

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 1999 SESSION

CHAPTER 682

An Act to amend and reenact §§ 2.1-1.6, 2.1-20.4, 9-6.25:1 and 54.1-2900 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 4 of Chapter 29 of Title 54.1 sections numbered 54.1-2957.4, 54.1-2957.5 and 54.1-2957.6, relating to regulation of athletic trainers.

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Approved March 28, 1999

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 2.1-1.6, 2.1-20.4, 9-6.25:1 and 54.1-2900 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted and that the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 4 of Chapter 29 of Title 54.1 sections numbered 54.1-2957.4, 54.1-2957.5 and 54.1-2957.6 as follows:

§ 2.1-1.6. State boards.

A. There shall be, in addition to such others as may be established by law, the following permanent collegial bodies affiliated with a state agency within the executive branch:

Accountancy, Board for

~~Aging, Advisory Board on the~~

Agriculture and Consumer Services, Board of

Air Pollution, State Advisory Board on

Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, Virginia

Apple Board, Virginia State

Appomattox State Scenic River Advisory Board

Aquaculture Advisory Board

Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers and Landscape Architects, Board for

Art and Architectural Review Board

~~Athletic Board, Virginia~~

Athletic Training, Advisory Board on

Auctioneers Board

Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology, Board of

Aviation Board, Virginia

Barbers, Board for

Branch Pilots, Board for

Bright Flue-Cured Tobacco Board, Virginia

Building Code Technical Review Board, State

Catoctin Creek State Scenic River Advisory Board

Cattle Industry Board, Virginia

Cave Board

Cemetery Board

Certified Seed Board, State

Charity Food Assistance Advisory Board

Chesapeake Bay Local Assistance Board

Chickahominy State Scenic River Advisory Board

Child Abuse and Neglect, Advisory Board on

Chippokes Plantation Farm Foundation, Board of Trustees

Clinch Scenic River Advisory Board

Coal Mining Examiners, Board of

Coal Research and Development Advisory Board, Virginia

Coal Surface Mining Reclamation Fund Advisory Board

Conservation and Development of Public Beaches, Board on

Conservation and Recreation, Board of

Contractors, Board for

Corn Board, Virginia

Correctional Education, Board of

Corrections, State Board of

Cosmetology, Board for

Criminal Justice Services Board

Dark-Fired Tobacco Board, Virginia

Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing, Advisory Board for the Department for the

Dentistry, Board of

Design-Build/Construction Management Review Board
 Education, State Board of
 Egg Board, Virginia
 Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board, State
 Farmers Market Board, Virginia
 Fire Services Board, Virginia
 Forestry, Board of
 Funeral Directors and Embalmers, Board of
 Game and Inland Fisheries, Board of
 Geology, Board for
 Goose Creek Scenic River Advisory Board
 Health Planning Board, Virginia
 Health Professions, Board of
 Health, State Board of
 Hearing Aid Specialists, Board for
 Hemophilia Advisory Board
 Historic Resources, Board of
 Housing and Community Development, Board of
 Irish Potato Board, Virginia
 Juvenile Justice, State Board of
Licensed Professional Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists and Substance Abuse Treatment Professionals, Board of
 Litter Control and Recycling Fund Advisory Board
 Marine Products Board, Virginia
 Medical Advisory Board, Department of Motor Vehicles
 Medicare and Medicaid, Advisory Board on
 Medicine, Board of
 Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services Board, State
 Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers Board
 Military Affairs, Board of
 Mineral Mining Examiners, Board of
 Minority Business Enterprise, Interdepartmental Board of the Department of
 Networking Users Advisory Board, State
 Neurotrauma Initiative Advisory Board, Commonwealth
 North Meherrin State Scenic River Advisory Board
 Nottoway State Scenic River Advisory Board
 Nursing, Board of
 Nursing Home Administrators, Board of
 Occupational Therapy, Advisory Board ~~on~~ of
 Oil and Gas Conservation Board, Virginia
 Opticians, Board for
 Optometry, Board of
 Peanut Board, Virginia
 Personnel Advisory Board
 Pesticide Control Board
 Pharmacy, Board of
 Physical Therapy to the Board of Medicine, Advisory Board on
 Plant Pollination Advisory Board
 Polygraph Examiners Advisory Board
 Pork Industry Board, Virginia
 Poultry Products Board, Virginia
 Private College Advisory Board
 Private Security Services Advisory Board
 Professional and Occupational Regulation, Board for
~~Professional Counselors, Board of~~
 Professional Soil Scientists, Board for
 Psychiatric Advisory Board
 Psychology, Board of
 Public Broadcasting Board, Virginia
 Public Buildings Board, Virginia
 Public Guardian and Conservator Advisory Board
 Radiation Advisory Board
 Real Estate Appraiser Board
 Real Estate Board

