

SB1849



102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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Introduced 2/26/2021, by Sen. Mattie Hunter

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

225 ILCS 90/8.7 new

Amends the Illinois Physical Therapy Act. Adds provision requiring that applicants for licensure as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant shall submit their fingerprints for the purpose of criminal history records background checks.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Physical Therapy Act is amended by
5 adding Section 8.7 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 90/8.7 new)

7 Sec. 8.7. Criminal history records background check. Each
8 applicant for licensure under Sections 8 and 8.1 shall have
9 his or her fingerprints submitted to the Illinois State Police
10 in an electronic format that complies with the form and manner
11 for requesting and furnishing criminal history record
12 information as prescribed by the Illinois State Police. These
13 fingerprints shall be transmitted through a live scan
14 fingerprint vendor licensed by the Department. These
15 fingerprints shall be checked against the Illinois State
16 Police and Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal history
17 record databases now and hereafter filed. The Illinois State
18 Police shall charge applicants a fee for conducting the
19 criminal history records check, which shall be deposited into
20 the State Police Services Fund and shall not exceed the actual
21 cost of the records check. The Illinois State Police shall
22 furnish, pursuant to positive identification, records of
23 Illinois convictions to the Department. The Department may

1 require applicants to pay a separate fingerprinting fee,
2 either to the Department or to a vendor designated or approved
3 by the Department. The Department, in its discretion, may
4 allow an applicant or licensee who does not have reasonable
5 access to a designated vendor to provide his or her
6 fingerprints in an alternative manner. The Department may
7 adopt any rules necessary to implement this Section.