

WSR 24-13-078
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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Subject of Possible Rule Making: Review of initial license and endorsement requirements for athletic trainers. To comply with 2SHB 1724 (chapter 425, Laws of 2023), the department of health (department), in collaboration with the athletic training advisory committee, will consider amending WAC 246-916-030 to update substantial equivalency standard rules.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 18.250.020; and 2SHB 1724 (chapter 425, Laws of 2023).

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: 2SHB 1724, codified as RCW 18.130.077, requires disciplining authorities to waive education, training, experience and exam requirements for applicants who have been credentialed in another state or states with substantially equivalent standards for at least two years immediately preceding their application with no interruption in licensure for longer than 90 days.

The goal of 2SHB 1724 and substantial equivalency is to reduce work force shortages, and reduce licensing barriers for applicants seeking a credential. The department will consider amending WAC 246-916-030 Applicants currently licensed in other states, to bring it into alignment with section 8 of 2SHB 1724.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: None.

Process for Developing New Rule: Collaborative rule making.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Allyson McIver, P.O. Box 47852, Olympia, WA 98504-7852, phone 360-236-2878, fax 360-236-2901, TTY 711, email allyson.mciver@doh.wa.gov, website www.doh.wa.gov.

Additional comments: Interested parties can participate in the drafting of the proposed rules. The department will be conducting rules workshops with interested parties and subject matter experts. The department will use existing GovDelivery lists and other known contact information to inform interested parties of opportunities to provide input on proposed rule language. To find out more information about our rule making, visit www.doh.wa.gov. To subscribe to GovDelivery, please visit www.doh.wa.gov and select the "Subscribe" button at the bottom of the page. After signing in, please click open the box labeled "Health Systems Quality Assurance." Next, click open the box labeled "Health Professions" and then click on "Athletic Training." You may also check the box next to one or more of the other professions listed to received information related to that specific profession.

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