

HOUSE BILL No. 2695

AN ACT concerning athletic trainer licensure; amending K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 65-6903, 65-6905, 65-6906, 65-6907, 65-6909 and 65-6910 and repealing the existing sections.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

Section 1. K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 65-6903 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-6903. (a) It shall be unlawful for any person who is not licensed under this act as an athletic trainer or whose license has been suspended or revoked to use, in connection with such person's name or place of business, the words: "Athletic trainer" or "athletic trainer licensed" or "licensed athletic trainer" or "*certified athletic trainer*" or the letters "A.T." or "A.T.L." ~~or~~, "L.A.T." or "ATC", or any other words, letters, abbreviations or insignia indicating or implying that such person is an athletic trainer or who in any way, orally, in writing, in print or by sign, directly or by implication represents oneself as an athletic trainer.

(b) Any violation of this section shall constitute a class B nonperson misdemeanor.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 65-6905 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-6905. (a) The board, in the manner hereinafter provided, shall administer the provisions of this act.

(b) The board may adopt rules and regulations consistent with the provisions of this act for the administration and enforcement for this act and may prescribe forms which shall be issued in the administration of this act. The rules and regulations shall include standards for approval of an educational course of study and clinical experience, continuing education criteria, practice protocols, criteria for licensure procedures for the examination of applicants, and for professional conduct and discipline.

(c) The board shall maintain a registry of names and addresses of all individuals who are currently licensed under the athletic trainers licensure act.

~~(d) An individual holding a valid registration as an athletic trainer under the athletic trainers registration act on June 30, 2004, shall be deemed to be licensed as an athletic trainer under the athletic trainers licensure act, and such individual shall not be required to file an original application for licensure under the athletic trainers licensure act.~~

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 65-6906 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-6906. (a) Applications for licensure as an athletic trainer shall be made in writing to the board on a form and in the manner prescribed by the board. Each application shall be accompanied by the required fee, which shall not be refundable. Each application shall contain such information necessary to enable the board to judge the qualifications of the applicant for licensure.

(b) The applicant is entitled to licensure as an athletic trainer if the applicant possesses the qualifications set forth under K.S.A. 65-6907 and amendments thereto, pays the licensure fee established by the board and has not committed an act which constitutes ground for denial of licensure.

~~(c) (1) Upon due application and payment of a licensure fee as established by the board within one year subsequent to July 1, 1996, the board shall waive the examination requirement under K.S.A. 65-6907 and amendments thereto and grant licensure to a person who:~~

~~—(A) Meets the educational requirements set forth in this act and has completed the clinical experience approved by the board on or before July 1, 1996;~~

~~—(B) meets the educational requirements set forth in this act and on the effective date of this act has been actively engaged as an athletic trainer for at least two years of the four years immediately preceding July 1, 1996; or~~

~~—(C) is certified by a national certifying organization for athletic trainers, approved by the board on the effective date of this act and on the effective date of this act has been actively engaged as an athletic trainer for at least three years of the five years immediately preceding July 1, 1996.~~

~~—(d) For the purpose of subsection (c), a person is actively engaged as an athletic trainer if such person performs the functions and duties of an athletic trainer.~~

~~—(e) The board may license an applicant as an athletic trainer, without examination, if the applicant is an athletic trainer registered, licensed or certified under the laws of another state if the requirements pertaining to athletic trainers in such state at the date of such applicant's registration;~~

~~licensure or certification were substantially the same as the requirements under this act.~~

(c) *The board may issue a license as an athletic trainer without examination to an applicant:*

(1) *Who presents evidence satisfactory to the board of being licensed, registered or certified in another state, District of Columbia, territory or foreign country and of having passed an examination in athletic training before a similarly lawfully authorized examining board in athletic training of another state, District of Columbia, territory or foreign country if the standards for the examination and for licensure, registration or certification in athletic training in such other state, District of Columbia, territory or foreign country are determined by the board to be at least equivalent to those of this state; or*

(2) *who presents evidence satisfactory to the board of having been engaged in the practice of athletic training in another state, District of Columbia, territory or foreign country and passed an examination in athletic training by the national athletic trainers' association board of certification, inc. or other recognized national voluntary credentialing body which examination the board finds is at least equivalent to the examination approved by the board under K.S.A. 65-6907, and amendments thereto, and who is certified by the national athletic trainers' association board of certification, inc. or other recognized national voluntary credentialing body which certification the board finds was issued based on standards at least equivalent to the standards for licensure as an athletic trainer in this state; and*

(3) *who, at the time of making such application has not been subject to discipline or does not have a disciplinary action pending resulting from the practice of athletic training in another state, District of Columbia, territory or foreign country; and*

(4) *who, at the time of making such application, pays to the board a fee as prescribed, no part of which shall be returned.*

(f) (d) As a condition of performing the functions and duties of an athletic trainer in this state, each licensed athletic trainer shall file a practice protocol with the board. The practice protocol shall be signed by each person licensed by the board to practice the healing arts who will delegate to the athletic trainer acts which constitute athletic training and shall contain such information as required by rules and regulations adopted by the board.

