

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 910

BY REPRESENTATIVE THOMAS

ATHLETICS/TRAINERS: Provides relative to athletic training

1 AN ACT

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

1 shall use whatever physical modalities are prescribed by a team physician or
2 consulting physician, or both.

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

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

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18 (13) "Athletic injury" means any injury, illness, or medical condition
19 sustained by an athlete as a result of his participation in exercises, sports, games, or
20 recreational activities.

21 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
22 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
23 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
24 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
25 effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Defines "athletic injury" and includes the proposed term where applicable.

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 adds definition for "athletic injury".

Proposed law includes proposed law term, "athletic injury", where applicable in present law.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 37:3302(intro. para.), (1), (2), (8), and (11); Adds R.S. 37:3302(13))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill:

1. Reinstate and revise the definition of "athlete" in present law.
2. Redefine the proposed law term, "athletic injury".
3. Add an effective date provision.
4. Make technical corrections.