

**TO:** All Members of the General Assembly  
**FROM:** Representative Harry Readshaw  
**DATE:** February 4, 2011  
**RE:** Co-sponsorship of Legislation for Licensing Athletic Trainers in Pennsylvania

I will be sponsoring two companion bills to assist the Athletic Trainers in Pennsylvania. The first bill amends the Medical Practice Act (HB 2177 of 2009) and its companion amends the Osteopathic Medical Board Act (HB 2176 of 2009).

Since 2002, Athletic Trainers have been certified by either the Medical Board or the Osteopathic Medical Board within the Department of State. Certified Athletic Trainers, known as ATCs, always function under the direction of a physician. They would continue to function under a physician's direction under my bills, and could provide care to any individual referred by a physician.

ATCs are seeking the licensure commensurate with their training, instead of certification. These talented ATCs function as physician extenders for certain purposes. They are required to take a difficult course of study with emphasis on pre-med types of course, often including cadaver laboratories; must have at least a Bachelor's Degree from an accredited Athletic Training Education Program; pass national boards; are identified as allied health professionals by the American Medical Association; and are recognized as professionals by the United States Department of Labor.

The bills are expected to be revenue neutral because the Department of State currently issues licenses and certifications for the Medical Board and the Osteopathic Medical Board.

If you wish to cosponsor this legislation, please contact Margaret Tricarico at 717-772-5568 (Democratic Caucus Ext. 6168) or [mtricari@pahouse.net](mailto:mtricari@pahouse.net).

Thank you.

HB 2176 of 2009: READSHAW, GERGELY, WAGNER, KORTZ, BELFANTI, BRENNAN, CARROLL, DEASY, J. EVANS, FABRIZIO, HANNA, HORNAMAN, SIPTROTH, K. SMITH AND STABACK

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