

HB 2590 -- PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION FOR THE HEALING ARTS

SPONSOR: Helms

PROHIBITED USES OF OCCUPATIONAL FEES

This bill specifies that, no board, commission, or committee within the Division of Professional Registration shall utilize occupational fees, or any other fees associated with licensing requirements, for the purpose of offering continuing education classes. Any board, commission, or committee within the division shall not contract or partner with any outside vendor or agency for such purpose.

Nothing in this bill shall be construed to prevent a board, commission, or committee within the division from utilizing occupational licensure fees for the purpose of participating in conferences, seminars, or other outreach for the purposes of communicating information to licensees with respect to changes in policy, law, or regulations (Section 324.035, RSMo).

This bill modifies provisions relating to athletic trainers, including a number of definitions.

This bill provides that, when billing a third party payer, an athletic trainer shall only bill such third party payer for services within the scope of practice of a licensed athletic trainer (Section 334.702).

The bill states that, an athletic trainer is required to refer any individual whose medical condition is beyond the scope of the athletic trainer's education, training, and competence to a licensed physician, or if there is no improvement in an individual who has sustained an athletic injury within 21 days of initiation of treatment, or 10 visits, the athletic trainer shall refer the individual to a physician.

The bill limits the practice of athletic training to not include the reconditioning or rehabilitation of systemic neurologic or cardiovascular injuries, conditions, or diseases, with exceptions outlined in the bill (Section 334.703).

Unless a person has been licensed as an athletic trainer as specified in Section 334.700, he or she shall not claim by title or description to be a licensed athletic trainer (Section 334.704).

The State Board of Registration for the Healing Arts may issue a temporary license to any person who is licensed as an athletic trainer in any other state, who has attested that no professional license issued to him or her has ever been disciplined, and who meets any other requirements established by the board. A temporary license issued by the board is valid for six months from the date of issuance, or until a permanent license is issued or denied. This bill removes the requirement that the name and business addresses of all athletic trainers licensed in the state be

annually prepared, and that copies be made available to any person upon request. In addition, this bill removes the requirement that the board set the fee for the roster, and adopt an official seal (Section 334.706).

Any person seeking licensure for athletic trainer is required, as specified in the bill, to only have passed the Board of Certification, Inc.'s examination. The bill also removes reciprocity agreements for states that recognize Missouri licensees (Section 334.708).

All fees charged by the board, as specified in the bill, shall be collected and deposited into the Board of Registration for the Healing Arts Fund (Section 334.710).

This bill establishes a schedule by rule for when licenses issued shall expire (Section 334.712).

This bill allows the board to deny a license or seek discipline if any person has practiced in the state of Missouri while no longer certified as an athletic trainer by the Board of Certification, Inc. (Section 334.715).

This bill, adds a member of the board to the Missouri Athletic Trainer Advisory Committee.

This bill, removes the exemption for dentists and optometrists from athletic training licensing provisions.

This bill, allows any athletic trainers holding a valid credential from other nations, states, or territories performing their duties for their respective teams or organizations if they restrict their duties only to their teams or organizations and only during the course of their teams' or organizations' visit, not to exceed 30 days in one calendar year, to be exempt from athletic training licensing provisions (Section 334.721).

This bill is similar to SCS SB 670 (2020).