Reciprocity Board, Department of Motor Vehicles
~~Recreation Specialists, Board of~~
 Recreational Fishing Advisory Board, Virginia
 Reforestation Board
 Rehabilitation Providers, Advisory Board on
 Rehabilitative Services, Board of
 Respiratory ~~Therapy~~ Care, Advisory Board on
 Rockfish State Scenic River Advisory Board
 Safety and Health Codes Board
 Seed Potato Board, *State*
 Sewage Handling and Disposal Appeal Review Board, State Health Department
 Shenandoah State Scenic River Advisory Board
 Small Business Advisory Board
 Small Business Environmental Compliance Advisory Board
 Small Grains Board, Virginia
 Social Services, Board of
 Social Work, Board of
 Soil and Water Conservation Board, Virginia
 Soybean Board, Virginia
 State Air Pollution Control Board
 Substance Abuse Certification Board
 Surface Mining Review, Board of
 Sweet Potato Board, Virginia
 T & M Vehicle Dealers' Advisory Board
 Teacher Education and Licensure, Advisory Board on
 Transportation Board, Commonwealth
 Transportation Safety, Board of
 Treasury Board, The, Department of the Treasury
 Veterans' Affairs, Board on
 Veterinary Medicine, Board of
 Virginia Board for Asbestos and Lead
 Virginia Coal Mine Safety Board
 Virginia Correctional Enterprises Advisory Board
 Virginia Cotton Board
 Virginia Employment Commission, State Advisory Board for the
 Virginia Geographic Information Network Advisory Board
 Virginia Horse Industry Board
 Virginia Manufactured Housing Board
 Virginia Retirement System, Board of Trustees
 Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind, Advisory Commission on the
 Virginia Sheep Industry Board
 Virginia Veterans Cemetery Board
 Virginia Waste Management Board
 Visually Handicapped, Virginia Board for the
 Voluntary Formulary Board, Virginia
 War Memorial Foundation, Virginia, Board of Trustees
 Waste Management Facility Operators, Board for
 Water Resources Research Center Statewide Advisory Board, Virginia
 Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operators, Board for
 Well Review Board, Virginia.

B. Notwithstanding the definition for "board" as provided in § 2.1-1.2, the following entities shall be referred to as boards:

Compensation Board
 State Board of Elections
 State Water Control Board
 Virginia Parole Board
 Virginia Veterans Care Center Board of Trustees.

§ 2.1-20.4. Bodies receiving compensation.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, members of the commissions, boards, committees, councils and other similar bodies listed below, and members of any other board, committee, council, or similar body who are appointed at the state level, shall receive compensation from state funds pursuant to § 2.1-20.3:

Accountancy, Board for
 Agriculture and Consumer Services, Board of

Air Pollution Control Board, State
 Airports Authority, Virginia
 Apprenticeship Council
 Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers and Landscape
 Architects, Board for
~~Athletic Board, Virginia~~
Athletic Training, Advisory Board on
 Auctioneers Board
 Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology, Board of
 Aviation Board, Virginia
 Barbers, Board for
 Branch Pilots, Board for
 Building Code Technical Review Board, State
 Charitable Gaming Commission
 Chesapeake Bay Local Assistance Board
 Coal Mining Examiners, Board of
 College Building Authority
 Commonwealth Competition Council
 Commonwealth Transportation Board
 Conservation and Development of Public Beaches, Board on
 Conservation and Recreation, Board of
 Contractors, Board for
 Correctional Education, Board of
 Corrections, Board of
 Cosmetology, Board for
 Criminal Justice Services Board
 Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing, Advisory Board for the
 Dentistry, Board of
 Education, State Board of
~~Education Loan Authority, Virginia - Board of Directors~~
 Elections, State Board of
~~Environment, Council on the~~
 Fire Services Board, Virginia
 Funeral Directors and Embalmers, Board of
 Game and Inland Fisheries, Board of
 Geology, Board for
 Health, State Board of
 Health Professions, Board of
 Hearing Aid Specialists, Board for
 Higher Education, State Council of
 Historic Resources, Board of
 Housing and Community Development, Board of
 Information Management, Council on
 Juvenile Justice, State Board of
Licensed Professional Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists and Substance Abuse Treatment
Professionals, Board of
 Marine Resources Commission
 Medical Assistance Services, Board of
 Medical Complaint Investigation Committee
 Medicine, Board of
 Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services Board, State
 Milk Commission
 Mineral Mining Examiners, Board of
 Motor Vehicle Dealer Board
 Nursing, Board of
 Nursing Home Administrators, Board of
 Occupational Therapy, Advisory Board ~~on~~ of
 Oil and Gas Conservation Board, Virginia
 Opticians, Board for
 Optometry, Board of
 Pesticide Control Board
 Pharmacy, Board of
 Physical Therapy, Advisory Board on
 Port Authority, Board of Commissioners of the Virginia

