

HB 646 -- Physical Therapists

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This bill contains provisions regarding the licensing of physical therapists and physical therapist assistants. The bill:

- (1) Provides for reciprocal, provisional, and temporary licenses;
- (2) Allows additional examination sittings for individuals who meet criteria established in the bill;
- (3) Requires provisional licensed physical therapists to practice under the direct supervision of a licensed physical therapist;
- (4) Permits issuance of temporary licenses to those failing the licensing exam. The duration of the first temporary license will be six months and can only be renewed once. This renewal may only be issued if the licensee, after showing good cause, fails to sit for the next scheduled examination. Temporary licenses may be issued to students in their last semester of physical therapy school; and
- (5) Requires that applicants only sit for the licensing exam three times. Upon failing the state exam for the second time, an applicant must complete a program of remediation before sitting for the third exam.