

House Bill 1083

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

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.

