

# SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY NRS 233B.0608

## Proposed Regulation of the Nevada State Board of Athletic Trainers

Pursuant to NRS 233B.0608(1), the Nevada State Board of Athletic Trainers is required to make a determination whether its proposed regulation will: (a) impose a direct and significant economic burden upon small business, and (b) directly restrict the formation, operation, or expansion of small business. NRS 233B.0382 defines a small business to be any business that employs 150 or fewer employees. By that definition, all of Nevada's athletic training practices would be considered small businesses.

### **1. A Description of the Manner in Which Comment Was Solicited from Affected Small Businesses, a Summary of Their Responses, and an Explanation of the Manner in Which Other Interested Persons May Obtain a Copy of the Summary.**

Pursuant to Executive Order 2023-003, the Board conducted a comprehensive review of the regulations subject to its enforcement that can be streamlined, clarified, reduced, or otherwise improved to ensure those regulations provide for the general welfare of the State without unnecessarily inhibiting economic growth. During that review process, the Board identified nine (9) regulations recommended for removal, including some fees that are no longer necessary.

Comments were solicited from small businesses, specifically licensed athletic trainers who are owners, operators or provide athletic training services as self-employed practitioners, by notification of a Public Hearing to Review Regulations held on 4/7/2023. The Board solicited comments from the public through a notice of a public hearing and workshop. Notice of the workshop and the hearing were noticed as required on three different websites and individual notices sent to the interested parties lists maintained by the Board. In addition, the Board submitted the proposed changes to all active licensees and other potentially affected parties to survey their thoughts regarding the proposed revisions. No small businesses commented on the regulation at the public hearing or workshop.

Copies of the proposed regulation, the notices and minutes from these meetings are available by contacting the Board's Executive Secretary by phone at (775) 787-2636 or email at [atrainner@nsbat.nv.gov](mailto:atrainner@nsbat.nv.gov) or on the Board's website at <https://nevadaathletictrainers.nv.gov/Board/Meetings/2023/2023/>. A written request for copies may also be sent to the Board's mailing address: 6170 Mae Anne Ave, Suite 1, Reno, NV 89523-4705.

### **2. The Manner in Which the Analysis Was Conducted, Including the Methods Used to Determine the Impacts of the Proposed Regulation on Small Business.**

The Board used informed, reasonable judgment in determining that there will not be an impact on small businesses. In making this determination, the Board considered the comments received during the hearing and workshops, in addition to any comments received by email or mail.

### **3. The Estimated Economic Effect of the Proposed Regulation on the Small Businesses Which It Is to Regulate, Including, Without Limitation:**

#### **(a) Both adverse and beneficial effects; and**

- 1) Adverse:** This regulation will have no adverse economic effects on Nevada small businesses.
- 2) Beneficial:** This regulation will be beneficial to small businesses in the streamlining, clarifying, and reduction of existing regulations.

**(b) Both direct and indirect effects.**

- 1) **Direct:** This regulation will have a direct effect on small businesses in the streamlining, clarifying, and reduction of existing regulations.
- 2) **Indirect:** Small businesses may experience the indirect effect of having more knowledgeable athletic trainers licensed to work in Nevada.

**4. A Description of the Methods That the Agency Considered to Reduce the Impact of the Proposed Regulation on Small Businesses and a Statement Regarding Whether the Agency Actually Used Any of Those Methods.**

The Board used informed, reasonable judgement in determining that there will not be an impact on small businesses due to the nature of the revisions. As these regulations have no impact on small businesses, there were no changes to consider or implement.

**5. The Estimated Cost to the Agency for Enforcement of the Proposed Regulation.**

There are no additional costs to the Nevada State Board of Athletic Trainers for the enforcement of these proposed regulations.

**6. If the Proposed Regulation Provides a New Fee or Increases an Existing Fee, the Total Annual Amount the Agency Expects to collect and the Manner in Which the Money Will Be Used.**

The regulation does not propose a new fee or increase an existing fee.

**7. If the Proposed Regulation Includes Provisions Which Duplicate or Are More Stringent Than Federal, State, or Local Standards Regulating the Same Activity, an Explanation of Why Such Duplicative or More Stringent Provisions are Necessary.**

The proposed regulation changes neither duplicate nor are they more stringent than any Federal, State, or local standards regulating the practice of athletic training.

**8. The Reasons for the Conclusions of the Agency Regarding the Impact of a Regulation on Small Businesses.**

These regulations are being modified and/or repealed with the specific intent to reduce regulation and any possible burden on small businesses. After considering all the presented information above, the Nevada State Board of Athletic Trainers has concluded that these regulations do not create an economic effect or impact on small businesses.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge or belief, the Board conducted a concerted effort as described above to determine the impact of the proposed regulation on small businesses, namely on athletic training practices in Nevada, and that the information contained in the statement above was prepared properly and contains accurate information regarding all such efforts and the Board's determination based thereon.

Signed and effective on October 17, 2023



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