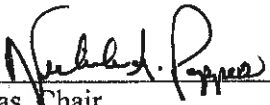


BOARD OF ATHLETIC TRAINERS
2015-2016 Annual Regulatory Plan

1. Chapter 2015-116 was enacted during the previous 12 months which creates or modifies the duties or authority of the Board. Specifically, the law amends the following sections of Chapter 468, F.S.: 468.70, 468.701, 468.703, 468.705, 468.707, 468.709, 468.711, 468.713, 468.715, 468.717, 468.719, 468.723. In addition, s. 456.0135 revised general background screening provisions to include athletic trainers. This chapter will take effect January 1, 2016.
2. The amendments have the following effect:
 - s. 468.70 revises the legislative intent.
 - s. 468.701 revises the definitions removing the terms “athlete”, “athletic activity”, “athletic injury”, “direct supervision”, and “supervision”.
 - s. 468.703 deletes the staggering board member terms.
 - s. 468.705 amends rulemaking authority to include “mandatory requirements and guidelines for communication between the athletic trainer and a physician including the reporting to the physician of new or recurring injuries or conditions.”
 - s. 468.707 amends licensure requirements, specifies approved accrediting agencies and requires the applicant to provide records or other evidence to demonstrate meeting licensure requirements. After July 1, 2016, the applicant must also undergo background screening pursuant to s. 456.0135.
 - s. 468.709 removes the examination fee.
 - s. 468.711 rewords some continuing education requirements.
 - s. 468.713 amends the responsibilities of athletic trainers, specifically the interaction between the athletic trainer and physician.
 - s. 468.715 amends the definition of sexual misconduct to reference s. 456.063.
 - s. 468.717 amends violations for which disciplinary action may be taken.
 - s. 468.719 removes the advertising violation and clarifies the definition of “unable to practice with reasonable skill and safety.”
 - s. 468.723 amends the exemptions, clarifies the definition of “direct supervision”, and addresses “third-party payors”.
 - s. 456.0135 revised general background screening provisions to include athletic trainers.
3. Rule amendments are necessary to implement all of the recently enacted provisions with the exception of the revision of the legislative intent (s. 468.70), and amendments to the definitions (s. 468.701), board member terms (s. 468.703), and the exemption section (s. 468.723).
 - a. s. 468.70 – law is clear
 - b. s. 468.701 – law is clear
 - c. s. 468.703 – no rulemaking authority for this section
 - d. s. 468.723 – law is clear
4. Attached is a spreadsheet identifying the rules to be amended pursuant to the laws listed in paragraph (1) which the Board expects to implement by rulemaking before July 1, 2016.

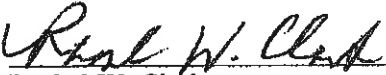
5. The notices of proposed rules were published on September 18, 2015 and can be found in the Florida Administrative Register Volume 41/182.
6. No other laws have been identified needing implementation prior to July 1, 2016.

Pursuant to Section 120.74(1)(d), Florida Statutes, I hereby certify that I have reviewed this Annual Regulatory Plan and that the Board regularly reviews all of its rules to determine if the rules remain consistent with the Board's rulemaking authority and the laws being implemented, with the most recent review having been completed June 30, 2015.



Nicholas Pappas, Chair
Board of Athletic Trainers

9/24/15
Date



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