
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of October 5, 1978 (P.L.1109, No.261), entitled
2 "An act requiring the licensing of practitioners of
3 osteopathic medicine and surgery; regulating their practice;
4 providing for certain funds and penalties for violations and
5 repeals," further providing for definitions and for athletic
6 trainers; and abrogating a regulation.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. The definitions of "athletic training services,"
10 "direction" and "physically active person" in section 2 of the
11 act of October 5, 1978 (P.L.1109, No.261), known as the
12 Osteopathic Medical Practice Act, are amended to read:

13 Section 2. Definitions.

14 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
15 have, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the
16 meanings given to them in this section:

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18 "Athletic training services." The management and provision
19 of care of injuries to [a physically active person] an

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

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

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28 ["Physically active person." An individual who participates
29 in organized, individual or team sports, athletic games or
30 recreational sport activity.]

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2 Section 2. Section 7.1(a) of the act is amended to read:

3 Section 7.1. Athletic trainers.

4 (a) An athletic trainer licensed by the board may, under the
5 direction of a physician, podiatrist or dentist, provide

6 athletic training services to [a physically active person] an
7 individual under the care of a physician, dentist or podiatrist.

8 An athletic trainer licensed under this section shall refer [a
9 physically active person] an individual with conditions outside
10 the scope of athletic training services to a physician, dentist
11 or podiatrist.

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13 Section 3. The provisions of 49 Pa. Code Ch. 25 Subch. M are
14 abrogated insofar as they are inconsistent with the amendment of
15 sections 2 and 7.1(a) of the act.

16 Section 4. This act shall take effect immediately.