A Bill

For An Act To Be Entitled
AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS ATHLETIC TRAINERS ACT;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle
TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS ATHLETIC TRAINERS ACT.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-93-402(1), concerning the definition of "athlete" within the Arkansas Athletic Trainers Act, is amended to read as follows:

(1) "Athlete" means an individual who is:
   (A) Participating in organized athletic or team activities at the interscholastic, intramural, intercollegiate, or professional level, or sanctioned recreational sports activities; or
   (B) Physically active;

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

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

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

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

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

(2) A physician.

Referred by Representative Womack
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