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1AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 5722AMENDMENT NO. ____. Amend House Bill 572, AS AMENDED, by3replacing everything after the enacting clause with the

4 following:

5 "Section 5. The Illinois Physical Therapy Act is amended6 by adding Sections 0.05 and 14.1 as follows:

7 (225 ILCS 90/0.05 new)

Sec. 0.05. Legislative Intent. This Act is enacted for 8 9 the purpose of protecting the public health, safety, and welfare, and for providing for State administrative control, 10 supervision, licensure, and regulation of the practice of 11 physical therapy. It is the legislature's intent that only 12 individuals who meet and maintain prescribed standards of 13 14 competence and conduct may engage in the practice of physical therapy as authorized by this Act. This Act shall be 15 liberally construed to promote the public interest and to 16 accomplish the purpose stated herein. This Act does not 17 prohibit a person licensed under any other Act in this State 18 from engaging in the practice for which he or she is licensed 19 or from delegating services as provided for under that other 20 21 <u>Act.</u>

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(225 ILCS 90/14.1 new)

2 Sec. 14.1. Continuing education renewal requirements. The Department shall promulgate rules concerning continuing 3 4 education for persons licensed under this Act that require 40 hours of continuing education per license renewal cycle for a 5 6 physical therapist and 20 hours of continuing education per 7 license renewal cycle for a physical therapist assistant. In 8 establishing these rules, the Department shall consider 9 education required for the 2 categories of licensees to maintain current knowledge and understanding of their 10 respective scope of practice, professional ethics, and 11 standards of care, as described in this Act, and in material 12 provided by relevant professional associations. The 13 Department shall also consider the educational requirements 14 15 for board certification in physical therapy specialty areas, requirements for advanced clinical or academic degrees 16 17 related to physical therapy, requirements for attaining advanced skills specific to particular practice environments 18 and patient populations, and the educational needs related to 19 special interest groups within the professions. These rules 20 shall assure that licensees are given the opportunity to 21 22 participate in those programs sponsored by or through their professional associations, hospitals, or employers and which 23 are relevant to their practice. These rules shall also 24 25 address variances for illness or hardship. Each licensee is responsible for maintaining records of completion of 26 continuing education and shall be prepared to produce the 27 records when requested by the Department. 28

29 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon 30 becoming law.".

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