

Good afternoon Mr. Chairman and fellow members of this committee. I appreciate the time to testify on SB 184 with the Michigan Athletic Trainers' Society. The purpose of this bill is simple, it is designed to streamline the process of updating license and license renewal requirements for Michigan Athletic Trainers. Currently, because of the way the Athletic Trainers statute was written, they must initiate legislation to update any license or license renewal requirements. This bill will allow the Board of Athletic Training to work in conjunction with the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs to promulgate rules regarding license and license renewal requirements. There are numerous other professions who already use this practice, such as the Physical Therapists and Physical Therapists Assistants. This change in process does not take away legislative oversight as all rule changes have to be approved by the legislative Joint Commission on Administrative Rules Committee.

Kevin Parker, President of the Michigan Athletic Trainers' Society, is here with me to provide additional information as well as answer any questions you may have.

Thank you for your time.