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**A Bill**

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HOUSE BILL

By: Representative L. Johnson

Filed with: House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor  
pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

**For An Act To Be Entitled**

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

**Subtitle**

TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS ATHLETIC TRAINERS  
ACT; AND TO AUTHORIZE ATHLETIC TRAINERS  
TO PRACTICE UNDER THE DIRECT SUPERVISION  
OF A PHYSICIAN.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-93-402(5), concerning the definition of  
"direct supervision" in the Arkansas Athletic Trainers Act, is amended to  
read as follows:

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

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 17-93-411 is amended to read as follows:  
17-93-411. Direction and supervision.

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

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

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