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House Bill 4789 (Substitute S-1 as reported)
Sponsor: Representative Joseph Palamara
House Committee: Health Policy
Senate Committee: Health Policy and Senior Citizens

CONTENT

The bill would add Part 179 to the Public Health Code to provide for the registration of athletic trainers. The bill would do the following:

- Require the Michigan Board of Medicine to serve as the governing board for registered athletic trainers.
- Require the Department of Consumer and Industry Services to promulgate rules establishing standards for registration.
- Establish an application processing fee of \$20 and an annual registration fee of \$60.
- Require registered athletic trainers to complete at least eight continuing education units within a three-year period, beginning with the third renewal period after the bill's effective date.
- Require an athletic trainer also to submit, for registration renewal, proof that he or she completed training in first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and foreign body obstruction of the airway; and proof that he or she held a valid certification in first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation issued by the organization offering the training.
- Specify that the bill would not require new or additional third party reimbursement for services rendered by an individual registered under the bill.

The bill is tie-barred to House Bills 5736 and 5737, which provide that Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan and an employer would not be required to reimburse for services performed by a profession licensed or registered after January 1, 1998.

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Legislative Analyst: S. Lowe

FISCAL IMPACT

This bill would establish a registration process for athletic trainers. The bill would require the Department of Consumer and Industry Services to administer this new program and to collect a \$20 application and \$60 registration fee to offset the additional costs the Department would incur. It is difficult to determine the total amount of revenue that would be collected through these fees, however, as there is no information available on the number of athletic trainers in the State. According to the Department, the proposed fee structure should be adequate to offset the cost of implementing and administering this new program; therefore, the fiscal impact should be minimal.

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