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Memorandum

To: Chairman Goldwater and Members of the Assembly Committee
on Commerce and Labor

From: Senator Valerie Wiener

Date: May 14, 2003

Subject: SB 27: Licensure of Athletic Trainers

Attached is a "snapshot" of SB 27: licensure of athletic trainers. SB 27 is the end product of an ongoing four-year effort, which began with the passage of SB 367 in 1999. This final bill involved a strong collaborative effort, which included athletic trainers, physical therapists, and chiropractors.

I would appreciate your "yes" vote on SB 27.

Thanks so much.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Valerie".

ASSEMBLY COMMERCE & LABOR 1003
DATE: 5/14/03 ROOM: 4100 EXHIBIT J
SUBMITTED BY: Valerie Wiener

SB 27: Licensure of Athletic Trainers

Highlights of Bill

- Provides consumer protections for those who seek athletic training services.
- Allows the public a forum to address inappropriate athletic training services and practices.
- Establishes statutorily-defined oversight of more than 100 certified athletic trainers who currently work—without any regulation or oversight—in the state of Nevada.
- Represents a precedent-setting agreement in legislative language (SB 27) between the Nevada Physical Therapy Association, the Nevada Chiropractic Association, and the Nevada Athletic Trainers Association.
- Mandates the Athletic Training Board (AT Board) to review, through *multiple public meetings*, ways to regulate the profession of personal training in the state of Nevada.
- Requires the AT Board to submit recommendations for regulation of the personal training profession to the Nevada Legislature by January 2005.
- Passed (as amended) Senate Commerce and Labor Committee, 7-0, on March 21, 2003; passed the Senate, 20-1, on April 21, 2003.

Athletic Training Licensure Chronology (1999-2003)

- May 25, 1999—Senate Bill 357 signed into law.
- October 1, 1999—SB 357 becomes effective.
SB 357, Section 1.1
“The State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners shall appoint an advisory committee, consisting of five members, to recommend to the Nevada Legislature, such legislation as the advisory committee deems necessary concerning the regulation of athletic trainers in this state.
- April 17, 2001—As required by SB 357, the Nevada Physical Therapy Association approves the Athletic Training Advisory Committee.
- January 11, 2002—Nevada Physical Therapy Association appoints Advisory Committee. Members include four certified athletic trainers and one certified athletic trainer/physical therapist, as required by SB 357.
- February 12, 2002 to October 29, 2002—Advisory Committee meets 17 times to develop bill for introduction during the 2003 Legislature. (Senator Valerie Wiener and Legislative Counsel Brenda Erdoes participate in the final three meetings.)
- October 29, 2002—Senator Wiener submits the Advisory Committee’s proposed bill to Legislative Counsel Bureau for drafting.
- January 29, 2003—Senator Wiener facilitates a bill draft review meeting between Advisory Committee representatives and officers of the Nevada Physical Therapy Association.
- January to March 2003—Certified athletic trainers and physical therapists work together, regularly and often, to fine-tune details of SB 27.
- March 21, 2003—SB 27 (as amended) passes Senate Committee on Commerce and Labor. 7-0.
- April 21, 2003—SB 27 passes Senate, 20-1.