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Public Health and Pharmacy.

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A BILL FOR

An Act relating to the licensing and qualifications of physical therapists.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 Section 1. Definition. For the purpose of this title
2 the following definition is enacted: Physical therapy is
3 that branch of medicine that deals with the treatment of dis-
4 ease or injury by the application of physical modalities of
5 heat, cold, light, water, electricity, massage, sound, thera-
6 peutic exercise, and rehabilitation procedures for the allevia-
7 tion of human ailments and the maintenance or restoration of
8 health as prescribed by a physician licensed to practice
9 medicine and surgery in this state.

1 Sec. 2. Persons engaged in practice. For the purpose of
2 this title the following classes of persons shall be deemed to
3 be engaged in the practice of physical therapy:

4 1. Persons who treat human ailments by physical therapy
5 as hereinbefore defined.

6 2. Persons who publicly profess to be physical thera-
7 pists or who publicly profess to perform the functions
8 incident to the practice of physical therapy.

1 Sec. 3. Persons not required to qualify. Section one
2 (1) shall not be construed to include the following classes
3 of persons:

4 1. Licensed physicians and surgeons, osteopaths, osteo-

5 pathic physicians and surgeons, podiatrists, chiroprac-
6 tors, nurses, dentists, cosmetologists, and barbers, who
7 are exclusively engaged in the practice of their re-
8 spective professions.

9 2. Students of physical therapy who practice physical
10 therapy under the supervision of a licensed physical
11 therapist in connection with the regular course of
12 instruction at a school of physical therapy.

13 3. Physical therapists of the United States army, navy,
14 or public health service, or physical therapists licensed
15 in another state, when incidentally called into this state
16 in consultation with a physician and surgeon or physical
17 therapist licensed in this state.

1 4. Sec. 4. Requirements for license. Each applicant for a
2 license to practice physical therapy shall:

3 1. Have attained the age of twenty-one years.

4 2. Be a graduate of an accredited high school and have
5 completed a course of study in, and hold a diploma or
6 certificate issued by a school of physical therapy approved
7 by the board of physical therapy examiners.

8 3. Have passed an examination, administered by the
9 board of physical therapy examiners; this examination
10 shall be both scientific and practical in the applied
11 sciences as related to physical therapy.

12 4. This section shall be construed to permit appli-
13 cation by citizens of foreign countries, residing in
14 this state, to take the same examination as other appli-
15 cants; after they have satisfied the physical therapy
16 examiners as to their qualifications.

17 5. The foregoing qualifications for application for
18 a license to practice physical therapy in this state
19 may be waived at the discretion of the board of physical
20 therapy examiners.

1 Sec. 5. Waiver of examination. A person, who has been
2 engaged in the practice of physical therapy on or prior to
3 the date of the passage of this act, may be issued a license
4 as a physical therapist upon submitting to the physical
5 therapy examiners satisfactory evidence:

6 1. That, under the direction of a licensed physician
7 and surgeon, he has practiced physical therapy either
8 in a hospital, sanitorium, clinic or office for not
9 less than three years within a five year period imme-
10 diately prior to application or;

11 2. That he has taught physical therapy in a school
12 approved by the physical therapy examiners for not less
13 than one year within a five year period immediately prior
14 to application or has been a student in a school of
15 physical therapy approved by the board of physical
16 therapy examiners; or

17 3. That on or prior to date of passage, he has gradu-
18 ated from a school or course of physical therapy approved
19 by the board of physical therapy examiners.

20 The application under this title shall be filed with the
21 physical therapy examiners and accompanied by a fee of five
22 dollars, and submitted within one year of the effective
23 date of this Act.

1 Sec. 6. Section one hundred forty-six point five
2 (146.5), Code 1962, is hereby amended by inserting the

3 words "physical therapists" following the word "pharmacists"
4 in line eight (8) thereof.

1 Sec. 7. Section one hundred forty-seven point one
2 (147.1) subsection two (2), Code 1962, is hereby amended
3 following the word "pharmacist" in line four (4) thereof,
4 by inserting the words "physical therapist". Further amend
5 the same section, subsection three (3), Code 1962, by insert-
6 ing the words "physical therapy", after the word "pharmacy",
7 in line four (4) thereof.

