
Pennsylvania's Governor Corbett Signing of the Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention Act Coincides with the Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers' Society Sudden Cardiac Arrest Forum

Upon the Governor's signing, Pennsylvania will become the first state in the nation to enact legislation protecting student athletes from Sudden Cardiac Arrest. Aptly, the Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers' Society (PATS) will host a Sudden Cardiac Arrest Forum in conjunction with their annual symposium in at the Lancaster Marriott in Lancaster, PA on June 8, 2012. The forum will feature experts in the field of clinical practice, research, and issues surrounding the testing, prevention and management of Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) in youth and athletics.



"Simply put, this bill is about saving the lives of students and setting a leading example here in Pennsylvania, in hopes that other states will follow," said Representative Vereb (R-Montgomery) primary sponsor of the Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention Act.
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On Wednesday, May 30th Governor Corbett signed House Bill 1610 (Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention Act) making Pennsylvania the first state in the nation to enact legislation protecting student athletes from Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA). Timely, the Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers' Society (PATS) will host a Sudden Cardiac Arrest Forum in conjunction with their annual symposium in at the Lancaster Marriott in Lancaster, PA on June 8, 2012. The forum will run 7:00 AM – 12:30 PM and will feature experts in the field of clinical practice, research, and issues surrounding the testing, prevention and management of Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) in youth and athletics. This conference is designed to review current practices in the prevention, recognition, and management of SCA. The conference will benefit health care professionals such as physicians, nurses, and athletic trainers involved in all levels of care and training, as well as athletes, coaches, and parents.

Featured speakers include: Pennsylvania Representative Mike Vereb, James Weber, Michael Meyer, MS, ATC, LAT, of California University of Pennsylvania, Larry Cooper, MS, ATC, LAT of Penn Trafford High School and PATS Secondary School Committee Chair, Darren Sudman, Co-Founder of the heart advocacy group, Simon's Fund. Representative Vereb (R-Montgomery) was the primary sponsor of the Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention Act will give a history and an update on the SCA legislation. Mr. Weber is the leader of the Community Response Team and chair of Sudden Cardiac Arrest Association's (SCAA) Eastern Pennsylvania chapter which has launched a unique



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community response team (CRT) with the Amish community of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, at the center of a broad program that will deploy AEDs in public locations, schools and even on horse and buggies and Amish farms to protect the community's residents and visitors from the nation's leading cause of death. Mr. Meyer is an instructor in the Department of Health Sciences and Athletic Training Education Program at California University of Pennsylvania, as well serving as an Assistant Athletic Trainer with the Vulcans and will speak about "The Athletic Trainers'

Perspective of SCA". Mr. Cooper is a leader in the secondary school setting and will present on the "NATA Position Statement of SCA in Secondary Schools". Mr. Sudman will discuss his part in the Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention Act and also Simon's Fund, an organization that provides free heart exams to children of the Greater Philadelphia area, sponsors medical research projects, works with major medical institutions and promotes legislation with the goal of saving lives of those with conditions leading to SCA.

The Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers' Society is a progressive organization of health care professionals who work under the direction of a licensed physician. There are approximately 3000 Certified Athletic Trainers practicing in Pennsylvania. Athletic Trainers working in the Commonwealth protect and enhance the health and welfare of our clients through prevention, recognition, management, and rehabilitation of injuries.

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