

Bill: SB711/HB 1016 Health Occupations- Licensed Athletic Trainers- Dry Needling Registration

Position: Support

Dear Chair, Vice-Chair, and Members of the Committee

My name is Martin Sataloff, LAT, ATC and I am currently a practicing Athletic Trainer licensed in Maryland. I am employed in the Secondary School setting in Maryland and have been doing so since 1986. I am a past president of the Maryland Athletic Trainers Association and have seen our profession grow tremendously in the past forty plus years. As our profession has evolved so have our skills and techniques. Dry Needling would be one more effective tool in the Athletic Trainers tool box to provide the best possible care for our athletes in Maryland. The passing of this bill will allow Athletic Trainers another avenue of care for our injured athletes. We work directly under our supervising physician and given the established teamwork we have established be able to give better care in our work setting.

Athletic Trainers are licensed, board certified health care professionals with, at minimum, a bachelor's degree in athletic training from an accredited institution. More than seventy percent of the profession has a master's degree or higher level of education, and the profession requires a master's level for entry. Athletic training encompasses the prevention, diagnosis and intervention of emergency, acute and chronic medical conditions involving impairment, functional limitations and disabilities. This bill will allow certain certified and trained athletic trainers to practice dry needling in the State.

I believe this bill should pass to allow Athletic Trainers who meet the approved credentialing to provide another skill that will enable athletes under the care of Athletic Trainers to recover from injuries and continue their participation as directed by their supervising physician.

For these reasons, Martin Sataloff, LAT, ATC respectfully requests a favorable vote.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Martin Sataloff at marty.sataloff@gmail.com or at (410)977-9369.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Martin Sataloff', written in a cursive style.

Martin Sataloff LAT, ATC