Professional and Occupational Regulation, Board for
~~Professional Counselors, Board of~~
Professional Soil Scientists, Board for
Psychology, Board of
Public Defender Commission
Public School Authority, Virginia
Purchases and Supply Appeals Board
Real Estate Appraiser Board
Real Estate Board
~~Recreation Specialists, Board of~~
Rehabilitative Services, Board of
Respiratory ~~Therapy~~ Care, Advisory Board on
Safety and Health Codes Board
Seed Potato Board, *State*
Social Services, Board of
Social Work, Board of
State Health Department Sewage Handling and Disposal Appeal Review Board
Substance Abuse Certification Board
Surface Mining Review, Board of
Treasury Board
Veterans' Affairs, Board on
Veterinary Medicine, Board of
Virginia Advanced Shipbuilding and Carrier Integration Center Board
Virginia Board for Asbestos ~~Licensing~~ and Lead
Virginia Health Planning Board
Virginia Manufactured Housing Board
Virginia Veterans Care Center Board of Trustees
Virginia Waste Management Board
Visually Handicapped, Virginia Board for the
Waste Management Facility Operators, Board for
Water Control Board, State
Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operators, Board for
Well Review Board, Virginia.

§ 9-6.25:1. Advisory boards, commissions and councils.

There shall be, in addition to such others as may be designated in accordance with § 9-6.25, the following advisory boards, commissions and councils within the executive branch:

Advisory Board for the Department for the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing
Advisory Board on Athletic Training
Advisory Board on Child Abuse and Neglect
Advisory Board on Medicare and Medicaid
Advisory Board ~~on~~ of Occupational Therapy
Advisory Board on Physical Therapy to the Board of Medicine
Advisory Board on Rehabilitation Providers
Advisory Board on Respiratory ~~Therapy~~ Care to the Board of Medicine
Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure
Advisory Commission on the Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind
Advisory Council on Revenue Estimates
Advisory Council on the Virginia Business-Education Partnership Program
Appomattox State Scenic River Advisory Board
Aquaculture Advisory Board
Art and Architectural Review Board
Board for the Visually Handicapped, *Virginia*
Board of Directors, Virginia Truck and Ornamentals Research Station
Board of Forestry
Board of Military Affairs
Board of Rehabilitative Services
Board of Transportation Safety
Board of Trustees of the Family and Children's Trust Fund
Board of Visitors, Gunston Hall Plantation
Board on Veterans' Affairs
Catoctin Creek State Scenic River Advisory Board
Cave Board
Charity Food Assistance Advisory Board
Chickahominy State Scenic River Advisory Board

