

SENATOR GOLL: Only those functions for which they are licensed and trained to do. They can do those things that they are licensed and trained to do.

SENATOR VICKERS: Even though they may not be referred to them by a physician?

SENATOR GOLL: That is correct.

SENATOR VICKERS: Well, now wait a minute, let me understand this. Can they perform anything including those things that are specified under the new amendment, can they perform those...if I am a licensed athletic trainer and I set up a clinic and you walk into my clinic and you have got a sprained ankle or whatever, can I perform those duties that I am licensed to perform without having you being referred to me by a physician?

SENATOR GOLL: Senator Vickers, I would refer you to the bill which says this, "Athletic trainers shall be authorized to use the following physical modalities under guidelines established with a referring licensed physician."

SENATOR VICKERS: So all of their patients have to be referred to them?

SENATOR GOLL: That would be it.

SENATOR VICKERS: That is correct?

SENATOR GOLL: Yes.

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR VICKERS: Okay, so if that is the case, it seems to me that carrying it one step further and indicating that athletic trainers, now we are not talking about somebody that is just out there generally speaking in an office like a doctor's office or a doctor's clinic providing a service. I think most of the athletic injuries in this state are in many respects tied to some educational institution of some sort, and, again, the sports medicine field, that I am aware of at least is practically all tied, I can't think of any of them that aren't tied to educational institutions, so I can't see that the Lynch amendment is too restrictive at all. Thank you, Mr. President.