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AN ACT

RELATING TO SPORTS MEDICINE; AMENDING THE ATHLETIC TRAINER PRACTICE ACT; PROVIDING ADDITIONAL DEFINITIONS; AMENDING THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. Section 61-14D-3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1993, Chapter 325, Section 3) is amended to read:

"61-14D-3. DEFINITIONS.--As used in the Athletic Trainer Practice Act:

A. "athlete" means a person trained to participate in exercise requiring physical agility and stamina;

B. "athletic trainer" means a person who, with the advice and consent of a licensed physician, practices the treatment, prevention, care and rehabilitation of injuries incurred by athletes;

C. "board" means the athletic trainer practice board;

D. "clinical assessment" means obtaining a history of an athletic injury, inspection and palpation of an injured part and associated structures and performance of testing techniques related to stability and function to determine the extent of an injury;

E. "department" means the regulation and licensing department;

1 F. "district" means an area having the same
2 boundaries as a congressional district in the state;

3 G. "emergency care" means the application of first
4 aid, determination of whether an injury is life-threatening
5 and referral to an appropriately licensed health care
6 provider if an injury requires further definitive care or the
7 injury or condition is outside an athletic trainer's scope of
8 practice;

9 H. "licensed physician" means a chiropractor,
10 osteopath or physician licensed pursuant to Article 4, 6 or
11 10 of Chapter 61 NMSA 1978;

12 I. "preventive services" means treatment of
13 injuries through pre-activity screening and evaluation,
14 educational programs, application of commercial products, use
15 of protective equipment and physical conditioning and
16 reconditioning programs; and

17 J. "therapeutic intervention and rehabilitation"
18 means treatment of injuries through the application of
19 exercise, the use of physical modalities such as heat, light,
20 sound, cold, electricity or mechanical devices, therapeutic
21 activities, preventive services and standard reassessment
22 techniques and procedures in accordance with established,
23 written athletic training service plans and upon the order or
24 protocol of a licensed physician."

1 Chapter 325, Section 6) is amended to read:

2 "61-14D-6. SCOPE OF PRACTICE.--The practice of athletic
3 training includes preventive services, emergency care,
4 clinical assessment, therapeutic intervention and
5 rehabilitation of injuries and medical conditions of athletes.
6 Athletic trainers act as allied medical providers through
7 collaboration with licensed physicians, pursuant to the
8 written prescription, standing order or protocol of a licensed
9 physician."

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