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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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Maryland Athletic Trainers Act

3 FOR the purpose of requiring certain individuals to be licensed as athletic trainers

4 before providing athletic trainer services in the State; establishing the Athletic

5 Trainer Advisory Committee within the State Board of Physical Therapy

6 Examiners; providing for the composition of the Committee and the terms,

7 compensation, and removal of Committee members; providing for the election of

8 officers and the quorum of the Committee; establishing certain powers and

9 duties of the Committee; establishing certain licensing requirements; providing

10 that the Board may make a reciprocal licensing agreement with another state 11 under certain circumstances; providing for the renewal of an athletic trainer

12 license; establishing certain license renewal requirements; requiring the Board

13 to reinstate the license of an athletic trainer under certain circumstances;

requiring a holder of an athletic trainer license to provide the Board with

15 written notice of any change of address; authorizing the Board to deny a license

16 to an applicant, reprimand a licensee, impose restrictions on a license, or

17 suspend or revoke a license under certain circumstances; establishing certain

18 hearing and appeal procedures; prohibiting a person from providing, attempting

19 to provide, or offering to provide athletic trainer services or representing to the

20 general public that the person is an athletic trainer unless licensed by the

21 Board; establishing a certain penalty; defining certain terms; providing that this

22 Act shall supersede certain laws of a county or municipal corporation; and

23 generally relating to the licensing of athletic trainers.

24 BY adding to

25 Article - Health Occupations

Section 13-4A-01 through 13-4A-22, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle
"Subtitle 4A. Licensing of Athletic Trainers"

28 Annotated Code of Maryland

29 (2000 Replacement Volume)

30 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

31 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

2	HOUSE BILL 865		
1	Article - Health Occupations		
2		Title 13. Physical Therapists.	
3	SUBTITLE 4A. LICENSING OF ATHLETIC TRAINERS.		
4	13-4A-01.		
5 6	(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.		
	7 (B) "ATHLETIC TRAINER" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO PROVIDES ATHLETIC 3 TRAINER SERVICES UNDER THE SUPERVISION AND GUIDANCE OF A LICENSED 9 PHYSICIAN.		
10) (C) "COMMITTEE	" MEANS THE ATHLETIC TRAINER ADVISORY COMMITTEE.	
11 12		VIDE ATHLETIC TRAINER SERVICES" MEANS TO EDUCATE, ATE, OR TREAT PHYSICALLY ACTIVE INDIVIDUALS WHO:	
13 14		PARTICIPATE IN INDIVIDUAL OR TEAM SPORTS, ATHLETIC NAL SPORTS ACTIVITIES; OR	
15 16	5 (II) 6 ATHLETIC TRAINING SE	ARE IDENTIFIED BY A LICENSED PHYSICIAN TO BE IN NEED OF RVICES.	
18	 17 (2) "PROVIDE ATHLETIC TRAINER SERVICES" INCLUDES THE USE OF 18 THE FOLLOWING METHODS OF PREVENTION, REHABILITATION, AND TREATMENT 19 UNDER SUPERVISION AND GUIDANCE OF A LICENSED PHYSICIAN: 		
20	(I) C	HEAT;	
21	1 (II)	LIGHT;	
22	2 (III)	SOUND;	
23	3 (IV)	COLD;	
24	4 (V)	ELECTRICITY;	
25	5 (VI)	MECHANICAL DEVICES;	
26	5 (VII)	MANUAL THERAPEUTIC TECHNIQUES;	
27	7 (VIII)	MASSAGE; AND	
28	8 (IX)	THERAPEUTIC EXERCISE.	

29 (E) "LICENSE" MEANS A LICENSE ISSUED BY THE BOARD TO PROVIDE 30 ATHLETIC TRAINER SERVICES.

1(F)"LICENSED ATHLETIC TRAINER" MEANS AN ATHLETIC TRAINER WHO IS2LICENSED BY THE BOARD TO PROVIDE ATHLETIC TRAINER SERVICES.

3 13-4A-02.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS SUBTITLE IS TO ENSURE MINIMUM STANDARDS OF
COMPETENCY FOR ATHLETIC TRAINERS SO THAT THE PUBLIC IS PROVIDED WITH
SAFE ATHLETIC TRAINER SERVICES.

7 13-4A-03.

8 THERE IS AN ATHLETIC TRAINER ADVISORY COMMITTEE WITHIN THE BOARD.

9 13-4A-04.

10 (A) THE COMMITTEE CONSISTS OF FIVE MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE 11 GOVERNOR.