1 Sec. 8. Section one hundred forty-seven point two
2 (147.2), Code 1962, is hereby amended by inserting the
3 words "physical therapy", following the word "chiropractic,"
4 in line four (4) thereof.

1 Sec. 9. Section one hundred forty-seven point thirteen
2 (147.13), Code 1962, is hereby amended by inserting after
3 the words "chiropractic examiners", in line seven (7) thereof,
4 the following: "for physical therapists, physical therapy
5 examiners;"

1 Sec. 10. Section one hundred forty-seven point fifteen
2 (147.15), Code 1962, is hereby amended after the word
3 "chiropractic," in line two (2) thereof, by inserting the
4 words "physical therapy,".

1 Sec. 11. Section one hundred forty-seven point six-
2 teen (147.16), Code 1962, is hereby amended after the word
3 "except" in line six (6) thereof, by inserting the following
4 words: "physical therapist examiners, and".

1 Sec. 12. Section one hundred forty-seven point thirty-
2 four (147.34), Code 1962, is hereby amended by striking
3 the word "and" following the words "dental examiners," in

4 line six (6). Further amend the same section by inserting
 5 the words "and physical therapy examiners," following the
 6 words "pharmacy examiners" in line six (6) thereof.

1 Sec. 13. Section one hundred forty-seven point seventy-
 2 four (147.74), Code 1962, is hereby amended following the
 3 word "Doctor", in line thirty-five (35) thereof, by inserting
 4 the following: "A physical therapist shall be entitled to
 5 use the words "Physical Therapist", "Registered Physical
 6 Therapist", or "Licensed Physical Therapist", after their
 7 name, or to signify the same by the use of the letters
 8 "P.T.", "R.P.R.", or "L.P.T." after their name.

1 Sec. 14. Section one hundred forty-seven point eighty
 2 (147.80), subsection three (3) Code 1962, is hereby amended
 3 after the word chiropractic in line two (2) thereof, by
 4 inserting the words "and physical therapy."

1 Sec. 15. Section one hundred forty-eight point two
 2 (148.2), subsection four (4), Code 1962, is hereby amended
 3 following the word "chiropractors," in line two (2) thereof,
 4 by inserting the words, "physical therapists,".

1 Sec. 16. Section one hundred fifty point three (150.3)
 2 subsection one (1), Code 1962, is hereby amended after the
 3 word "chiropractors," in line two (2) thereof, by inserting
 4 the words "physical therapists,".

1 Sec. 17. Section one hundred fifty one point two
 2 (151.2) subsection one (1), Code 1962, is hereby amended
 3 after the word "surgeons" in line three (3) thereof, by
 4 inserting the words "and physical therapists".

1 Sec. 18. Section one hundred fifty-seven point two
 2 (157.2) subsection one (1), Code 1962, is hereby amended

3 by striking the word "and" following the word "optometrists,"
4 in line two (2) thereof, and by inserting the words "and
5 physical therapists" following the word "chiropractors" in
6 line three (3) thereof.

1 Sec. 19. Section one hundred fifty-eight point two
2 (158.2) subsection one (1) Code 1962, is hereby amended
3 after the word "chiropractors" in line two (2) thereof, by
4 inserting the words "physical therapists,".

1 Sec. 20. Insert after section one hundred forty-seven
2 point one hundred fifteen (147.115) Code 1962, the following:

3 Renewal fee—Fund created. The state department of
4 health shall annually add four dollars to the renewal
5 fee provided for in subsection 7 of section 147.80
6 for a person licensed to practice physical therapy.
7 Such additional amounts shall be accepted as part of the
8 regular renewal fee. The payment of the same shall be
9 prerequisite to the renewal of such licenses. The
10 funds derived by the state department of health from
11 the additional renewal fees collected under this section
12 shall be placed in a special fund by the treasurer
13 of the state and state comptroller to be known as
14 the "State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners Fund",
15 to be used by the board of physical therapy examiners
16 to: Assist in administering and enforcing the laws
17 related to the practice of physical therapy; or to
18 assist the board of physical therapy examiners or the
19 Iowa Chapter of the American Physical Therapy Associa-
20 tion in conducting educational meetings for its members
21 or to assist in the advancement of the arts and sciences
22 of physical therapy. In no event shall the total
23 expenses exceed the total fees collected and deposited
24 to the credit of said fund.