

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN ASSEMBLY

January 4, 2024

Introduced by M. of A. SOLAGES -- read once and referred to the Committee on Higher Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to the scope of the work an athletic trainer is authorized to perform

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Subdivision 4 of section 8351 of the education law, as  
2 amended by a chapter of the laws of 2023 amending the education law  
3 relating to requiring licensure of athletic trainers, as proposed in  
4 legislative bills numbers S. 942-A and A. 219-A, is amended to read as  
5 follows:

6 4. The scope of work described [~~herein shall not be construed as~~  
7 ~~authorizing the management and treatment of neurological injuries,~~  
8 ~~conditions, or diseases, except for initial evaluation and triage of~~  
9 ~~emergent neurological conditions]~~ in this section shall not be construed  
10 as authorizing the management and treatment of acute, subacute, or  
11 chronic neurological pathologies and comorbidities or neurological  
12 disease processes. Athletic trainers may, however, perform an initial  
13 evaluation and triage of emergent neurological conditions such as poten-  
14 tial concussions, spinal cord injuries or nerve injuries that result  
15 from engagement in athletic activity, and following the individual's  
16 clearance by the supervising physician, the athletic trainer may work  
17 with the individual pursuant to the signed written agreement or protocol  
18 to manage, monitor and treat concussions and peripheral nerve injuries  
19 in such settings as part of the rehabilitation to return to athletic  
20 activity subject to the limitations of subdivision one of this section.

21 § 2. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the same  
22 manner as a chapter of the laws of 2023 amending the education law  
23 relating to requiring licensure of athletic trainers, as proposed in  
24 legislative bills numbers S. 942-A and A. 219-A, takes effect.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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