(g) (e) The board may issue a temporary permit to an applicant for licensure as an athletic trainer ~~who applies for a temporary permit on a form provided by the board,~~ who meets the requirements for licensure as an athletic trainer as required by K.S.A. 65-6907, and amendments thereto, *or who meets all the requirements for licensure except examination* and who pays to the board the temporary permit fee as required under K.S.A. 65-6910, and amendments thereto. Such temporary permit shall expire six months from the date of issue or on the date that the board approves *or denies* the application for licensure, whichever occurs first. No more than one such temporary permit shall be granted to any one person.

Sec. 4. K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 65-6907 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-6907. An applicant for licensure as an athletic trainer shall give proof that the applicant has:

(a) Received a baccalaureate or post-baccalaureate degree with a major course of study in an athletic training curriculum approved by the board; *and*

(b) ~~completed clinical experience of at least 800 hours over a minimum of two years as approved by the board, and~~

~~(c)~~ passed an examination in athletic training approved by the board.

Sec. 5. K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 65-6909 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-6909. (a) An applicant who meets the requirements for licensure pursuant to this act, has paid the licensure fee and has otherwise complied with the provisions of this act shall be licensed by the board.

(b) Licenses issued pursuant to this act shall expire on the date established by rules and regulations of the board unless revoked prior to that time. A license shall be renewed in the manner prescribed by the board.

(c) At least ~~30~~ 60 days before the expiration of the license of an ath-

letic trainer, the board shall notify the licensee of the expiration by mail, addressed to the licensee's last mailing address, as noted upon the board's records. If the licensee fails to pay the renewal fee and submit an application ~~by at least 30 days prior to~~ the date of expiration of the license, the licensee shall be given a second notice that the licensee's license ~~has expired~~ *will expire* and the license may be renewed only if ~~the renewal fee and the late~~ *an additional* renewal fee ~~are~~ *is* received by the board within the 30-day period following the date of expiration and that if both fees are not received ~~within the 30-day period~~ *by the date of expiration* the license shall be canceled for failure to renew and shall be reissued only after the athletic trainer has been reinstated under subsection (d).

(d) Any licensee who allows the licensee's license to be canceled by failing to renew as herein provided may be reinstated upon payment of the ~~renewal fee, the~~ reinstatement fee, filing an updated practice protocol and upon submitting evidence of satisfactory completion of any applicable continuing education requirements established by the board. The board shall adopt rules and regulations for reinstatement of persons whose licenses have been canceled for failure to renew. Renewal of canceled licenses or reinstatement of licenses may include additional testing, training or education as the board deems necessary to establish the person's present ability to perform the functions or duties of an athletic trainer.

(e) There is hereby created the designation of an inactive license. The board is authorized to issue an inactive license to any licensee who makes written application for such license on a form provided by the board and remits the application fee established pursuant to K.S.A. 65-6910, and amendments thereto. The board may issue an inactive license only to a person who meets all the requirements for a license as an athletic trainer and who does not perform the functions and duties of an athletic trainer in this state. An inactive license shall not entitle the holder to engage in active practice as an athletic trainer in this state. The provisions of subsections (b), (c) and (d) of K.S.A. 65-6909, and amendments thereto, relating to expiration, renewal and reinstatement of a license shall be applicable to an inactive license issued under this subsection. Each inactive licensee may apply to engage in active practice by filing a practice protocol required by subsection ~~(d)~~ of K.S.A. 65-6906, and amendments thereto.

Sec. 6. K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 65-6910 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-6910. (a) The board shall charge and collect in advance fees provided for in this act as fixed by the board by rules and regulations, subject to the following limitations:

Application and license fee based upon certificate of prior examination, not more than .....	\$80
Annual renewal fee, not more than .....	\$70
<del>Late</del> <i>Additional</i> renewal fee, not more than .....	\$75
Reinstatement fee, not more than .....	\$80
Certified copy of license, not more than .....	\$15
Temporary permit .....	\$25

(b) The board shall charge and collect in advance fees for any examination administered by the board under the athletic trainers licensure act as fixed by the board by rules and regulations in an amount equal to the cost to the board of the examination and its administration. If the examination is not administered by the board, the board may require that fees paid for any examination under the athletic trainers licensure act be paid directly to the examination service by the person taking the examination.

(c) The board shall remit all moneys received from fees, charges or penalties to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury. Twenty percent of each such deposit shall be credited to the state general fund and the balance shall be credited to the healing arts fee fund. All expenditures from such fund shall be made in accordance with appropriation acts upon warrants of the director of accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the president of the board or by a person designated by the president of the board.

Sec. 7. K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 65-6903, 65-6905, 65-6906, 65-6907, 65-6909 and 65-6910 are hereby repealed.

Sec. 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.

I hereby certify that the above BILL originated in the HOUSE, and passed that body

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*Speaker of the House.*

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*Chief Clerk of the House.*

Passed the SENATE \_\_\_\_\_

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*President of the Senate.*

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*Secretary of the Senate.*

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_

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*Governor.*