

Dear Senator

As a certified athletic trainer and constituent in your district, I'm writing to ask for your support of **S.F. 2336** – updating the Minnesota Athletic Trainers Practice Act.

This legislation will accomplish three things:

1. Modify the words “**athlete**” and “**athletic injury**” within the statute, replacing them with the more accurate “**patient**” and “**injury**”. These are the terms used by the National Athletic Trainers’ Association, the Board of Certification, the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education, and the Educational Council of the National Athletic Trainers’ Association.
2. Restrict the time allowed for temporary registration from **one year** to **six months**. The reduction in time serves to protect the public from those who are unable to pass the national certifying exam and should not be practicing.
3. Decrease the number of temporarily registered athletic trainers that a registered athletic trainer can supervise from **four** to **two**.

Revising the Practice Act will not expand my scope of practice as a registered athletic trainer in Minnesota. In fact, the definition of which injuries I can treat and how I can treat them remains **unchanged**.

Athletic trainers recognize the importance of a cooperative team approach to health care. To that end, **S.F. 2336** still requires a relationship with a licensed physician whereby the physician establishes evaluation and treatment protocols to be documented and updated annually. Further, an athletic trainer may evaluate and treat an injury for no more than 30 days, or a period of time as designated by the primary physician. This legislation reflects our dedication to ensuring the highest quality and most cost-effective care for our patients.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or Paul Cassidy at 612-335-1877 or paul.cassidy@leonard.com. My patients and I will appreciate your support.

Please support the **Minnesota Athletic Trainer’s Practice Act Revision**.

Sincerely,