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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 1457

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 1457 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Illinois Physical Therapy Act is amended by  
5 changing Section 1 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 90/1) (from Ch. 111, par. 4251)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2016)

8 Sec. 1. Definitions. As used in this Act:

9 (1) "Physical therapy" means all of the following:

10 (A) Examining, evaluating, and testing individuals who  
11 may have mechanical, physiological, or developmental  
12 impairments, functional limitations, disabilities, or  
13 other health and movement-related conditions, classifying  
14 these disorders, determining a rehabilitation prognosis  
15 and plan of therapeutic intervention, and assessing the  
16 on-going effects of the interventions.

1 (B) Alleviating impairments, functional limitations,  
2 or disabilities by designing, implementing, and modifying  
3 therapeutic interventions that may include, but are not  
4 limited to, the evaluation or treatment of a person through  
5 the use of the effective properties of physical measures  
6 and heat, cold, light, water, radiant energy, electricity,  
7 sound, and air and use of therapeutic massage, therapeutic  
8 exercise, mobilization, and rehabilitative procedures,  
9 with or without mechanical or assistive devices or  
10 instruments, for the purposes of preventing, correcting,  
11 or alleviating a physical or mental impairment, functional  
12 limitation, or disability.

13 (C) Reducing the risk of injury, impairment,  
14 functional limitation, or disability, including the  
15 promotion and maintenance of fitness, health, and  
16 wellness.

17 (D) Engaging in administration, consultation,  
18 education, and research.

19 Physical therapy includes, but is not limited to: (a)  
20 performance of specialized tests and measurements, (b)  
21 administration of specialized treatment procedures including  
22 the use of non-surgical invasive techniques, (c)  
23 interpretation of referrals from physicians, dentists,  
24 advanced practice nurses, physician assistants, and podiatric  
25 physicians, (d) establishment, and modification of physical  
26 therapy treatment programs, (e) administration of topical

1 medication used in generally accepted physical therapy  
2 procedures when such medication is prescribed by the patient's  
3 physician, licensed to practice medicine in all its branches,  
4 the patient's physician licensed to practice podiatric  
5 medicine, the patient's advanced practice nurse, the patient's  
6 physician assistant, or the patient's dentist, and (f)  
7 supervision or teaching of physical therapy. Physical therapy  
8 does not include radiology, electrosurgery or surgery,  
9 chiropractic technique or determination of a differential  
10 diagnosis; provided, however, the limitation on determining a  
11 differential diagnosis shall not in any manner limit a physical  
12 therapist licensed under this Act from performing an evaluation  
13 pursuant to such license. Nothing in this Section shall limit a  
14 physical therapist from employing appropriate physical therapy  
15 techniques that he or she is educated and licensed to perform.  
16 A physical therapist shall refer to a licensed physician,  
17 advanced practice nurse, physician assistant, dentist, or  
18 podiatric physician any patient whose medical condition  
19 should, at the time of evaluation or treatment, be determined  
20 to be beyond the scope of practice of the physical therapist.

21 (2) "Physical therapist" means a person who practices  
22 physical therapy and who has met all requirements as provided  
23 in this Act.

24 (3) "Department" means the Department of Professional  
25 Regulation.

26 (4) "Director" means the Director of Professional

1 Regulation.

2 (5) "Board" means the Physical Therapy Licensing and  
3 Disciplinary Board approved by the Director.

4 (6) "Referral" means a written or oral authorization for  
5 physical therapy services for a patient by a physician,  
6 dentist, advanced practice nurse, physician assistant, or  
7 podiatric physician who maintains medical supervision of the  
8 patient and makes a diagnosis or verifies that the patient's  
9 condition is such that it may be treated by a physical  
10 therapist.

11 (7) "Documented current and relevant diagnosis" for the  
12 purpose of this Act means a diagnosis, substantiated by  
13 signature or oral verification of a physician, dentist,  
14 advanced practice nurse, physician assistant, or podiatric  
15 physician, that a patient's condition is such that it may be  
16 treated by physical therapy as defined in this Act, which  
17 diagnosis shall remain in effect until changed by the  
18 physician, dentist, advanced practice nurse, physician  
19 assistant, or podiatric physician.

20 (8) "State" includes:

21 (a) the states of the United States of America;

22 (b) the District of Columbia; and

23 (c) the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

24 (9) "Physical therapist assistant" means a person licensed  
25 to assist a physical therapist and who has met all requirements  
26 as provided in this Act and who works under the supervision of

1 a licensed physical therapist to assist in implementing the  
2 physical therapy treatment program as established by the  
3 licensed physical therapist. The patient care activities  
4 provided by the physical therapist assistant shall not include  
5 the interpretation of referrals, evaluation procedures, or the  
6 planning or major modification of patient programs.

7 (10) "Physical therapy aide" means a person who has  
8 received on the job training, specific to the facility in which  
9 he is employed, but who has not completed an approved physical  
10 therapist assistant program.

11 (11) "Advanced practice nurse" means a person licensed  
12 under the Nurse Practice Act who has a collaborative agreement  
13 with a collaborating physician that authorizes referrals to  
14 physical therapists.

15 (12) "Physician assistant" means a person licensed under  
16 the Physician Assistant Practice Act of 1987 who has been  
17 delegated authority to make referrals to physical therapists.

18 (Source: P.A. 98-214, eff. 8-9-13.)

19 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
20 becoming law."