

ENROLLED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2065

By: Cox, Dunlap, Miller and
O'Neal of the House

and

Hobson and Rubottom of
the Senate

An Act relating to professions and occupations;
amending 59 O.S. 1991, Sections 526 and 534, which
relate to definitions under the Oklahoma Athletic
Trainers Act; modifying definition of athletic
trainer and person actively engaged as an athletic
trainer; prohibiting certain acts; authorizing
certain persons who are not athletic trainers to
perform certain acts; providing an effective date;
and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 1991, Section 526, is
amended to read as follows:

Section 526. As used in ~~this act~~ the Oklahoma Athletic Trainers
Act:

1. "Athletic trainer" means a person with the qualifications
specified in Section 530 of this title, ~~who is employed by an
educational institution or organized amateur athletic association,~~
whose major responsibility is the rendering of professional services
for the prevention, emergency care, first aid and treatment of
injuries incurred by an athlete by whatever methods are available,
upon written protocol from the team physician or consulting
physician to effect care, or rehabilitation;

2. "Apprentice athletic trainer" means a person who assists in
the duties usually performed by an athletic trainer under the direct
supervision of a licensed athletic trainer;

3. "Board" means the State Board of Medical Licensure and
Supervision; and

4. "Committee" means the Athletic Trainers Advisory Committee.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 1991, Section 534, is
amended to read as follows:

Section 534. A. Any person actively engaged as an athletic
trainer in this state on the effective date of this act shall,
within six (6) months of that date, be issued a license if proof is
submitted of five (5) years' experience as an athletic trainer
within the preceding ten-year period, and ~~pays~~ the license fee
required by ~~this act~~ the Oklahoma Athletic Trainers Act is paid.
Nothing herein shall be construed to require any educational
institution or other bona fide athletic organization to use the
services of a licensed athletic trainer.

B. ~~For the purposes of this section, a person is actively
engaged as an athletic trainer if he is employed on a salaried basis
by an educational institution or other bona fide athletic
organization for the duration of the school year of the institution
or the length of the athletic season of the organization, and~~

~~performs the duties of athletic trainer as the major responsibility of his employment~~ Athletic trainers shall not misrepresent in any manner, either directly or indirectly, their skills, training, professional credentials, identity or services.

C. Any person, as authorized in accordance with Section 5 of Title 76 of the Oklahoma Statutes, may offer prevention, emergency care or first aid services on a voluntary, uncompensated basis, to any amateur or group at an amateur athletic event.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 1996.

SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the House of Representatives the 7th day of May, 1996.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the 15th day of May, 1996.

President of the Senate