

SENATE PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SENATE BILL 690

**52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2015**

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE PUBLIC PEACE, HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE;  
AMENDING THE ATHLETIC TRAINER PRACTICE ACT TO CHANGE THE SCOPE  
OF PRACTICE AND TO EXTEND THE SUNSET DATE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. Section 61-14D-6 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1993,  
Chapter 325, Section 6) is amended to read:

"61-14D-6. SCOPE OF PRACTICE.--The practice of athletic  
training includes the prevention, care and rehabilitation of  
[~~athlete's~~] injuries. Athletic trainers may evaluate,  
clinically diagnose and treat [~~athletes~~] pursuant to the  
written prescription, standing order or protocol of a licensed  
physician [~~provided that an athletic trainer may treat~~  
~~postsurgical conditions only pursuant to the written~~  
~~prescription of that athlete's surgeon~~]. To carry out these

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1 functions, an athletic trainer may use exercise and physical  
2 modalities such as heat, light, sound, cold, electricity or  
3 mechanical devices related to rehabilitation and treatment.  
4 ~~[Nothing in the Athletic Trainer Practice Act shall be~~  
5 ~~construed to allow an athletic trainer to provide the initial~~  
6 ~~treatment or evaluation of an athlete injured in a non-athletic~~  
7 ~~setting.]"~~

8 SECTION 2. Section 61-14D-19 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1993,  
9 Chapter 325, Section 19, as amended) is amended to read:

10 "61-14D-19. TERMINATION OF AGENCY LIFE--DELAYED REPEAL.--  
11 The athletic trainer practice board is terminated on July 1,  
12 ~~[2015]~~ 2025 pursuant to the provisions of the Sunset Act. The  
13 board shall continue to operate according to the provisions of  
14 the Athletic Trainer Practice Act until July 1, ~~[2016]~~ 2026.  
15 Effective July 1, ~~[2016]~~ 2026, Chapter 61, Article 14D NMSA  
16 1978 is repealed."