12 (B) OF THE FIVE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

13 (1) THREE SHALL BE LICENSED ATHLETIC TRAINERS;

14 (2) ONE SHALL BE A LICENSED PHYSICAL THERAPIST; AND

15 (3) ONE SHALL BE BOTH A LICENSED PHYSICAL THERAPIST AND A 16 LICENSED ATHLETIC TRAINER.

17 (C) (1) EACH ATHLETIC TRAINER MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE SHALL:

18 (I) BE CERTIFIED BY THE NATIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINERS'
19 ASSOCIATION BOARD OF CERTIFICATION, INC.;

20 (II) HAVE HAD AT LEAST 5 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE AS AN ATHLETIC 21 TRAINER, INCLUDING THE 3 YEARS IMMEDIATELY BEFORE APPOINTMENT TO THE 22 COMMITTEE; AND

23 (III) CURRENTLY RESIDE OR BE EMPLOYED IN THE STATE.

24 (D) (1) THE TERM OF A MEMBER IS 3 YEARS.

25(2)THE TERMS OF MEMBERS ARE STAGGERED AS REQUIRED BY THE26TERMS PROVIDED FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ON OCTOBER 1, 2001.

27 (3) AT THE END OF A TERM, A MEMBER CONTINUES TO SERVE UNTIL A28 SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND QUALIFIES.

29 (4) A MEMBER WHO IS APPOINTED AFTER A TERM HAS BEGUN SERVES
30 ONLY FOR THE REST OF THE TERM AND UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND
31 QUALIFIES.

1 13-4A-05.

2 (A) FROM AMONG ITS MEMBERS, THE COMMITTEE SHALL ELECT A
3 CHAIRMAN, A SECRETARY, A TREASURER, AND ANY OTHER OFFICER THAT THE
4 COMMITTEE CONSIDERS NECESSARY.

5 (B) THE COMMITTEE SHALL DETERMINE:

6 (1) THE MANNER OF ELECTION OF OFFICERS;

7 (2) THE TERM OF OFFICE OF EACH OFFICER; AND

8 (3) THE DUTIES OF EACH OFFICER.

9 13-4A-06.

10 (A) A MAJORITY OF THE FULL AUTHORIZED MEMBERSHIP OF THE 11 COMMITTEE IS A QUORUM.

12 (B) THE COMMITTEE SHALL HOLD AT LEAST 2 MEETINGS A YEAR, AT THE 13 TIMES AND PLACES THAT THE COMMITTEE DETERMINES.

14 (C) EACH MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE IS ENTITLED TO:

15 (1) COMPENSATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATE BUDGET; AND

16 (2) REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES UNDER THE STANDARD STATE 17 TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

18 13-4A-07.

19 (A) IN ADDITION TO ANY POWERS SET FORTH ELSEWHERE IN THIS SUBTITLE, 20 THE COMMITTEE SHALL:

21 (1) KEEP A LIST OF ALL LICENSED ATHLETIC TRAINERS, INCLUDING 22 THE NAME, TELEPHONE NUMBER, AND ADDRESS OF EACH ATHLETIC TRAINER;

23 (2) DEVELOP AND RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD REGULATIONS TO 24 CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE;

25 (3) DEVELOP AND RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD A CODE OF ETHICS FOR
26 THE PRACTICE OF ATHLETIC TRAINING FOR ADOPTION BY THE BOARD;

27 (4) DEVELOP AND RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD THE REQUIREMENTS
28 FOR LICENSURE OF AN ATHLETIC TRAINER;

29 (5) CONSIDER COMPLAINTS BROUGHT TO THE BOARD INVOLVING
30 LICENSED ATHLETIC TRAINERS AND RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD THE APPROPRIATE
31 DISCIPLINARY ACTION;

1 (6) EVALUATE EDUCATION PROGRAMS IN ATHLETIC TRAINING FOR 2 APPROVAL BY THE BOARD;

3 (7) KEEP A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD; AND

4 (8) SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE BOARD.

5 13-4A-08.

6 (A) (1) THE BOARD SHALL SET REASONABLE FEES FOR THE ISSUANCE AND 7 RENEWAL OF LICENSES.

8 (2) THE FEES CHARGED SHALL BE SET SO AS TO PRODUCE FUNDS TO
9 APPROXIMATE THE COST OF MAINTAINING THE COMMITTEE, LICENSING, AND
10 OTHER SERVICES PROVIDED TO ATHLETIC TRAINERS.

