

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1832**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Michael F. Rush***

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to the practice of athletic training.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Michael F. Rush</i>	<i>Norfolk and Suffolk</i>
<i>Kevin G. Honan</i>	<i>17th Suffolk</i>
<i>Edward F. Coppinger</i>	<i>10th Suffolk</i>
<i>Wayne Matewsky</i>	<i>28th Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Rush, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michael F. Rush, Kevin G. Honan and Edward F. Copping for legislation relative to the practice of athletic training. Public Health.

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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An Act relative to the practice of athletic training.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1                   SECTION 1. Section 23A of Chapter 112 of the General Laws, as appearing in  
2 the 2010 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking the existing text and inserting in place  
3 thereof the following:-

4                   “Athletic training”, the application of principles, methods and procedures of evaluation  
5 and treatment of injuries, preconditioning, conditioning and reconditioning of the patient through  
6 the use of appropriate preventative and supportive devices, splinting and bracing, physical  
7 modalities including but not limited to heat, cold, massage, water, electric stimulation, sound,  
8 exercise and exercise equipment. Athletic training includes instruction to coaches, athletes,  
9 parents, medical personnel and community organizations in the area of treatment, care and  
10 prevention of athletic injuries.

11                   “Athletic trainer”, any person who is duly licensed in accordance with this section as an  
12 athletic trainer whose practice includes individuals, schools, teams or organizations and who  
13 practices with the guidance of a physician or dentist duly registered in the commonwealth.