

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.  
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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1259

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By: Senator K. Hammer

## 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~~ and is on the premises;

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 17-93-402, concerning the definitions under the Arkansas Athletic Trainers Act, is amended to add additional subdivisions to read as follows:

(8) "Clinical setting" means a hospital or outpatient clinic;  
and



(9) "Direction" means direction of the athletic trainer in a nonclinical setting by a physician who is readily available for consultation for the care of the athlete but not necessarily on the premises.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 17-93-411 is amended to read as follows:

17-93-411. Direction and supervision.

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

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

*/s/L. Johnson*

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