

House Bill 1083

By: Representatives McBee of the 88th, Hudgens of the 24th, Heard of the 89th and Wix of the 33rd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 5 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 athletic trainers, so as to change the provisions relating to licensing, licenses, and
3 requirements for licenses; to change the provisions relating to qualifications for applicants;
4 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Chapter 5 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to athletic trainers,
8 is amended by striking Code Section 43-5-7, relating to license requirements for persons
9 engaged as athletic trainers, and inserting in its place the following:

10 "43-5-7.

11 No person shall hold himself out as an athletic trainer or perform, for compensation, any
12 of the activities of an athletic trainer, as defined in this chapter, without first obtaining a
13 license under this chapter; ~~provided, however, that nothing in this chapter shall be~~
14 ~~construed to prevent any person from serving as a student-trainer, assistant-trainer,~~
15 ~~teacher-trainer, or any similar position if such service is not primarily for compensation~~
16 ~~and is carried out under the supervision of a coach, physician, or a licensed athletic~~
17 ~~trainer."~~

18 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

19 Said chapter is further amended by striking Code Section 43-5-8, relating to qualifications
20 of applicants and reciprocity, and inserting in its place the following:

21 "43-5-8.

22 (a) An applicant for an athletic trainer's license must ~~possess one of the following~~
23 ~~qualifications:~~ have met the athletic training curriculum requirements of a college or
24 university approved by the board and give proof of graduation.

- 1 ~~(1) Have met the athletic training curriculum requirements of a college or university~~
2 ~~approved by the board and give proof of graduation;~~
3 ~~(2) Hold a degree in physical therapy (or corrective therapy) with at least a minor in~~
4 ~~physical education or health which included a basic athletic training course and have~~
5 ~~spent at least two academic years working under the direct supervision of an approved~~
6 ~~athletic trainer; or~~
7 ~~(3) Have completed at least four years beyond the secondary school level, while either~~
8 ~~as an undergraduate or graduate student, as an apprentice athletic trainer under the~~
9 ~~direct supervision of a licensed athletic trainer. Such four years must be consecutive~~
10 ~~years of supervision, military duty excepted.~~
11 (b) The board shall be authorized to grant a license, without examination, to any
12 qualified athletic trainer holding a license in another state if such other state recognizes
13 licensees of this state in the same manner.
14 (c) The board may grant a license without examination to any qualified applicant who
15 holds the National Athletic Trainers Association certification."

16 **SECTION 3.**

17 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.