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Senate Bill 184 (as introduced 3-7-19)
Sponsor: Senator Curtis S. VanderWall
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CONTENT

The bill would amend Part 179 (Athletic Training) of the Public Health Code to do the following:

- Delete a 75-clock-hour continuing education requirement for athletic trainers.**
- Require the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA), in consultation with the Michigan Athletic Trainer Board, to promulgate rules to establish continuing education requirements for athletic trainers.**
- Delete a provision requiring an athletic trainer to submit along with his or her application for license renewal proof that he or she completed courses in first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and that he or she holds a valid certification in first aid and CPR issued by the organization offering the training.**

Under the Code, LARA must issue a license as an athletic trainer to an individual who applies to LARA on the prescribed form, meets the requirements for licensure, and pays the prescribed fees. The license is issued for a three-year license cycle.

The Department must promulgate rules to require at least 75 clock hours of continuing education within each three-year license cycle in subjects related to athletic training and approved by the Department. Under the bill, instead, LARA, in consultation with the Michigan Athletic Trainer Board, would have to promulgate rules to establish continuing education requirements for athletic trainers. Notwithstanding other requirements in Part 161 (General Provisions), beginning the license cycle after the effective date of those rules, an individual would have to meet those continuing education requirements. The Department, in consultation with the Board, would have to promulgate rules to require licensees seeking renewal to furnish evidence acceptable to LARA and the Board of the successful completion, during the preceding license cycle, of those continuing education requirements.

Under the Code, the license is renewable upon payment of the prescribed license renewal fee (currently listed at \$205.60 on the Department's application for licensure and relicensure form) and submission to the Department of proof of satisfactory completion of at least 75 clock hours of continuing education with the three-year license cycle in subjects related to athletic training and approved by the Department. Under the bill, instead, the license would be renewable after payment of the prescribed license renewal fee and the successful completion of the requirements for license renewal in the rules promulgated above.

In addition to the continuing education requirements, the Code requires an athletic trainer to submit along with his or her application for license renewal proof satisfactory to the Department of both of the following:

- That he or she has successfully completed a course of training in first aid, CPR, and automated external defibrillator use for health care professionals or emergency services personnel approved by LARA and offered or approved by the American Red Cross, the American Heart Association, or a comparable organization.
- That he or she holds, at the time of application for renewal and at all times during the previous license period, a valid certification in first aid and CPR issued by the organization offering the training.

The bill would delete these provisions.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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