148.7801 CITATION.
Sections 148.7801 to 148.7815 may be cited as the "Minnesota Athletic Trainers Act."

148.7802 DEFINITIONS.
Subdivision 1. Applicability.
The definitions in this section apply to this chapter.

Subd. 2. Approved continuing education program.
"Approved continuing education program" means a continuing education program that meets the maintenance of competence requirements in section 148.7812 and is approved by the board.

Subd. 3. Approved education program.
"Approved education program" means an education program offered by an accredited university, college, or other postsecondary institution that, at the time the student completes the program, makes the student eligible to attain national certification as an athletic trainer from the Board of Certification for the Athletic Trainer or its recognized successor.

Subd. 4. Athlete.
"Athlete" means a person participating in exercises, sports, games, or recreation requiring physical strength, agility, flexibility, range of motion, speed, or stamina.

Subd. 5. Athletic injury.
"Athletic injury" means an injury sustained by a person as a result of the person's participation in exercises, sports, games, or recreation requiring physical strength, agility, flexibility, range of motion, speed, or stamina.

Subd. 6. Athletic trainer.
"Athletic trainer" means a person who engages in athletic training under section 148.7806 and is licensed under section 148.7808.

Subd. 7. Board.
"Board" means the Board of Medical Practice.

Subd. 8. Credential.
"Credential" means a license, permit, certification, registration, or other evidence of qualification or authorization to practice as an athletic trainer in this state or any other state.

Subd. 9. Credentialing examination.
"Credentialing examination" means an examination administered by the Board of Certification for the Athletic Trainer or its recognized successor.

Subd. 10. Primary employment site.
"Primary employment site" means the institution, organization, corporation, or sports team where the athletic trainer is employed for the practice of athletic training.
**Subd. 11. Primary physician.**

"Primary physician" means a licensed medical physician who serves as a medical consultant to an athletic trainer.

### 148.7803 PROHIBITED PRACTICE OR USE OF TITLES; PENALTY.

#### Subdivision 1. License required.

No person shall engage in athletic training without first being licensed under sections 148.7801 to 148.7815. A person engages in athletic training if the person performs or offers to perform athletic training as defined in section 148.7806.

#### Subd. 2. Designation.

(a) A person shall not use in connection with the person's name or in any form of advertising, professional literature, or billing that relates to the person's occupation or profession as an athletic trainer, the words or letters registered athletic trainer; licensed athletic trainer; Minnesota registered athletic trainer; athletic trainer; AT; LAT; ATR; or any words, letters, abbreviations, or insignia indicating or implying that the person is an athletic trainer, without being licensed as an athletic trainer under sections 148.7801 to 148.7815.

(b) Any person who is exempt from licensure under subdivision 3 must not use any of the titles identified in paragraph (a), or any description stating or implying that they are engaged in the practice of athletic training or that they are licensed to engage in the practice of athletic training.

#### Subd. 3. Exceptions.

(a) Nothing in sections 148.7801 to 148.7815 shall be construed to prohibit the practice of any profession or occupation licensed or registered by the state or to perform any act that falls within the scope of practice of the licensed or registered profession or occupation.

(b) Nothing in sections 148.7801 to 148.7815 shall be construed to require an athletic trainer license for:

   (1) a student engaged in athletic training as part of an accredited athletic training program if the student is under the direct supervision of a licensed athletic trainer and is identified as an "athletic training student;" or

   (2) an athletic trainer as a member of the United States armed forces while performing duties incident to duty.

#### Subd. 4. Penalty.

A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to section 214.11.

### 148.7804 POWERS OF THE BOARD.

The board, acting under the advice of the Athletic Trainers Advisory Council, shall issue all licenses and shall exercise the following powers and duties:

(1) adopt rules necessary to implement sections 148.7801 to 148.7815;
(2) prescribe license application forms, license forms, protocol forms, and other necessary forms;

(3) approve a licensure examination;

(4) keep a complete record of licensed athletic trainers, prepare a current official listing of the names and addresses of licensed athletic trainers, and make a copy of the list available to any person requesting it upon payment of a copying fee established by the board;

(5) keep a permanent record of all its proceedings; and

(6) establish the duties of, and employ, clerical personnel.

148.7805 ATHLETIC TRAINERS ADVISORY COUNCIL.

Subdivision 1. Membership.

The Athletic Trainers Advisory Council is created and is composed of eight members appointed by the board. The advisory council consists of:

(1) two public members as defined in section 214.02;

(2) three members who are licensed athletic trainers, one being both a licensed physical therapist and licensed athletic trainer as submitted by the Minnesota American Physical Therapy Association;

(3) two members who are medical physicians licensed by the state and have experience with athletic training and sports medicine; and

(4) one member who is a doctor of chiropractic licensed by the state and has experience with athletic training and sports injuries.

Subd. 2. Administration.

The advisory council is established and administered under section 15.059.

Subd. 3. Duties.

The advisory council shall:

(1) advise the board regarding standards for athletic trainers;

(2) distribute information regarding athletic trainer standards;

(3) advise the board on enforcement of sections 148.7801 to 148.7815;

(4) review license applications and license renewal applications and make recommendations to the board;

(5) review complaints in accordance with sections 214.10 and 214.13, subdivision 6;

(6) review investigation reports of complaints and recommend to the board whether disciplinary action should be taken;

(7) advise the board regarding evaluation and treatment protocols;

(8) advise the board regarding approval of continuing education programs; and
perform other duties authorized for advisory councils under chapter 214, as directed by the board.

**148.7806 ATHLETIC TRAINING.**

Athletic training by a licensed athletic trainer under section 148.7808 includes the activities described in paragraphs (a) to (e).

(a) An athletic trainer shall:

1. prevent, recognize, and evaluate athletic injuries;
2. give emergency care and first aid;
3. manage and treat athletic injuries; and
4. rehabilitate and physically recondition athletic injuries.

The athletic trainer may use modalities such as cold, heat, light, sound, electricity, exercise, and mechanical devices for treatment and rehabilitation of athletic injuries to athletes in the primary employment site.

(b) The primary physician shall establish evaluation and treatment protocols to be used by the athletic trainer. The primary physician shall record the protocols on a form prescribed by the board. The protocol form must be updated yearly at the athletic trainer's license renewal time and kept on file by the athletic trainer.

(c) At the primary employment site, except in a corporate setting, an athletic trainer may evaluate and treat an athlete for an athletic injury not previously diagnosed for not more than 30 days, or a period of time as designated by the primary physician on the protocol form, from the date of the initial evaluation and treatment. Preventative care after resolution of the injury is not considered treatment. This paragraph does not apply to a person who is referred for treatment by a person licensed in this state to practice medicine as defined in section 147.081, to practice chiropractic as defined in section 148.01, to practice podiatry as defined in section 153.01, or to practice dentistry as defined in section 150A.05 and whose license is in good standing.

(d) An athletic trainer may:

1. organize and administer an athletic training program including, but not limited to, educating and counseling athletes;
2. monitor the signs, symptoms, general behavior, and general physical response of an athlete to treatment and rehabilitation including, but not limited to, whether the signs, symptoms, reactions, behavior, or general response show abnormal characteristics; and
3. make suggestions to the primary physician or other treating provider for a modification in the treatment and rehabilitation of an injured athlete based on the indicators in clause (2).
(e) In a clinical, corporate, and physical therapy setting, when the service provided is, or is represented as being, physical therapy, an athletic trainer may work only under the direct supervision of a physical therapist as defined in section 148.65.

148.7807 LIMITATIONS ON PRACTICE.

If an athletic trainer determines that a patient's medical condition is beyond the scope of practice of that athletic trainer, the athletic trainer must refer the patient to a person licensed in this state to practice medicine as defined in section 147.081, to practice chiropractic as defined in section 148.01, to practice podiatry as defined in section 153.01, or to practice dentistry as defined in section 150A.05 and whose license is in good standing and in accordance with established evaluation and treatment protocols. An athletic trainer shall modify or terminate treatment of a patient that is not beneficial to the patient, or that is not tolerated by the patient.

148.7808 LICENSURE; REQUIREMENTS.

Subdivision 1. Licensure.

The board may issue an athletic trainer license to applicants who meet the requirements under this section. An applicant for licensure as an athletic trainer shall:

(1) pay a fee under section 148.7815;

(2) file a written application on a form, provided by the board, that includes:

   (i) the applicant's name, Social Security number, home address and telephone number, business address and telephone number, and business setting;

   (ii) evidence satisfactory to the board of current national credentialing as a certified athletic trainer by the Board of Certification for the Athletic Trainer or its recognized successor;

   (iii) educational background;

   (iv) credentials held in this state or in other jurisdictions;

   (v) a description of any jurisdiction's refusal to credential the applicant;

   (vi) a description of all professional disciplinary actions initiated against the applicant in any jurisdiction;

   (vii) any history of drug or alcohol abuse, and any misdemeanor or felony conviction;

   (viii) additional information as requested by the board;

   (ix) the applicant's signature on a statement that the information in the application is true and correct to the best of the applicant's knowledge and belief; and

   (x) the applicant's signature on a waiver authorizing the board to obtain access to the applicant's records in this state or any other state in which
the applicant has completed an education program approved by the board, engaged in the practice of athletic training, or held other professional credentials;

(3) if the applicant holds or has held a credential as an athletic trainer in another jurisdiction, provide verification from the credentialing body in each jurisdiction that the applicant holds or has held a credential for the practice of athletic training; and

(4) if the applicant holds or has held a credential as another health professional in this state or another jurisdiction, provide verification from the credentialing body for that profession that the applicant holds or has held a credential for the practice of that profession.

Subd. 2.
[Repealed, 2014 c 291 art 4 s 59]

Subd. 3.
MS 2016 [Repealed, 2018 c 143 s 26]

Subd. 4.
MS 2016 [Repealed, 2018 c 143 s 26]

Subd. 5.
MS 2016 [Repealed, 2018 c 143 s 26]

148.7809 LICENSE RENEWAL.
Subdivision 1.Requirements for license renewal.
An athletic trainer license issued under section 148.7808 expires annually. To renew a license, an athletic trainer shall pay a fee as required by section 148.7815 and complete a renewal application on a form provided by the board that includes:

(1) the athletic trainer's name, Minnesota athletic trainer license number, home address and telephone number, business address and telephone number, and business setting;

(2) work history for the past year, including the average number of hours worked per week;

(3) a report of any change in status since initial licensure or previous license renewal;

(4) evidence satisfactory to the board of having met the continuing education requirements of section 148.7812;

(5) the athletic trainer's signature on a statement that a current copy of the protocol form is on file at the athletic trainer's primary employment site;

(6) any history of drug or alcohol abuse, and any misdemeanor or felony conviction; and
(7) any disciplinary action on any credential held in this state or in another jurisdiction.

Subd. 2. License renewal notice.
The board shall annually send out a renewal notice to an athletic trainer's last known address on file with the board. The notice shall include an application for license renewal and notice of the fees required for renewal. An athletic trainer who does not receive a renewal notice must still meet the requirements for license renewal under this section.

Subd. 3. Renewal deadline.
(a) An application for renewal of licensure must be postmarked on or before July 1 of each year. If the postmark is illegible, the application is considered timely if received in the board office by the third working day after July 1.
(b) An application for renewal of licensure submitted after the deadline date must include a late fee under section 148.7815.

Subd. 4. Licensure following lapse of licensed status for two years or less.
(a) In order to regain licensed status, an athletic trainer whose license has lapsed for two years or less must:
   (1) apply for license renewal under subdivision 1;
   (2) document compliance with the continuing education requirements in section 148.7812 since the athletic trainer's initial licensure or last renewal; and
   (3) submit the fees required by section 148.7815 for the period the athletic trainer was not licensed, including the fee for late renewal.
(b) The board shall not renew, reissue, reinstate, or restore a license that has lapsed after June 30, 1999, and has not been renewed within two annual renewal cycles starting July 1, 2001. An athletic trainer whose license is canceled for nonrenewal must obtain a new license by applying for licensure and fulfilling all requirements then in existence for an initial license.

148.7810 BOARD ACTION ON APPLICATIONS.
Subdivision 1. Verification of application information.
The board or advisory council, with the approval of the board, may verify information provided by an applicant for licensure under section 148.7808 and license renewal under section 148.7809 to determine whether the information is accurate and complete.

Subd. 2. Notification of board action.
Within 120 days of receipt of the application, the board shall notify each applicant in writing of the action taken on the application.
Subd. 3. Request for hearing by applicant denied licensure.

An applicant denied licensure shall be notified of the determination, and the grounds for it, and may request a hearing on the determination under Minnesota Rules, part 5615.0300, by filing a written statement of issues with the board within 20 days after receipt of the notice from the board. After the hearing, the board shall notify the applicant in writing of its decision.

148.7811 CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

A licensed athletic trainer must notify the board, in writing, within 30 days of a change of address.

148.7812 CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS.

Subdivision 1. Board of Certification for the Athletic Trainer requirements.

An athletic trainer shall meet the professional development requirements of the Board of Certification for the Athletic Trainer in order to maintain Board of Certification for the Athletic Trainer certification. These requirements may be met through a board-approved continuing education program.

Subd. 2. Approved programs.

The board shall approve a continuing education program that has been approved for maintenance of competence by the Board of Certification for the Athletic Trainer or its recognized successor.

Subd. 3.

MS 2016 [Repealed, 2018 c 143 s 26]

Subd. 4. Verification of continuing education requirements.

The board shall periodically select a random sample of athletic trainers and require the athletic trainers to show evidence to the board of having completed the continuing education requirements attested to by the athletic trainer. Either the athletic trainer or state or national organizations that maintain continuing education records may provide to the board documentation of attendance at a continuing education program.

148.7813 DISCIPLINARY PROCESS.

Subdivision 1.

[Repealed, 2014 c 291 art 4 s 59]

Subd. 2.

[Repealed, 2014 c 291 art 4 s 59]

Subd. 3.

[Repealed, 2014 c 291 art 4 s 59]

Subd. 4.

[Repealed, 2014 c 291 art 4 s 59]
**Subd. 5.** Discipline; reporting.

For the purposes of this chapter, licensed athletic trainers and applicants are subject to sections 147.091 to 147.162.

**148.7814 APPLICABILITY.**

Sections 148.7801 to 148.7815 do not apply to persons who are certified as athletic trainers by the Board of Certification or the board's recognized successor and come into Minnesota for a specific athletic event or series of athletic events with an individual or group.

**148.7815 FEES.**

Subdivision 1. Fees.

(a) The board shall establish fees as follows:

1. application fee, $50;
2. annual license fee, $100;
3. athletic trainer certification fee, $25;
4. athletic trainer duplicate license fee, $20;
5. late fee, $15;
6. duplicate license or registration fee, $20;
7. certification letter fee, $25;
8. verification fee, $25;
9. education or training program approval fee, $100;
10. report creation and generation fee, $60 per hour billed in quarter-hour increments with a quarter-hour minimum; and
11. examination administrative fee:
   (i) half day, $50; and
   (ii) full day, $80.

(b) The revenue generated from the fees must be deposited in an account in the state government special revenue fund.

Subd. 2. Proration of fees.

The board may prorate the initial annual fee for licensure under section 148.7808. Athletic trainers licensed under section 148.7808 are required to pay the full fee upon license renewal.

Subd. 3. Penalty for a late application for license renewal.

The penalty for late submission of a license renewal application under section 148.7809 is $15.

Subd. 4. Nonrefundable fees.

The fees in this section are nonrefundable.