

How YOU can help:

Submitting a letter to your local NYS legislators and asking others to do the same are the best ways to help us lobby for our AT Bills!

We especially need this support from physicians, parents, athletic department personnel, student-athletes, and everyone whose lives have been positively affected by a certified athletic trainer (AT) - or those who value sports safety through appropriate sports healthcare!

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New York State Athletic Trainers' Association (NYSATA)

Legislative Bill Info S4465 / A6678 For AT Licensure and Updated AT Practice Act in NYS



*To advance, encourage and improve
the profession of athletic training
(AT) ... for the purpose of enhancing
the quality of health care for the
physically active in NYS*



What is Athletic Training (AT)?

- ◆ Health care profession recognized by the American Medical Association (AMA) since 1991.
- ◆ Encompasses prevention, evaluation, rehabilitation & acute care / emergency management of orthopedic injuries and activity-related conditions, such as concussions, heat illness & skin diseases.
- ◆ Practiced by nationally and state credentialed [certified] Athletic Trainers (ATs).
- ◆ ATs collaborate with physicians to optimize activity and participation of patients and clients.
- ◆ Those who want to become ATs **MUST**:
 - ◆ Earn a minimum of a B.S. from a CAATE-accredited AT Educational Program (ATEP) at accredited college/university. www.caate.net
 - ◆ Pass a national certification exam through the Board of Certification (BOC) www.bocetc.org which is also recognized as the credentialing exam in NYS.
- ◆ Education for AT Students includes: injury/illness prevention & assessment, first aid & emergency care, therapeutic modalities & rehabilitation, human & anatomy & physiology, pharmacology, pathology, & nutrition.
 - ◆ Classroom learning is enhanced through clinical experiences under the direct supervision of certified ATs and other health care providers as precepts.
- ◆ >70% of ATs hold at least a master's degree.

AT Bills S4465 & A6678

“Why is this update to our practice act needed?”

The current AT legislation is over 20 years old and is outdated - *It doesn't reflect the evolution of the AT profession.*

The current language is limiting - Terminology needs to be updated so that ATs can:

- Manage sport-related injuries and conditions that they are educated and trained to perform, **including concussions.**
- Work in NYS in the **many settings that can benefit from the services of ATs** and, nationally, have been using ATs for years, such as Performing Arts, Military, Corporate, Industrial, NASCAR, Rodeo, etc.

The current NYS legislation is 'certification', not licensure.

- Certification is title protection only and does not include protection of duties/skills/scope.
- Only “certified athletic trainer” is protected, whereas “athletic trainer” is not – anyone can use this!
- A non-certified individual attempting to practice as an AT could put the public at risk and negatively affect the reputation of the AT profession.
- Licensure expands this protection to include “athletic trainer” and protects both title **and** duties/scope of practice.
- It would require all practicing ATs in NYS to be licensed and accountable. Fraudulent and improper behavior would be investigated and could be prosecuted.

See the actual bills at:

openstates.org/ny/bills/2013-2014/S4465/
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