1 2	State of Arkansas As Engrossed: $H2/24/21$ S3/4/21 93rd General Assembly $As Engrossed: Bill$
3	Regular Session, 2021 HOUSE BILL 1259
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5	By: Representatives L. Johnson, Watson, McKenzie
6	By: Senator K. Hammer
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8	For An Act To Be Entitled
9	AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS ATHLETIC TRAINERS ACT;
10	TO AUTHORIZE ATHLETIC TRAINERS TO PRACTICE UNDER THE
11	DIRECT SUPERVISION OF A PHYSICIAN; AND FOR OTHER
12	PURPOSES.
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16 17	TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS ATHLETIC TRAINERS
17	ACT; AND TO AUTHORIZE ATHLETIC TRAINERS TO PRACTICE UNDER THE DIRECT SUPERVISION
19	OF A PHYSICIAN.
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22	BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24	SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-93-402(5), concerning the definition of
25	"direct supervision" in the Arkansas Athletic Trainers Act, is amended to
26	read as follows:
27	(5) "Direct supervision" means supervision of the athletic
28	trainer in a clinical setting $\frac{1}{2}$ in which $\frac{1}{2}$ the supervising physical therapist
29	or physician who is must be readily available for consultation for the care
30	of the athlete but not necessarily and is on the premises;
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32	SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 17-93-402, concerning the definitions under
33	the Arkansas Athletic Trainers Act, is amended to add additional subdivisions
34	to read as follows:
35	(8) "Clinical setting" means a hospital or outpatient clinic;
36	<u>and</u>

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I	(9) "Direction" means direction of the athletic trainer in a
2	nonclinical setting by a physician who is readily available for consultation
3	for the care of the athlete but not necessarily on the premises.
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5	SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 17-93-411 is amended to read as follows:
6	17-93-411. Direction and supervision.
7	(a) In a nonclinical setting, an athletic trainer may practice the art
8	and science of athletic training under the direction of a physician licensed
9	in the State of Arkansas by the Arkansas State Medical Board.
10	(b) The athletic trainer may practice athletic training in a hospital
11	or outpatient clinic under the direct supervision of a physical therapist and
12	upon the referral of a physician licensed in the State of Arkansas <u>or of a</u>
13	physician licensed by the board.
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15	/s/L. Johnson
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