



# 132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST SPECIAL SESSION-2025

---

Legislative Document

No. 1290

S.P. 520

In Senate, March 25, 2025

### An Act to Update the Laws Regarding Athletic Trainers

---

Reference to the Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BAILEY of York.  
Cosponsored by Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford and  
Senators: RAFFERTY of York, STEWART of Aroostook, Representative: FOLEY of Wells.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §14356, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 275, §1, is amended  
3 to read:

4 **2. ~~Student athletic trainer~~ Athletic training student.** A person fulfilling the  
5 requirements for licensure or pursuing a supervised course of study leading to a degree or  
6 certificate in athletic training at an accredited or approved educational program if the  
7 person is designated by a title that indicates that person's status as a student or trainee;

8 **Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §14356, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 275, §1, is amended  
9 to read:

10 **4. Visiting team.** A person performing athletic training services in the State for an  
11 out-of-state team that is in the State for competition at which an athletic trainer licensed  
12 under this chapter or a physician is available if these services are performed for no more  
13 than ~~4~~ 14 days at a time or for no more than 30 days a year.

14 **Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §14357, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 402, Pt. JJ, §§4 and  
15 5, is further amended to read:

16 **1. Qualifications.** To qualify for a license as an athletic trainer an applicant must:

17 A. Demonstrate that the applicant is trustworthy and competent to engage in practice  
18 as an athletic trainer in a manner that safeguards the interests of the public;

19 ~~B. Be a graduate of a college or university approved by the department and have~~  
20 ~~successfully completed that college's or university's curriculum in athletic training or~~  
21 ~~other curricula acceptable to the department and have completed an athletic training~~  
22 ~~education program approved by the National Athletic Trainers' Association or its~~  
23 ~~successor or other organization approved by the department or a program of practical~~  
24 ~~training in athletic training acceptable to the department; and~~

25 ~~C. Have passed the National Athletic Trainers' Association Board of Certification~~  
26 ~~examination or be currently certified by the National Athletic Trainers' Association or~~  
27 ~~its successor or other organization approved by the department.~~

28 D. Have passed the examination of the Board of Certification for the Athletic Trainer  
29 or successor organization; and

30 E. Hold a current credential from the Board of Certification for the Athletic Trainer or  
31 successor organization.

32 **Sec. 4. 32 MRSA §14359, 2nd ¶**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 402, Pt. JJ, §7, is  
33 further amended to read:

34 For the purposes of satisfying the continuing education requirements, each application  
35 for license renewal must include current certification by the ~~National Athletic Trainers'~~  
36 ~~Association or its successor or other organization approved by the department~~ Board of  
37 Certification for the Athletic Trainer or successor organization.

38 **Sec. 5. 32 MRSA §14360**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 402, Pt. JJ, §8, is repealed.

39 **Sec. 6. 32 MRSA §14361-A, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 402, Pt. JJ, §10, is  
40 amended to read:

