

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 28, 2014

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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1890**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Chau**

February 19, 2014

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An act to add Chapter 2.7 (commencing with Section 18898) to Division 8 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to athletic trainers.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1890, as amended, Chau. Athletic trainers.

Existing law provides for the regulation of various professions and vocations, including those of an athlete agent.

This bill would make it unlawful for any person to hold himself or herself out as *an athletic trainer or a certified athletic trainer, or to use specified terms to imply or suggest that the person is an athletic trainer*, unless he or she ~~has been~~ *is* certified by the Board of Certification, Inc., and has either graduated from a college or university, after completing an accredited athletic training education program, as specified, or completed *eligibility* requirements for certification by the Board of Certification, Inc., prior to January 1, 2004. The bill would make it an unfair business practice to ~~violate these provisions~~ *use the title "athletic trainer," "certified athletic trainer," or other specified terms that imply or suggest that the person is an athletic trainer if he or she does not meet the requirements described above.*

*This bill, notwithstanding these provisions, would authorize a person who has practiced athletic training in California for a period of 20 consecutive years prior to January 1, 2015, and who is not otherwise eligible to use the title of “athletic trainer,” to use that title.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
 State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 2.7 (commencing with Section 18898)  
 2 is added to Division 8 of the Business and Professions Code, to  
 3 read:

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 5 CHAPTER 2.7. ATHLETIC TRAINERS  
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7 18898. (a) ~~No~~A person shall *not* hold himself or herself out  
 8 to be an *athletic trainer* or a certified athletic ~~trainer~~ *trainer*, or  
 9 use the term “AT,” “ATC,” or “CAT” to imply or suggest that  
 10 the person is an *athletic trainer*, unless he or she meets the  
 11 following requirements:

12 (1) He or she has done either of the following:

13 (A) Graduated from a college or university after completing an  
 14 athletic training education program accredited by the Commission  
 15 on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education, or its predecessors  
 16 or successors.

17 (B) Completed *eligibility* requirements for certification by the  
 18 Board of Certification, Inc., prior to January 1, 2004.

19 (2) He or she ~~has been~~ *is* certified by the Board of Certification,  
 20 Inc.

21 (b) It is an unfair business practice within the meaning of  
 22 Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 17200) of Part 2 of Division  
 23 7 for any person to use the title of “*athletic trainer*,” “certified  
 24 athletic trainer” or any other term, such as “*certified*,” “*licensed*,”  
 25 “*registered*,” ~~or~~ “AT,” “ATC,” or “CAT,” that implies or suggests  
 26 that the person is ~~certified as~~ an athletic trainer, if ~~the person~~ *he*  
 27 *or she* does not meet the requirements of subdivision (a).

28 18899. *Notwithstanding Section 18898, a person who has*  
 29 *practiced athletic training in California for a period of 20*  
 30 *consecutive years prior to January 1, 2015, and who is not*

- 1 *otherwise eligible to use the title of “athletic trainer,” may use*
- 2 *the title “athletic trainer.”*

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