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**LD 1290, An Act to Update the Laws Regarding Athletic Trainers**

*Before the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services*

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Representative Mathieson, and Esteemed Colleagues of the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services, as you know, my name is Donna Bailey, and I proudly represent Senate District 31, which includes Buxton, Old Orchard Beach, and Saco. Today, I am pleased to introduce my bill LD 1290, “An Act to Update the Laws Regarding Athletic Trainers.”

There are over 300 licensed athletic trainers practicing health care for athletes and the physically active here in Maine.

Athletic trainers or "ATs" work in high schools, colleges, universities, hospitals, outpatient clinics, and in workplace settings such as LL Bean and Bath Iron Works.

ATs work closely with groups like the Maine Principals' Association and the Maine Department of Education on model policies related to areas such as concussion recognition and management, return-to-play and return-to-learn following injury, and emergency action planning.

I am proud to bring this bill to you all because it is time to update the laws regarding athletic trainers. The original statute granting licensure to ATs in Maine was signed into law in 1995, and the profession has grown significantly since then. As a result, language in the law is outdated and no longer reflects the accurate pathway to becoming a licensed athletic trainer. With LD 1290, we can bring these laws up-to-date.

I thank the Committee for its time, and I would be happy to answer any questions.



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