

**Committee on Public Health
Bill Summary**

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| Bill No. | H2465 |
| Title: | <i>An Act relative to athletic training</i> |
| Sponsor: | Representative Sally P. Kerans |
| Committee: | Public Health |
| Hearing Date: | April 2, 2025 |
| Similar Matters: | S1541 (similar, not identical) |
| Prior History: | Refile of H4565 of 2023-2024; Assigned to Joint Committee on Public Health; Accompanied by a new draft on 4/22/2024. |
| Reporting Deadline: | June 1, 2025; extended to July 1, 2025 |

Current Law:

- **M.G.L. Chapter 112 § 23A** defines athletic trainer and the practice of athletic training used throughout the section.

Summary:

This bill amends Section 23A of M.G.L. Chapter 112 by updating the definition of “athletic trainer” and “athletic training.”

SECTION 1 amends M.G.L. Chapter 112 § 23A by revising the definition of “athletic trainer” to remove restrictions regarding place of practice. Changes would allow athletic trainers to practice at will without the obligation of associating with a school, team, or organization.

SECTION 2 states that the Board of Allied Health Professions must review and update the rules and regulations pursuant to this act within 180 days of its passage.

SECTION 3 amends M.G.L. Chapter 71 § 54A by adding licensed athletic trainers to the list of professionals who can provide emergency medical care at high school football games.

SECTION 4 amends M.G.L. Chapter 69 § 8A by adding licensed athletic trainers to the list of school staff who must have access to school training on CPR and first aid. This section also adds licensed athletic trainers to the list of school professionals who must be involved in developing and reviewing emergency medical plans.