Clinch Scenic River Advisory Board
Coal Surface Mining Reclamation Fund Advisory Board
Coastal Land Management Advisory Council, Virginia
Commonwealth Competition Council
Commonwealth Council on Aging
Council on Indians
Council on the Status of Women
Debt Capacity Advisory Committee
Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board
Falls of the James Committee
Goose Creek Scenic River Advisory Board
Governor's Mined Land Reclamation Advisory Committee
Hemophilia Advisory Board
Human Services Information and Referral Advisory Council
Interagency Coordinating Council on Housing for the Disabled
Interdepartmental Board of the State Department of Minority Business Enterprise
Litter Control and Recycling Fund Advisory Board
Local Advisory Board to the Blue Ridge Community College
Local Advisory Board to the Central Virginia Community College
Local Advisory Board to the Dabney S. Lancaster Community College
Local Advisory Board to the Danville Community College
Local Advisory Board to the Eastern Shore Community College
Local Advisory Board to the Germanna Community College
Local Advisory Board to the J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College
Local Advisory Board to the John Tyler Community College
Local Advisory Board to the Lord Fairfax Community College
Local Advisory Board to the Mountain Empire Community College
Local Advisory Board to the New River Community College
Local Advisory Board to the Northern Virginia Community College
Local Advisory Board to the Patrick Henry Community College
Local Advisory Board to the Paul D. Camp Community College
Local Advisory Board to the Piedmont Virginia Community College
Local Advisory Board to the Rappahannock Community College
Local Advisory Board to the Southside Virginia Community College
Local Advisory Board to the Southwest Virginia Community College
Local Advisory Board to the Thomas Nelson Community College
Local Advisory Board to the Tidewater Community College
Local Advisory Board to the Virginia Highlands Community College
Local Advisory Board to the Virginia Western Community College
Local Advisory Board to the Wytheville Community College
Maternal and Child Health Council
Medical Advisory Board, Department of Motor Vehicles
Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers Board
Motor Vehicle Dealer's Advisory Board
North Meherrin State Scenic River Advisory Board
Nottoway State Scenic River Advisory Board
Personnel Advisory Board
Plant Pollination Advisory Board
Private College Advisory Board
Private Security Services Advisory Board
Psychiatric Advisory Board
Public Guardian and Conservator Advisory Board
Radiation Advisory Board
Rappahannock Scenic River Advisory Board
Recreational Fishing Advisory Board, Virginia
Reforestation Board
Rockfish State Scenic River Advisory Board
Shenandoah State Scenic River Advisory Board
Small Business Advisory Board
Small Business Environmental Compliance Advisory Board
St. Mary's Scenic River Advisory Committee
State Advisory Board for the Virginia Employment Commission
State Advisory Board on Air Pollution
State Building Code Technical Review Board

State Health Benefits Advisory Council
 State Land Evaluation Advisory Council
 State Networking Users Advisory Board
 State Public Records Advisory Council
 Statewide Independent Living Council
 Statewide Rehabilitation Advisory Council
 Statewide Rehabilitation Advisory Council for the Blind
 Statewide Workforce Training Council
 Staunton Scenic River Advisory Committee
 Substance Abuse Services Council
 Telecommunications Relay Service Advisory Board
 Virginia-Israel Advisory Board
 Virginia Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations
 Virginia Advisory Council for Adult Education and Literacy
 Virginia Coal Mine Safety Board
 Virginia Coal Research and Development Advisory Board
 Virginia Commission for the Arts
~~Virginia Commission on the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution~~
 Virginia Correctional Enterprises Advisory Board
 Virginia Council on Coordinating Prevention
 Virginia Equal Employment Opportunity Council
 Virginia Geographic Information Network Advisory Board
 Virginia Interagency Coordinating Council
 Virginia Military Advisory Council
 Virginia Public Buildings Board
 Virginia Recycling Markets Development Council
 Virginia Technology Council
 Virginia Transplant Council
 Virginia Veterans Cemetery Board
 Virginia Water Resources Research Center, Statewide Advisory Board
 Virginia Winegrowers Advisory Board.

§ 54.1-2900. Definitions.

As used in this chapter, unless the context requires a different meaning:

"Acupuncturist" means individuals approved by the Board to practice acupuncture. This is limited to "licensed acupuncturist" which means an individual other than a doctor of medicine, osteopathy or podiatry, who has successfully completed the requirements for licensure established by the Board (approved titles are limited to: Licensed Acupuncturist, Lic.Ac., and L.Ac.) and "physician acupuncturist" which means doctors of medicine, osteopathy, chiropractic and podiatry who have fulfilled the physician requirements for licensure to practice acupuncture established by the Board.

"Auricular acupuncture" means the subcutaneous insertion of sterile, disposable acupuncture needles in predetermined, bilateral locations in the outer ear when used exclusively and specifically in the context of an approved chemical dependency treatment program, under the appropriate supervision of a licensed physician acupuncturist or licensed acupuncturist.

"Board" means the Board of Medicine.

"Healing arts" means the arts and sciences dealing with the prevention, diagnosis, treatment and cure or alleviation of human physical or mental ailments, conditions, diseases, pain or infirmities.

"Physician assistant" means an individual who has met the requirements of the Board for licensure and who works under the supervision of a licensed doctor of medicine, osteopathy, or podiatry.

