AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:3302(introductory paragraph), (1), (2), (8), (11), and (12)(a) and (d), relative to athletic trainers; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 37:3302(introductory paragraph), (1), (2), (8), (11), and (12)(a) and (d) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§3302. Definitions

As used in this Chapter, the following words and phrases terms have the meanings meaning hereinafter ascribed to them in this section:

(1) "Athlete Athletic injury" means an individual designated as such by the board, an educational institution, a professional athletic organization, or other board-approved organization who participates in an athletic activity sponsored by such institution or organization; any injury, illness, or medical condition sustained by a person as a result of the person’s participation in exercises, sports, games, or recreational activities, or any activities requiring physical strength, agility, flexibility, range of motion, speed, or stamina without respect to where or how the injury occurs.

(2) "Athletic trainer" means an individual licensed by the board as an athletic trainer with the specific qualifications set forth in R.S. 37:3306.1 who, under the
general supervision of a physician, carries out the practice of prevention, emergency
management, and physical rehabilitation of athletic injuries and sports-related
conditions incurred by athletes. In carrying out these functions, the athletic trainer
shall use whatever physical modalities are prescribed by a team physician or
consulting physician, or both.

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(8) "Emergency management" means the care given to an injured athlete
athletic injury under the general supervision of the team or consulting physician. To
accomplish this care, an athletic trainer may use such methods as accepted first aid
procedures approved by the American Red Cross, the American Heart Association,
or protocol previously established by the athletic trainer and the team or consulting
physicians.

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(11) "Physical rehabilitation" means the care given to athletes an athletic
injury following injury and recovery. These treatments and rehabilitation programs
may consist of preestablished methods of physical modality use and exercise as
prescribed by a team physician, consulting physician, or both. Physical rehabilitation
also includes working cooperatively with and under the general supervision of a
physician with respect to the following:

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(12) "Practice of prevention" shall include but is not limited to the following:

(a) Working cooperatively with supervisors and coaches in establishing and
implementing a program of physical conditioning for athletes the prevention of an
athletic injury.

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(d) Counseling and advising supervisors, and coaches, and athletes on
physical conditioning and training such as diet, flexibility, rest, and reconditioning.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Removes the definition of "athlete" and defines "athletic injury".

Present law provides definitions for "athlete", "athletic trainer", "board", "board-approved organization", "BOC", "CAATE", "educational institution", "emergency management", "general supervision", "physician", "physical rehabilitation", and "practice of prevention".

Proposed law removes the definition of "athlete" from present law.

Proposed law defines "athletic injury".

Proposed law removes "injured athlete" and replaces the term with the proposed law term "athletic injury", where applicable, in present law.

(Amends R.S. 37:3302(intro. para.), (1), (2), (8), (11), and (12)(a) and (d))

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