



The Minnesota Athletic Trainers Act MN Statutes 148.7801 – 148.7815

Issues:

- Current statutes were enacted in 1993 & only had minor housekeeping revisions since, none of which addressed scope of practice.
- Does not reflect current state of health care or clinical practice among athletic trainers in Minnesota or the nation.

1993	2016
171 Registered ATs in MN ¹	> 1000 Registered ATs in MN ¹
≈ 7,500 credentialed ATs nationally ²	> 49,000 credentialed ATs nationally ²
Minimum Education: Bachelor's degree ³	Minimum Education: Bachelor's or Master's ³ **Master's degree only in 2022** ³

- Limits athletic trainers in MN to only working with “athletes” (i.e. those in a uniform in a sports context) by not using “patient” as the appropriate label for care recipients.
- Terminology in existing statutes may limit patient access to athletic trainers.
- Athletic trainers do not work only in organized sports settings, but provide physical medicine and rehabilitation services in ambulatory care, emergency/urgent care, occupational health, industrial, performing arts, and military work settings.
- Statutes do not mirror credentialing/licensing status across vast majority of other states in the nation (see regulatory map handout).
- U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts a 21.1% overall increase in athletic trainer employment between 2014 and 2024, much of which will occur in ambulatory care (estimated 46.9% growth in that sector).⁴
- Seeking to strengthen public protection by eliminating current temporary option for non-BOC certified athletic trainers to work in MN for 120 days under supervision of a registered athletic trainer.

¹Minnesota Board of Medical Practice – data current as of 11/2016

²Board of Certification, Inc. – data current as of 1/2016

³Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE)

⁴2014 U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Outlook