"Practice of acupuncture" means the stimulation of certain points on or near the surface of the body by the insertion of needles to prevent or modify the perception of pain or to normalize physiological functions, including pain control, for the treatment of certain ailments or conditions of the body and includes the techniques of electroacupuncture, cupping and moxibustion. The practice of acupuncture does not include the use of physical therapy, chiropractic, or osteopathic manipulative techniques; the use or prescribing of any drugs, medications, herbal preparations, nutritional supplements, serums or vaccines; ~~nor~~; or the procedure of auricular acupuncture as exempted in § 54.1-2901 when used specifically and exclusively in the context of a publicly supported comprehensive drug treatment program by an employee of the program who is trained and approved by the National Acupuncture Detoxification Association.

"Practice of athletic training" means the prevention, recognition, evaluation, and treatment of injuries or conditions related to athletic or recreational activity that requires physical skill and utilizes strength, power, endurance, speed, flexibility, range of motion or agility or a substantially similar injury or condition resulting from occupational activity immediately upon the onset of such injury or condition; and subsequent treatment and rehabilitation of such injuries or conditions under the direction of a licensed physical therapist and the patient's physician or under the direction of any doctor of medicine,

osteopathy, chiropractic, podiatry or dentistry, while using heat, light, sound, cold, electricity, exercise or mechanical or other devices.

"Practice of chiropractic" means the adjustment of the twenty-four movable vertebrae of the spinal column, and assisting nature for the purpose of normalizing the transmission of nerve energy, but does not include the use of surgery, obstetrics, osteopathy or the administration or prescribing of any drugs, medicines, serums or vaccines.

"Practice of medicine or osteopathic medicine" means the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of human physical or mental ailments, conditions, diseases, pain or infirmities by any means or method.

"Practice of occupational therapy" means the evaluation, analysis, assessment, and delivery of education and training in activities of daily living (ADL); the design, fabrication, and application of orthoses (splints); guidance in the selection and use of adaptive equipment; therapeutic activities to enhance functional performance; prevocational evaluation and training; and consultation concerning the adaptation of physical environments for individuals who have disabilities.

"Practice of physical therapy" means, upon medical referral and direction, the evaluation, testing, treatment, reeducation and rehabilitation by physical, mechanical or electronic measures and procedures of individuals who, because of trauma, disease or birth defect, present physical and emotional disorders, but does not include the use of Roentgen rays and radium for diagnostic or therapeutic purposes or the use of electricity for shock therapy and surgical purposes including cauterization.

"Practice of podiatry" means the medical, mechanical and surgical treatment of the ailments of the human foot and ankle, but does not include amputation proximal to the metatarsal-phalangeal joints. The Board of Medicine shall determine whether a specific type of treatment of the foot and ankle is within the scope of practice of podiatry.

"Practice of radiologic technology" means the application of x-rays to human beings for diagnostic or therapeutic purposes.

"Practice of respiratory care" means the (i) administration of pharmacological, diagnostic, and therapeutic agents related to respiratory care procedures necessary to implement a treatment, disease prevention, pulmonary rehabilitative, or diagnostic regimen prescribed by a practitioner of medicine or osteopathic medicine; (ii) transcription and implementation of the written or verbal orders of a practitioner of medicine or osteopathic medicine pertaining to the practice of respiratory care; (iii) observation and monitoring of signs and symptoms, general behavior, general physical response to respiratory care treatment and diagnostic testing, including determination of whether such signs, symptoms, reactions, behavior or general physical response exhibit abnormal characteristics; and (iv) implementation of respiratory care procedures, based on observed abnormalities, or appropriate reporting, referral, respiratory care protocols or changes in treatment pursuant to the written or verbal orders by a licensed practitioner of medicine or osteopathic medicine or the initiation of emergency procedures, pursuant to the Board's regulations or as otherwise authorized by law. The practice of respiratory care may be performed in any clinic, hospital, skilled nursing facility, private dwelling or other place deemed appropriate by the Board in accordance with the written or verbal order of a practitioner of medicine or osteopathic medicine, and shall be performed under qualified medical direction.

"Qualified medical direction" means, in the context of the practice of respiratory care, having readily accessible to the respiratory care practitioner a licensed practitioner of medicine or osteopathic medicine who has specialty training or experience in the management of acute and chronic respiratory disorders and who is responsible for the quality, safety, and appropriateness of the respiratory services provided by the respiratory care practitioner.

