

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1263**

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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>Brendan P. Crighton</i>	<i>Third Essex</i>	<i>1/26/2017</i>
<i>Geoff Diehl</i>	<i>7th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Marc R. Pacheco</i>	<i>First Plymouth and Bristol</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Paul Tucker</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Alice Hanlon Peisch</i>	<i>14th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	<i>2/7/2017</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/7/2017</i>
<i>Keiko M. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>	<i>2/27/2017</i>
<i>Richard J. Ross</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>	<i>3/30/2017</i>

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By Mr. Rush, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1263) of Michael F. Rush, Brendan P. Crighton, Geoff Diehl, Marc R. Pacheco and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to the practice of athletic training. Public Health.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1216 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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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 the 2014  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the definitions of "Athletic Trainer" and  
3 "Athletic Training" and inserting in place thereof the following new definitions:-

4           “Athletic Trainer”, a person who is duly licensed to practice Athletic Training in the  
5 Commonwealth in accordance with section 23B.

6           “Athletic Training”, the application of principles, methods and procedures of evaluation  
7 and treatment of injuries, preconditioning, conditioning and reconditioning of the patient through  
8 the use of appropriate preventative and supportive devices, splinting, and bracing, physical  
9 modalities, including but not limited to heat, cold, massage, water, electric stimulation, sound,

10 exercise and exercise equipment in collaboration with physicians or dentists duly registered in  
11 the Commonwealth. Athletic training includes education and instruction to coaches, athletes,  
12 parents, medical personnel and the community in the area of treatment, care and prevention of  
13 injuries.