

**SENATE BILL No. 175**

By Committee on Public Health and Welfare

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1 AN ACT concerning health and healthcare; relating to healthcare  
2 professions; updating the definition of athletic trainer; providing for an  
3 exception for those licensed in another  
4 state, District of Columbia, territory or foreign country to practice in  
5 Kansas; amending K.S.A. 65-6902, 65-6906 and 65-6907 and repealing  
6 the existing sections.

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

9 Section 1. K.S.A. 65-6902 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-  
10 6902. As used in this act:

11 (a) "Board" means the state board of healing arts.

12 (b) "Athletic training" means the practice ~~of injury of prevention,~~  
13 ~~physical evaluation, emergency care and referral or physical~~  
14 ~~reconditioning relating to athletic activity and wellness promotion, risk~~  
15 ~~management, immediate or emergency care, examination, assessment and~~  
16 ~~therapeutic intervention or rehabilitation of injury and illness. Athletic~~  
17 ~~training also means making clinical decisions to determine if consultation~~  
18 ~~or referrals are necessary, healthcare administration, professional~~  
19 ~~responsibility, performance of athletic training research and the education~~  
20 ~~of and consulting with the public.~~

21 (c) "Athletic trainer" means a person licensed under this act.

22 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 65-6906 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-  
23 6906. (a) Applications for licensure as an athletic trainer shall be made ~~in~~  
24 ~~writing to the board on a form and in the manner prescribed by the board.~~  
25 Each application shall be accompanied by the required fee, which shall not  
26 be refundable. Each application shall contain such information necessary  
27 to enable the board to judge the qualifications of the applicant for  
28 licensure.

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

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

36 (1) Who presents evidence satisfactory to the board of being licensed,

1 registered or certified in another state, District of Columbia, territory or  
2 foreign country and of having passed an examination in athletic training  
3 before a similarly lawfully authorized examining board in athletic training  
4 of another state, District of Columbia, territory or foreign country if the  
5 standards for the examination and for licensure, registration or certification  
6 in athletic training in such other state, District of Columbia, territory or  
7 foreign country are determined by the board to be at least equivalent to  
8 those of this state; or

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

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

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

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

34 (e) The board may issue a temporary permit to an applicant for  
35 licensure as an athletic trainer who meets the requirements for licensure as  
36 an athletic trainer as required by K.S.A. 65-6907, and amendments thereto,  
37 or who meets all the requirements for licensure except examination and  
38 who pays to the board the temporary permit fee as required under K.S.A.  
39 65-6910, and amendments thereto. Such temporary permit shall expire six  
40 months from the date of issue or on the date that the board approves or  
41 denies the application for licensure, whichever occurs first. No more than  
42 one such temporary permit shall be granted to any one person.

43 (f) *An individual who accompanies an athletic team or organization*

1 *from another state or jurisdiction and provides the services of an athletic*  
2 *trainer in Kansas is exempt from the licensure requirements of the Kansas*  
3 *athletic trainers licensure act, provided that the person is:*

4 (1) *Licensed and able to practice as an athletic trainer in another*  
5 *state, District of Columbia, territory or foreign country; and*

6 (2) *limited to providing the services of an athletic trainer to*  
7 *members of the athletic team or organization that traveled to Kansas.*

8 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 65-6907 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-  
9 6907. An applicant for licensure as an athletic trainer shall give proof that  
10 the applicant has:

11 (a) ~~Received a baccalaureate or post-baccalaureate degree with a~~  
12 ~~major course of study in an athletic training curriculum~~*Graduated after*  
13 *successful completion of the curriculum requirements of an accredited*  
14 *athletic training education program at an accredited college or university*  
15 *approved by the board; and*

16 (b) *passed an examination in athletic training approved by the board.*

17 Sec. 4. K.S.A. 65-6902, 65-6906 and 65-6907 are hereby repealed.

18 Sec. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
19 publication in the statute book.