



**Testimony in SUPPORT with AMENDMENTS to HB 576—HEALTH OCCUPATIONS-
ATHLETIC TRAINING-REVISIONS**
House Health and Government Committee
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The Maryland Chiropractic Association (MCA) is a professional organization dedicated to elevating the chiropractic profession by educating the public and advancing chiropractic care for the citizens of Maryland. The MCA's membership is made up of licensed chiropractors who live and work in Maryland.

House 576-Health Occupations—Athletic Training-Revisions makes changes to the definition of what it means to “practice athletic training” and repeals settings in which athletic trainers may work. While the MCA greatly appreciate this year’s version of the bill and the efforts made to address some of our biggest issues from 2018, the MCA still has concerns about the language as proposed. To that end, we have worked closely with the Maryland Occupational Therapists’ Association (MOTA), the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) of Maryland to draft amendments to address some of those concerns. These proposed amendments are included below.

Amendment # 1: - On page 2 strike the brackets in line 7; in line 8 following "competition" strike "or" and after "game" insert "**OR TRAINING AND CONDITIONING TO PROMOTE WELLNESS AND IMPROVE JOB FUNCTION**"; in line 10 strike "(1)" and in line 11 strike the semicolon and insert a period, and strike from "and" through line 14; in line 16 remove the bracket.

Amendment # 2: - On page 3 strike all of the brackets in line 13 and 24; in line 16 strike “EXAMINATION, DIAGNOSIS”; in line 25 strike everything after “making” and replace with “**A REFERRAL FOR FURTHER EVALUATION AND TREATMENT OF AN ATHLETIC INJURY**”.

Amendment # 3: - On page 4 in line 8 strike "or", and in the unnumbered line following line 2 insert the following: "**(iii) EXCEPT FOR A PROFESSIONAL ATHLETE, WORK HARDENING, TREATMENT, RECONDITIONING OR REHABILITATION OF JOB FUNCTION NECESSITATED BY WORK RELATED INJURIES; OR**", in line 9 strike "(iii)" and insert "**(iv)**"; and in line 9 and 11 strike the brackets.

Amendment 4 – On page 6, strike the brackets in line 29 and strike (1) in line 30.

Amednement 5 – On page 7, strike starting with “AND” in line 1 through “BOARD” in line 7.

Amendment # 6: - on page 8 strike the brackets in line 15 and strike the word “INDIVIDUAL.” In line 16 strike the word “INDIVIDUAL”.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide comments on this legislation. The MCA is committed to working with all stakeholders on this bill in order to identify amendments and solutions that work for everyone.