

**2008 Minnesota Athletic Trainers Act  
Minnesota Athletic Trainers Association**

- The original Minnesota Athletic Trainers Act was written in 1993. Since then, athletic training, has evolved in the areas of education, training, and patient care.
- Patient safety is the first and foremost consideration in making this legislative proposal. Certified athletic trainers will continue to perform their duties under the 24/7 supervision of a licensed physician under a physician-signed protocol.
- The terminology and regulations of the original 1993 language must be updated to maintain consistency and avoid confusion for patients and other health care professionals.
- **Minnesota athletic trainers do not wish to expand their scope of practice, and HF2399/SF2336 is not an attempt to do so now or in the future. The definitions of who and what conditions athletic trainers may treat remains unchanged from current law.**
- In the interest of public safety, the time an athletic trainer can practice via temporary registration would be shortened from twelve months to six months, and each registered athletic trainer would only be allowed to supervise two temporary registrants instead of four.
- The names of the governing boards of accreditation must be rewritten to reflect current and future trends in athletic training and avoid the need for regular updating of the practice act.
- Changes in accredited curriculums for certification should be reflected.
- Based on discussions with other allied health care professionals, legislators and other interested parties, the MATA is making the following changes to its original proposal:
  - Remove the 90 day physician protocol exemption for new licenses.
  - Add language clarifying MATA's adherence to the ethical standards and obligations set forth by the state Board of Medical Practice.