11 (B) (1) THE BOARD SHALL PAY ALL FEES COLLECTED UNDER THIS TITLE TO 12 THE COMPTROLLER OF THE STATE.

13 (2) THE COMPTROLLER SHALL DISTRIBUTE ALL FEES TO THE STATE 14 BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINERS FUND.

15 13-4A-09.

16 (A) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SUBTITLE, AN INDIVIDUAL
17 SHALL BE LICENSED BY THE BOARD BEFORE AN INDIVIDUAL MAY PROVIDE
18 ATHLETIC TRAINER SERVICES IN THE STATE.

19 (B) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO:

20 (1) AN ACUPUNCTURIST, CHIROPRACTOR, NURSE, OCCUPATIONAL
21 THERAPIST, OR PHYSICAL THERAPIST WHO IS REGISTERED OR LICENSED UNDER
22 THIS ARTICLE AND WHO DOES NOT REPRESENT TO THE PUBLIC THAT THE
23 INDIVIDUAL IS AN ATHLETIC TRAINER;

24 (2) A PHYSICIAN WHO IS LICENSED UNDER THIS ARTICLE;

(3) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO PROVIDES STUDENT ATHLETIC TRAINER
(3) SERVICES UNDER THE DIRECT SUPERVISION OF A LICENSED ATHLETIC TRAINER, IN
(4) A BOARD APPROVED ATHLETIC TRAINING EDUCATIONAL CLINICAL PROGRAM; OR

(4) AN ATHLETIC TRAINER WHO IS EMPLOYED BY OR UNDER CONTRACT
WITH AN ENTITY LOCATED IN ANOTHER STATE AND WHO IS REPRESENTING THAT
ENTITY AT AN ATHLETIC EVENT OR ANY OTHER EVENT FOR LESS THAN 90 DAYS IN
THIS STATE.

32 13-4A-10.

33 (A) TO QUALIFY FOR A LICENSE, AN APPLICANT SHALL BE AN INDIVIDUAL
 34 WHO MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.

1 (B) THE APPLICANT SHALL BE OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER.

2 (C) THE APPLICANT SHALL HAVE GRADUATED FROM AN ACCREDITED 4-YEAR
3 COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY IN A COURSE OF STUDY APPROVED BY THE BOARD.

4 (D) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE
5 APPLICANT SHALL TAKE AND PASS THE EXAMINATION ADMINISTERED BY THE
6 NATIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION BOARD OF CERTIFICATION, INC.

7 (2) AN APPLICANT DOES NOT HAVE TO MEET THE EXAMINATION8 REQUIREMENT UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION IF THE APPLICANT:

9 (I) HAS A CURRENT CERTIFICATE FROM THE NATIONAL ATHLETIC 10 TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION BOARD OF CERTIFICATION, INC. AND APPLIES TO THE 11 BOARD BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2002; OR

12 (II) HAS ACTIVELY PROVIDED ATHLETIC TRAINER SERVICES IN
13 THE STATE FOR COMPENSATION FROM JANUARY 1, 1996 TO THE TIME OF
14 APPLICATION.

15 (E) THE APPLICANT SHALL MEET ANY OTHER QUALIFICATIONS OR
16 REQUIREMENTS THAT THE BOARD ESTABLISHES FOR LICENSE APPLICANTS.

17 13-4A-11.

18 AN APPLICANT FOR A LICENSE SHALL:

19 (1) SUBMIT TO THE BOARD AN APPLICATION ON THE FORM THAT THE 20 BOARD REQUIRES;

21 (2) PAY TO THE BOARD THE APPLICATION FEE SET BY THE BOARD; AND

22 (3) PROVIDE TO THE BOARD ANY PROOF THAT THE BOARD REQUIRES
23 SHOWING THAT THE APPLICANT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBTITLE.

24 13-4A-12.

THE BOARD MAY MAKE A RECIPROCAL AGREEMENT WITH ANOTHER STATE TO
WAIVE ALL OR PART OF THE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBTITLE, EXCEPT
FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE APPLICATION FEE, FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE
LICENSED, REGISTERED, OR CERTIFIED TO PROVIDE ATHLETIC TRAINER SERVICES
IN THE OTHER STATE IF:

30 (1) THE INDIVIDUAL WOULD OTHERWISE MEET THE LICENSING
 31 REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND

32 (2) THE OTHER STATE AGREES TO WAIVE TO A SIMILAR EXTENT THE
 33 LICENSING REQUIREMENTS IN THAT STATE FOR LICENSED ATHLETIC TRAINERS OF
 34 THIS STATE.

