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ACT No. 720

HOUSE BILL NO. 910

BY REPRESENTATIVE THOMAS

2	To amend and reenact R.S. 37:3302(introductory paragraph), (1), (2), (8), and (11) and to
3	enact R.S. 37:3302(13), relative to athletic trainers; to provide for definitions; to
4	provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.
5	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
6	Section 1. R.S. 37:3302(introductory paragraph), (1), (2), (8), and (11) are hereby
7	amended and reenacted and R.S. 37:3302(13) is hereby enacted to read as follows:
8	§3302. Definitions
9	As used in this Chapter, the following words and phrases terms have the
10	meanings meaning hereinafter ascribed to them in this Section:
11	(1) "Athlete" means an individual designated as such by the board, an
12	educational institution, a professional athletic organization, or other board-approved
13	organization who participates in an athletic activity sponsored by such institution or
14	organization.
15	(2) "Athletic trainer" means an individual licensed by the board as an athletic
16	trainer with the specific qualifications set forth in R.S. 37:3306.1 who, under the
17	general supervision of a physician, carries out the practice of prevention, emergency
18	management, and physical rehabilitation of athletic injuries and sports-related
19	conditions incurred by athletes. In carrying out these functions, the athletic trainer
20	shall use whatever physical modalities are prescribed by a team physician or
21	consulting physician, or both.
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1 (8) "Emergency management" means the <u>immediate</u> care given to an injured 2 athlete under the general supervision of the team or consulting physician. To 3 accomplish this care, an athletic trainer may use such methods as accepted first aid 4 procedures approved by the American Red Cross, the American Heart Association, 5 or protocol previously established by the athletic trainer and the team or consulting 6 physicians. 7 (11) "Physical rehabilitation" means the care given to athletes following an 8 9 athletic injury and recovery. These treatments and rehabilitation programs may 10 consist of preestablished methods of physical modality use and exercise as 11 prescribed by a team physician, consulting physician, or both. Physical rehabilitation 12 also includes working cooperatively with and under the general supervision of a 13 physician with respect to the following: 14 15 (13) "Athletic injury" means any injury, illness, or medical condition 16 sustained by an athlete as a result of his participation in exercises, sports, games, or 17 recreational activities. 18 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not 19 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature 20 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If 21 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become 22 effective on the day following such approval. SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

APPROVED:

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA