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TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Control: 140
Department or Agency: Alabama Board of Athletic Trainers
Rule No.: 140-X-5-.02
Rule Title: Administrative Fee Schedule
Intended Action: Amend

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety? Yes

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? Yes

To what degree?: The proposed rule will increase the license renewal fee for Athletic Trainers.

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

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

Does the proposed action relate to or affect in any manner any litigation which the agency is a party to concerning the subject matter of the proposed rule? No

Does the proposed rule have an economic impact? Yes

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 Services Agency.

Signature of certifying officer

Elizabeth Sheehan
Elizabeth Sheehan

Date

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

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ALABAMA BOARD OF ATHLETIC TRAINERS

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AGENCY NAME: Alabama Board of Athletic Trainers

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INTENDED ACTION: Amend

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION:

The proposed rule seeks to increase the Athletic Trainer license renewal fee by \$25.

TIME, PLACE AND MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS:

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FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE:

Friday, July 3, 2026

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(Signature of officer authorized  
to promulgate and adopt  
rules or his or her deputy)

Administrative Fee Schedule.

The Board shall impose certain administrative fees.

(1)	Application & License Fee	\$175.00
(2)	Renewal Fee	<del>\$75.00</del> <u>\$100.00</u>
(3)	Renewal Fee for first renewal Period only for licenses issued Between July 1 and December 31.	\$ 75.00
(4)	Renewal Late Fee For renewal applications submitted after November 30 deadline date for submission but within 90-day grace period unless otherwise noted.	\$ 50.00
(5)	Late CEU Fee - per month late for CEUs earned following November 30 deadline for then- current renewal period.	\$ 25.00
(6)	Replacement Identification Card	\$ 35.00
(7)	Replacement Wall Certificate	\$ 50.00
(8)	Verification of AL Licensure to another State or Agency	\$ 25.00
(9)	Copied Materials	\$ .25/page
(10)	Roster of Licensees	\$ 25.00
(11)	Returned Check Fee	\$ 30.00
(12)	Application and License Fee for Eligible Military Spouse	\$ waived

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**Statutory Authority:** Code of Ala. 1975, §34-40-3(g).

**History:** **New Rule:** Filed December 12, 2007; effective January 16, 2007. **Amended:** Filed December 10, 2008; effective January 14, 2009. **Amended:** Filed August 16, 2013; effective September 20, 2013. **Amended:** Filed June 13, 2017; effective July 28, 2017. **Amended:** Filed December 21, 2017; effective February 4, 2018.

**Amended:** Published December 31, 2019; effective February 14, 2020. **Amended:** Published \_\_\_\_\_ ; effective \_\_\_\_\_ .

**ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT  
FOR APA RULE  
(Section 41-22-23(f))**

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                     This rule has no economic impact.

      Yes       This rule has an economic impact, as explained below:

**1. NEED/EXPECTED BENEFIT OF RULE:**

The Board currently has more financial obligations than revenue and needs to increase fees to continue operating.

**2. COSTS/BENEFITS OF RULE AND WHY RULES IS THE MOST EFFECTIVE, EFFICIENT, AND FEASIBLE MEANS FOR ALLOCATING RESOURCES AND ACHIEVING THE STATED PURPOSE:**

The only source of funds for the agency is initial license and renewal fees. The only way to bridge the gap between financial obligations and revenue is to increase licensure fees.

**3. EFFECT OF THIS RULE ON COMPETITION:**

The increase in renewal fees should have no effect on competition.

**4. EFFECT OF THIS RULE ON COST-OF-LIVING AND DOING BUSINESS IN THE GEOGRAPHICAL AREA WHERE THE RULE IS TO BE IMPLEMENTED:**

The proposed increase is \$25/annual and should have little to know effect on cost-of-living and doing business in the geographical area. Both Mississippi and Georgia charge a \$100 renewal fee annually and Alabama is currently only \$75.

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5. **EFFECT OF THIS RULE ON EMPLOYMENT IN THE GEOGRAPHICAL AREA WHERE THE RULE IS TO BE IMPLEMENTED:**

The proposed increase is \$25/annual and would make our license renewal fee the same as Mississippi and Georgia therefore having no effect on employment in the geographical area.

6. **SOURCE OF REVENUE TO BE USED FOR IMPLEMENTING AND ENFORCING THIS RULE:**

Licensing Renewal Fees

7. **THE SHORT-TERM/LONG-TERM ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THIS RULE ON EFFECTED PERSONS, INCLUDING ANALYSIS OF PERSONS WHO WILL BEAR THE COSTS AND THOSE WHO WILL BENEFIT FROM THE RULE:**

The short-term effect will be licensees having to pay \$25 more per year for a license renewal. This increase allows the Board to adequately staff the agency to issue licenses timely and accurately. We also administer a grant for athletic trainers working in secondary schools and a loan forgiveness program. Should a compact bill pass, we will be better equipped to handle the financial impacts with an increase in revenue.

8. **UNCERTAINTIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE ESTIMATED BENEFITS AND BURDENS OF THE RULE, INCLUDING QUALITATIVE/QUANTITATIVE BENEFITS AND BURDEN COMPARISON:**

If the renewal fee is not increased the Board will be unable to meet its financial obligations.

9. **THE EFFECT OF THIS RULE ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH:**

This rule will have no effect on the environment. It will effect public health to the extent that the Board will continue to provide competent health care professionals as licensed athletic trainers benefiting the citizens of the State.

10. **DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH IF THE RULE IS NOT IMPLEMENTED:**

No effect is expected on the environment. A detriment is expected to public health if athletic trainers cannot be promptly licensed and vetted in the state.

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