1 13-4A-13.

2 THE BOARD SHALL ISSUE A LICENSE TO EACH APPLICANT WHO MEETS THE 3 REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBTITLE.

4 13-4A-14.

5 (A) WHILE A LICENSE IS IN EFFECT, THE LICENSE AUTHORIZES THE 6 LICENSEE TO PROVIDE ATHLETIC TRAINER SERVICES.

7 (B) UNLESS A LICENSE IS RENEWED FOR A 2-YEAR TERM AS PROVIDED IN
8 THIS SECTION, THE LICENSE EXPIRES ON THE SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF ITS
9 EFFECTIVE DATE.

10 (C) AT LEAST 1 MONTH BEFORE A LICENSE EXPIRES, THE BOARD SHALL MAIL 11 TO THE LICENSEE, AT THE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS OF THE LICENSEE:

12 (1) A RENEWAL APPLICATION FORM; AND

13 (2) A NOTICE THAT STATES:

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(I) THE DATE ON WHICH THE CURRENT LICENSE EXPIRES;

(II) THE DATE BY WHICH THE BOARD MUST RECEIVE THE
RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR THE RENEWAL TO BE ISSUED AND MAILED BEFORE THE
LICENSE EXPIRES; AND

18 (III) THE AMOUNT OF THE RENEWAL FEE.

19 (D) BEFORE A LICENSE EXPIRES, THE LICENSEE PERIODICALLY MAY RENEW 20 IT FOR AN ADDITIONAL 2-YEAR TERM, IF THE LICENSEE:

- 21 (1) OTHERWISE IS ENTITLED TO BE LICENSED;
- 22 (2) PAYS TO THE BOARD THE RENEWAL FEE SET BY THE BOARD; AND
- 23 (3) SUBMITS TO THE BOARD:

24 (I) A RENEWAL APPLICATION ON THE FORM THAT THE BOARD 25 PROVIDES; AND

26 (II) SATISFACTORY EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE
 27 CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS SET UNDER THIS SECTION FOR LICENSE
 28 RENEWAL.

(E) (1) IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS
SET BY THE BOARD, THE BOARD SHALL SET CONTINUING EDUCATION
REQUIREMENTS AS A CONDITION TO THE RENEWAL OF LICENSES UNDER THIS
SECTION.

(2) THE BOARD SHALL GRANT APPROVAL TO A CONTINUING EDUCATION
 PROGRAM OR COURSE IF THE BOARD FINDS THAT THE PROGRAM OR COURSE OFFERS
 AN EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE DESIGNED TO ENHANCE THE PROVISION OF
 ATHLETIC TRAINER SERVICES, INCLUDING THE CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM
 OF THE NATIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION.

6 (F) THE BOARD SHALL RENEW THE LICENSE OF EACH LICENSEE WHO MEETS 7 THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.

8 13-4A-15.

9 THE BOARD SHALL REINSTATE THE LICENSE OF AN ATHLETIC TRAINER WHO10 HAS FAILED TO RENEW THE LICENSE FOR ANY REASON IF THE ATHLETIC TRAINER:

11 (1) MEETS THE RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS OF § 13-4A-14 OF THIS 12 SUBTITLE;

13(2)PAYS TO THE BOARD THE REINSTATEMENT FEE SET BY THE BOARD;14 AND

(3) SUBMITS TO THE BOARD SATISFACTORY EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE
 WITH ANY OTHER QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS
 SUBTITLE FOR LICENSE REINSTATEMENTS.

18 13-4A-16.

19 EACH LICENSEE SHALL GIVE THE BOARD WRITTEN NOTICE OF ANY CHANGE OF20 ADDRESS.

21 13-4A-17.

(A) SUBJECT TO THE HEARING PROVISIONS OF § 13-4A-18 OF THIS SUBTITLE,
THE BOARD MAY DENY A LICENSE TO AN APPLICANT, REPRIMAND A LICENSEE,
IMPOSE RESTRICTIONS ON A LICENSE, OR SUSPEND OR REVOKE A LICENSE IF THE
APPLICANT OR LICENSEE:

(1) FRAUDULENTLY OR DECEPTIVELY OBTAINS OR ATTEMPTS TO
OBTAIN A LICENSE FOR THE APPLICANT OR LICENSEE OR FOR ANOTHER;

28 (2) FRAUDULENTLY OR DECEPTIVELY USES A LICENSE;

