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The Honorable Donna Bailey, Senate Chair
The Honorable Kristi Mathieson, House Chair
Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance, and Financial Services
100 State House Station
August, Maine 04330

Re: *LD 1290 – An Act to Update the Laws Regarding Athletic Trainers*

Dear Senator Bailey, Representative Mathieson, and Members of the Committee:

The Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation (“OPOR”) is neither for nor against the proposed changes in LD 1290 *An Act to Update the Laws Regarding Athletic Trainers* and is providing this letter to provide additional context as the committee considers this bill. This bill seeks to amend the laws governing the licensing of athletic trainers by streamlining the licensure process to align with the national certification organization, the Board of Certification for the Athletic Trainer (“BOC”) in the following ways:

- Updates the requirements for both initial and renewal of licensure to reflect current national certification requirements such that an application seeking licensure is deemed to meet the standards by virtue of a current, valid BOC certification.
- Modernizes the code of ethics to reflect the national standards of practice and professional responsibility as identified by the BOC.
- Extends the exemption timeline to which an out of state athletic trainer may provide services with a visiting team from 4 days to 14 days but still maintains the cap at no more than 30 days a year.

OPOR requests a technical amendment to 32 M.R.S § 14352 to add the following definition:

- **Board of Certification for the Athletic Trainer.** “Board of Certification for the Athletic Trainer” means a credentialing agency that provides a certification program for the entry-level athletic training profession (formerly known as National Athletic Trainers’ Association or the National Association Board of Certification, Inc.) or successor organization, or other organization approved by the department.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration and will attend the work session if the committee has any further questions.

Sincerely,

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