

SENATE No. 1373

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Barry R. Finegold

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 athletic training.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Barry R. Finegold</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>	
<i>Lydia Edwards</i>	<i>Third Suffolk</i>	<i>2/13/2023</i>
<i>Adam Scanlon</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>2/24/2023</i>
<i>Paul R. Feeney</i>	<i>Bristol and Norfolk</i>	<i>3/7/2023</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/7/2023</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>First Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>3/7/2023</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>	<i>3/7/2023</i>
<i>John J. Cronin</i>	<i>Worcester and Middlesex</i>	<i>3/8/2023</i>
<i>Rodney M. Elliott</i>	<i>16th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/9/2023</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	<i>3/17/2023</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	<i>4/4/2023</i>
<i>John F. Keenan</i>	<i>Norfolk and Plymouth</i>	<i>4/28/2023</i>

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By Mr. Finegold, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1373) of Barry R. Finegold, Lydia Edwards, Adam Scanlon, Paul R. Feeney and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to athletic training. Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1438 OF 2021-2022.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act relative to 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 is hereby amended by
2 striking out the definitions of “athletic trainer” and “athletic training” and inserting in place
3 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 and other medical conditions consistent with the educational standard
8 and role delineation of the athletic trainer through the use of appropriate preventative, emergent,
9 and rehabilitative care, supportive devices, temporary splinting, bracing and physical modalities,

10 including, but not limited to, heat, cold, massage, water, electric stimulation, sound, exercise and
11 exercise equipment. Athletic training includes education and instruction to coaches, athletes,
12 parents, other medical personnel and the community in the area of care and prevention of injuries
13 and other medical conditions.

14 SECTION 2. The board of allied health professions shall review and update the rules and
15 regulations pursuant to section 23M of chapter 112 of the General Laws within 180 days of the
16 passage of this act.