, concerning the definitions under
32 the Arkansas Athletic Trainers Act, is amended to add additional subdivisions
33 to read as follows:

34 (8) "Clinical setting" means a hospital or outpatient clinic;
35 and

36 (9) "Direction" means direction of the athletic trainer in a



1 nonclinical setting by a physician who is readily available for consultation
2 for the care of the athlete but not necessarily on the premises.

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4 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 17-93-411 is amended to read as follows:

5 17-93-411. Direction and supervision.

6 (a) In a nonclinical setting, an athletic trainer may practice the art
7 and science of athletic training under the direction of a physician licensed
8 ~~in the State of Arkansas~~ by the Arkansas State Medical Board.

9 (b) The athletic trainer may practice athletic training in a hospital
10 or outpatient clinic under the direct supervision of a physical therapist and
11 upon the referral of a physician licensed in the State of Arkansas or of a
12 physician licensed by the board.

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14 /s/L. Johnson
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