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REFERRED TO CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE,
APRIL 4, 2022

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of December 20, 1985 (P.L.457, No.112),
2 entitled "An act relating to the right to practice medicine
3 and surgery and the right to practice medically related acts;
4 reestablishing the State Board of Medical Education and
5 Licensure as the State Board of Medicine and providing for
6 its composition, powers and duties; providing for the
7 issuance of licenses and certificates and the suspension and
8 revocation of licenses and certificates; provided penalties;
9 and making repeals," further providing for definitions and
10 for athletic trainers; and abrogating a regulation.

11 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
12 hereby enacts as follows:

13 Section 1. The definitions of "athletic training services,"
14 "direction" and "physically active person" in section 2 of the
15 act of December 20, 1985 (P.L.457, No.112), known as the Medical
16 Practice Act of 1985, are amended to read:

17 Section 2. Definitions.

18 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
19 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
20 context clearly indicates otherwise:

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1 "Athletic training services." The management and provision
2 of care of injuries to [a physically active person as defined in
3 this act] an individual with the direction of a licensed
4 physician. The term includes the rendering of emergency care,
5 development of injury prevention programs and providing
6 appropriate preventative and supporting devices for the
7 [physically active person] individual. The term also includes
8 the assessment, management, treatment, rehabilitation and
9 reconditioning of the [physically active person] individual
10 whose conditions are within the professional preparation and
11 education of a licensed athletic trainer. The term also includes
12 the use of modalities such as mechanical stimulation, heat,
13 cold, light, air, water, electricity, sound, massage and the use
14 of therapeutic exercises, reconditioning exercise and fitness
15 programs. Athletic training services shall not include surgery[,
16 invasive procedures] or prescription of any controlled
17 substance.

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19 "Direction." Supervision over the actions of a licensed
20 athletic trainer via referral by prescription to treat
21 conditions for [a physically active person] an individual from a
22 licensed physician, dentist or podiatrist or written protocol
23 approved by a supervising physician, dentist or podiatrist,
24 except that the physical presence of the supervising physician,
25 dentist or podiatrist is not required if the supervising
26 physician, dentist or podiatrist is readily available for
27 consultation by direct communication, radio, telephone,
28 facsimile, telecommunications or via other electronic means.

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30 ["Physically active person." An individual who participates

1 in organized, individual or team sports, athletic games or
2 recreational sport activity.]

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4 Section 2. Section 51.1(a) of the act is amended to read:

5 Section 51.1. Athletic trainers.

6 (a) General rule.--An athletic trainer licensed by the board
7 may, under the direction of a physician, podiatrist or dentist,
8 provide athletic training services to [a physically active
9 person] an individual under the care of a physician, dentist or
10 podiatrist. An athletic trainer licensed under this section
11 shall refer [a physically active person] an individual with
12 conditions outside the scope of athletic training services to a
13 physician, dentist or podiatrist.

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15 Section 3. The provisions of 49 Pa. Code Ch. 18 Subch. E are
16 abrogated insofar as they are inconsistent with amendment of
17 sections 2 and 51.1(a) of the act.

18 Section 4. This act shall take effect immediately.