"Radiologic technologist" means an individual, other than a licensed doctor of medicine, osteopathy, podiatry, or chiropractic, or a dentist licensed pursuant to Chapter 27 (§ 54.1-2700 et seq.) of this title, who (i) performs, may be called upon to perform, or who is licensed to perform a comprehensive scope of diagnostic radiologic procedures employing equipment which emits ionizing radiation and (ii) is delegated or exercises responsibility for the operation of radiation-generating equipment, the shielding of patient and staff from unnecessary radiation, the appropriate exposure of radiographs or other procedures which contribute to any significant extent to the site or dosage of ionizing radiation to which a patient is exposed.

"Radiologic technologist, limited" means an individual, other than a licensed radiologic technologist, dental hygienist or *person* who is otherwise authorized by the Board of Dentistry under Chapter 27 of this title and the regulations pursuant thereto, who performs diagnostic radiographic procedures employing equipment which emits ionizing radiation which is limited to specific areas of the human body.

"Respiratory care" means the practice of the allied health profession responsible for the direct and indirect services, including inhalation therapy and respiratory therapy, in the treatment, management, diagnostic testing, control and care of patients with deficiencies and abnormalities associated with the cardiopulmonary system under qualified medical direction.

§ 54.1-2957.4. Certification as athletic trainer required; requisite training and educational requirements; powers of the Board concerning athletic training.

A. It shall be unlawful for any person to practice or to hold himself out as practicing as an athletic

trainer unless he holds a certificate as an athletic trainer ninety days after the effective date of regulations promulgated by the Board implementing athletic trainer certification. The Board shall issue certificates to practice athletic training to applicants for such certification who meet the requirements of this chapter and the Board's regulations.

B. The Board shall establish criteria for the certification of athletic trainers to ensure the appropriate training and educational credentials for the practice of athletic training. Such criteria may include experiential requirements and shall include one of the following: (i) a Virginia testing program to determine the quality of the training and educational credentials for and competence of athletic trainers, (ii) successful completion of a training program and passage of the certifying examination administered by the National Athletic Training Association Board of Certification resulting in certification as an athletic trainer by such national association, or (iii) completion of another Board-approved training program and certifying examination.

C. At its discretion, the Board may grant provisional certification to persons who have successfully completed an approved training program or who have met requisite experience criteria established by the Board. Such provisional certification shall expire as provided for in the regulations of the Board.

D. The Board shall promulgate such regulations as may be necessary for the certification of athletic trainers and the issuance of certificates to athletic trainers to practice in the Commonwealth. The Board's regulations shall assure the competence and integrity of any person claiming to be an athletic trainer or who engages in the practice of athletic training.

§ 54.1-2957.5. Advisory Board on Athletic Training established; duties; composition; appointment; terms.

A. The Advisory Board on Athletic Training shall assist the Board in formulating its requirements for the certification of athletic trainers. In the exercise of this responsibility, the Advisory Board shall recommend to the Board the criteria for certification of athletic trainers and the standards of professional conduct for certificate holders. The Advisory Board shall also assist in such other matters relating to the practice of athletic training as the Board may require.

B. The Advisory Board shall consist of five members appointed by the Governor for four-year terms. The first appointments shall provide for staggered terms with two members being appointed for a two-year term, two members being appointed for a three-year term and one member being appointed for a four-year term. Three members shall be at the time of appointment athletic trainers who have practiced for not less than three years, including one athletic trainer practicing at a secondary school, one practicing at an institution of higher education, and one practicing in a nonacademic environment. One member shall be a physician licensed to practice medicine in the Commonwealth and one member shall be a citizen appointed by the Governor from the Commonwealth at large.

Vacancies occurring other than by expiration of term shall be filled for the unexpired term. No person shall be eligible to serve on the Advisory Board for more than two full consecutive terms.

§ 54.1-2957.6. Exceptions to athletic trainer certification.

A. The requirements for certification of athletic trainers shall not prohibit the recognition, evaluation, and treatment of injuries or conditions related to physical activity immediately upon the onset of such injury or condition, or the prevention of injuries or conditions, by any coach, physical education instructor or person conducting exercise or conditioning programs or classes within the scope of their duties as employees or volunteers; nor shall the requirements for certification of athletic trainers prevent student athletic trainers from practicing athletic training under the supervision and control of a certified athletic trainer or a person who is otherwise exempt from the athletic certification requirements.

B. Notwithstanding the provisions of §§ 54.1-2957.4 and 54.1-2957.5, any person who, prior to June 30, 1999, is employed in Virginia as an athletic trainer, or in the performance of his employment duties engages in the practice of athletic training, shall not be required to obtain a certificate from the Board to continue to be so employed until July 1, 2002.