

House Bill 1083 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

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 provide an effective date; 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 or herself out as an athletic trainer or perform, for
12 compensation, any of the activities of an athletic trainer, as defined in this chapter, without
13 first obtaining a license under this chapter; provided, however, that nothing in this chapter
14 shall be 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 and
16 is carried out under the supervision of a ~~coach~~, physician, or a licensed athletic trainer."

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

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

20 "43-5-8.

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

24 ~~(1) Have met the athletic training curriculum requirements of a college or university~~
25 ~~approved by the board and give proof of graduation;~~

1 ~~(2) Hold a degree in physical therapy (or corrective therapy) with at least a minor in~~
2 ~~physical education or health which included a basic athletic training course and have~~
3 ~~spent at least two academic years working under the direct supervision of an approved~~
4 ~~athletic trainer; or~~

5 ~~(3) Have completed at least four years beyond the secondary school level, while either~~
6 ~~as an undergraduate or graduate student, as an apprentice athletic trainer under the direct~~
7 ~~supervision of a licensed athletic trainer. Such four years must be consecutive years of~~
8 ~~supervision, military duty excepted.~~

9 (b) The board shall be authorized to grant a license, without examination, to any qualified
10 athletic trainer holding a license in another state if such other state recognizes licensees of
11 this state in the same manner.

12 (c) The board may grant a license without examination to any qualified applicant who
13 holds ~~the~~ a certification from the National Athletic Trainers Association certification Board
14 of Certification.

15 (d) Any person who was issued a license prior to July 1, 2004, shall remain qualified for
16 licensure, notwithstanding the requirement for proof of graduation in subsection (a) of this
17 Code section, so long as the license remains current."

18 SECTION 3.

19 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2004.

20 SECTION 4.

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