

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

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1040

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO LIMIT THE PRACTICE OF ATHLETIC TRAINING IN
A NONCLINICAL SETTING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO LIMIT THE PRACTICE OF ATHLETIC
TRAINING IN A NONCLINICAL SETTING.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-93-402(4), concerning the definition of "athletic training", is amended to read as follows:

(4) (A) "Athletic training" means the prevention, recognition, evaluation, treatment, and rehabilitation of an athletic injury or illness and the organization and administration of exercise, conditioning, and athletic training programs.

(B) "Athletic training" does not include the administration of treatments to the spine including without limitation cervical treatments, thoracic treatments, and lumbar treatments;

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 17, Chapter 93, Subchapter 4, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

17-93-415. Limitation on practice of athletic training.

(a)(1) An athletic trainer shall not provide rehabilitation or treatment of an athletic injury or illness in a nonclinical setting while the athlete is in an acute stage or a sub-acute stage.

(2) As used in this section:

(A) "Acute stage" means the recovery stage beginning



immediately after a surgical operation and up to four (4) weeks after the surgical operation;

(B) "Nonclinical setting" means a facility or setting that is unable to bill Medicare for services provided at the facility or setting; and

(C) "Sub-acute stage" means the recovery stage beginning four (4) weeks after a surgical operation and up to ten (10) weeks after the surgical operation.

(b) An athletic trainer who is found by the Arkansas State Board of Athletic Training to be violation of this section shall be sanctioned by the board with penalties, including without limitation the suspension or revocation of the professional license of the athletic trainer.