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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 161

Introduced by Assembly Member Chau
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Cooley and Gordon)
(Coauthors: Senators Anderson and Nielsen)

January 21, 2015

An act to add ~~Chapter 2.7~~ *Chapter 2.6* (commencing with Section 18898) to Division 8 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to athletic trainers.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 161, 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, trainer,~~ *use the title of, among others, athletic trainer,* or to use specified terms to imply or suggest that the person is an athletic trainer, unless he or she 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.~~ *as specified.* The bill would make it an unfair business practice to 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 worked as an athletic trainer in California for a period of 20 consecutive years prior to January 1, 2016, and who is not otherwise eligible to use the title “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 ~~2.7.2.6~~ 2.6 (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 ~~2.7.2.6~~ 2.6. ATHLETIC TRAINERS
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7 18898. (a) A person shall not hold himself or herself out to be
 8 an athletic ~~trainer or a certified athletic trainer, or use the term~~
 9 *trainer, use the title “athletic trainer,” “certified athletic trainer,”*
 10 *“licensed athletic trainer,” “registered athletic trainer,” or any*
 11 *other term such as “AT,” “ATC,” “LAT,” or “CAT” to imply or*
 12 *suggest that the person is an athletic trainer, unless he or she meets*
 13 *the following requirements:*

- 14 (1) He or she has done either of the following:
 15 (A) Graduated from a college or university after completing an
 16 athletic training education program accredited by the Commission
 17 on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education, or its predecessors
 18 or successors.
 19 (B) Completed eligibility requirements for certification by the
 20 Board of Certification, Inc., ~~prior to January 1, 2004.~~ *or its*
 21 *predecessors or successors.*

22 (2) He or she is certified by the Board of Certification, ~~Inc.~~ *Inc.,*
 23 *or its predecessors or successors.*
 24 (b) It is an unfair business practice within the meaning of
 25 Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 17200) of Part 2 of Division
 26 7 for a person to use the title “athletic trainer,” “certified athletic
 27 ~~trainer” or any other term, such as “certified,” “licensed,”~~
 28 ~~“registered,”~~ *trainer,” “licensed athletic trainer,” “registered*
 29 *athletic trainer,” or any other term such as “AT,” “ATC,” “LAT,”*

1 or “CAT,” that implies or suggests that the person is an athletic
2 trainer, if he or she does not meet the requirements of subdivision
3 (a).

4 18899. Notwithstanding Section 18898, a person who has
5 worked as an athletic trainer in California for a period of 20
6 consecutive years prior to January 1, 2016, and who is not
7 otherwise eligible to use the title “athletic trainer,” may use the
8 title “athletic trainer.”

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