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**TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR
NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION**

Control No. 140 Department or Agency Alabama Board of Athletic Trainers

Rule No. 140-X-4-03

Rule Title: Continuing Education

 New X Amend Repeal Adopt by Reference

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety? No

Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's police power and the protection of the public health, safety, or welfare? Yes

Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation available that could adequately protect the public? No

Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or indirectly increasing the costs of any goods or services involved and, if so, to what degree? No

Is the increase in cost, if any, more harmful to the public than the harm that might result from the absence of the proposed rule? No

Are all facets of the rulemaking process designed solely for the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary effect, the protection of the public? Yes

Does the proposed rule have an economic impact? No

If the proposed rule has an economic impact, the proposed rule is required to be accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with subsection (f) of Section 41-22-23, Code of Alabama 1975.

Certification of Authorized Official

I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance with the requirements of Chapter 22, Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975, and that it conforms to all applicable filing requirements of the Administrative Procedure Division of the Legislative Reference Service.

Signature of certifying officer 

Date April 6, 2017

**(DATE FILED)
(STAMP)**

ALABAMA BOARD OF ATHLETIC TRAINERS

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME: Alabama Board of Athletic Trainers

RULE NO. & TITLE: 140-X-4-.03 – Continuing Education

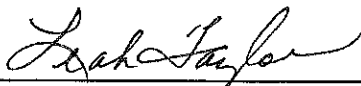
INTENDED ACTION: Amend existing rule.

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: The proposed amendment to 140-X-4-.03 establishes a new practice for reporting and documenting continuing education.

TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: Interested persons may present their views in writing at the address listed below. Those wishing to present views in writing or in person should contact the Board of Athletic Trainers at 334/264-1929 Tuesday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. by June 1, 2017, or attend a public hearing scheduled for Noon on Friday, June 2, 2017, in Birmingham, Alabama, at Samford University, College of Health Sciences Building.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE:
Friday, June 2, 2017

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140-X-4-.03 Continuing Education. Athletic Trainers are required to complete and document ~~twenty-six (26) contact hours of~~ continuing education each renewal year to renew their license. Continuing education guidelines and ~~uniform~~ reporting forms will be provided to licensees annually. Forms and instructions used by the Board are found in Appendix A and are part of this rule. Licensees issued a license between July 1 and December 31 shall not be subject to continuing education requirements ~~and~~ or late fees for the first renewal period only.

(1) Athletic Trainers who hold an active BOC Certification must meet the highest professional standards and stringent continuing education requirements imposed by the BOC. BOC continuing education requirements meet or exceed those required by the Alabama Board of Athletic Training except for annual certification in an approved emergency cardiac care course.

(a) BOC-certified Athletic Trainers may use the continuing education earned to satisfy their BOC credentialing requirement as a portion of the Board's continuing education requirement each renewal year. Proof of current BOC certification shall be considered acceptable documentation.

(b) BOC-certified Athletic Trainers shall also report and document annual certification in a BOC-approved EMRC course each renewal year unless otherwise noted. The original or copy of said certification card, official letter, or certificate of completion shall be considered acceptable documentation.

(2) Athletic Trainers who were issued a license pursuant to Code of Ala. 1975, Section 34-40-7, without being required to be BOC Certified for licensure are required to complete and document twenty-six (26) contact hours of continuing education as prescribed by the Board each renewal year. Continuing education requirements are similar in content and contact hours to those required of BOC-certified athletic trainers.

(3) Athletic Trainers who are issued a license between July 1 and December 31 shall be required to submit only proof of current BOC Certification which serves as documentation that BOC professional standards and continuing education requirements have been met, thus satisfying the annual continuing education requirement of the Alabama Board of Athletic Trainers for the initial renewal period.

~~(1)~~(4) The annual renewal period shall be construed as December 1 through November 30.

~~(2)~~(5) Continuing education requirements obtained after the renewal period for the next licensure period but obtained during the 90-day grace period shall be allowed and shall be considered late.

(a) A fee of \$25 for each month the continuing education requirements are late being obtained shall be assessed the licensee and shall be paid before the end of the 90-day grace period.

(b) Continuing education hours obtained after the then-current renewal period but during the 90-day grace period may not be used to satisfy continuing education requirements for the next renewal period.

Authors: Leah Taylor, Executive Secretary

Statutory Authority: Code of Ala. 1975, §34-40-8.

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