

1 SENATE BILL 221

2 **53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2017**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO SPORTS MEDICINE; AMENDING THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE OF  
12 ATHLETIC TRAINERS.

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

15 SECTION 1. Section 61-14D-6 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1993,  
16 Chapter 325, Section 6) is amended to read:

17 "61-14D-6. SCOPE OF PRACTICE.--The practice of athletic  
18 training includes [~~the prevention, care and rehabilitation of~~  
19 ~~athlete's injuries. Athletic trainers may evaluate and treat~~  
20 ~~athletes~~] preventive services, emergency care, clinical  
21 diagnosis, therapeutic intervention and rehabilitation of  
22 injuries and medical conditions of athletes. Athletic trainers  
23 act as independent medical providers through collaboration with  
24 licensed physicians, pursuant to the written prescription,  
25 standing order or protocol of a licensed physician [~~provided~~

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1 ~~that an athletic trainer may treat postsurgical conditions only~~  
2 ~~pursuant to the written prescription of that athlete's~~  
3 ~~surgeon]. To carry out these functions, an athletic trainer~~  
4 may use exercise, therapeutic intervention and physical  
5 modalities such as heat, light, sound, cold, electricity or  
6 mechanical devices related to rehabilitation and treatment.  
7 ~~[Nothing in the Athletic Trainer Practice Act shall be~~  
8 ~~construed to allow an athletic trainer to provide the initial~~  
9 ~~treatment or evaluation of an athlete injured in a non-athletic~~  
10 ~~setting.]"~~

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