29 (3) IS GROSSLY NEGLIGENT OR INCOMPETENT IN PROVIDING ATHLETIC 30 TRAINER SERVICES;

31 (4) PLEADS GUILTY OR NOLO CONTENDERE TO OR IS CONVICTED OF A
 32 FELONY OR A CRIME OF MORAL TURPITUDE;

(5) HAS HAD A LICENSE, REGISTRATION, OR CERTIFICATION TO
PROVIDE ATHLETIC SERVICES, REVOKED OR SUSPENDED BY ANOTHER STATE FOR A
CAUSE THAT WOULD JUSTIFY REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION UNDER THIS TITLE,
EXCEPT FOR THE FAILURE TO PAY A LICENSE APPLICATION OR RENEWAL FEE; OR

1 (6) KNOWINGLY VIOLATES ANY PROVISION OF THIS SUBTITLE.

2 (B) THE BOARD MAY REINSTATE A SUSPENDED OR REVOKED LICENSE OR
3 REMOVE RESTRICTIONS ON A LICENSE IF THE BOARD FINDS THAT THE REASONS
4 FOR THE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OR LICENSE RESTRICTIONS NO LONGER
5 EXIST AND THAT THE INDIVIDUAL CAN REASONABLY BE EXPECTED TO PRACTICE AS
6 AN ATHLETIC TRAINER SAFELY AND PROPERLY.

7 13-4A-18.

8 (A) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE
9 ACT, BEFORE THE BOARD TAKES ANY ACTION UNDER § 13-4A-17 OF THIS SUBTITLE,
10 IT SHALL GIVE THE INDIVIDUAL AGAINST WHOM THE ACTION IS CONTEMPLATED AN
11 OPPORTUNITY FOR A HEARING BEFORE THE BOARD.

12 (B) THE BOARD SHALL GIVE NOTICE AND HOLD THE HEARING IN 13 ACCORDANCE WITH THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT.

14 (C) THE BOARD MAY ADMINISTER OATHS IN CONNECTION WITH ANY 15 PROCEEDING UNDER THIS SECTION.

16 (D) THE HEARING NOTICE TO BE GIVEN TO THE INDIVIDUAL SHALL BE SENT
17 BY CERTIFIED MAIL TO THE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS OF THE INDIVIDUAL AT LEAST 30
18 DAYS BEFORE THE HEARING.

19 (E) (1) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE SUBPOENAS IN CONNECTION WITH ANY 20 PROCEEDING UNDER THIS SECTION.

(2) IF A PERSON FAILS TO COMPLY WITH A SUBPOENA ISSUED UNDER
 THIS SUBSECTION, ON PETITION OF THE BOARD, A CIRCUIT COURT MAY COMPEL
 COMPLIANCE WITH THE SUBPOENA.

24 (F) IF, AFTER DUE NOTICE, THE INDIVIDUAL AGAINST WHOM THE ACTION IS
25 CONTEMPLATED FAILS OR REFUSES TO APPEAR, NEVERTHELESS THE BOARD MAY
26 HEAR AND DETERMINE THE MATTER.

27 13-4A-19.

ANY PERSON AGGRIEVED BY A FINAL DECISION OF THE BOARD IN A
CONTESTED CASE, AS DEFINED IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT, MAY
TAKE AN APPEAL AS ALLOWED BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT.

31 13-4A-20.

EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SUBTITLE, A PERSON MAY NOT
PROVIDE, ATTEMPT TO PROVIDE, OR OFFER TO PROVIDE ATHLETIC TRAINER
SERVICES IN THE STATE OR REPRESENT TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT THE
PERSON IS AN ATHLETIC TRAINER UNLESS LICENSED BY THE BOARD.

1 13-4A-21.

A PERSON WHO VIOLATES ANY PROVISION OF THIS SUBTITLE IS GUILTY OF A
MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000
OR IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 6 MONTHS OR BOTH.

5 13-4A-22.

6 THIS SUBTITLE MAY BE CITED AS THE "MARYLAND ATHLETIC TRAINERS ACT".

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the terms of the initial
members of the Athletic Trainer Advisory Committee of the State Board of Physical
Therapy Examiners shall expire as follows:

- 10 (1) 2 members in 2003;
- 11 (2) 2 members in 2004; and
- 12 (3) 1 member in 2005.

13 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall supersede

14 the existing laws of any county or municipal corporation in the State that relate to the 15 licensing of athletic trainers.

16 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 17 October 1, 2001.