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Offered By

AMEND House Amendment No. ____ to House Committee Substitute No. 2 for Senate Bill No. 710, Page 10, Line 1, by inserting after all of said line the following:

"Further amend said bill, Page 68, Section 302.171, Line 130, by inserting after all of the following section and line the following:

"334.530. 1. A candidate for license to practice as a physical therapist shall furnish evidence of such person's educational qualifications by submitting satisfactory evidence of completion of a program of physical therapy education approved as reputable by the board or eligibility to graduate from such a program within ninety days. A candidate who presents satisfactory evidence of the person's graduation from a school of physical therapy approved as reputable by the American Medical Association or, if graduated before 1936, by the American Physical Therapy Association, or if graduated after 1988, the Commission on Accreditation for Physical Therapy Education or its successor, is deemed to have complied with the educational qualifications of this subsection.

2. Persons desiring to practice as physical therapists in this state shall appear before the board at such time and place as the board may direct and be examined as to their fitness to engage in such practice. Applicants shall meet the qualifying standards for such examinations, including any requirements established by any entity contracted by the board to administer the board-approved examination. Applications for examination shall be in writing, on a form furnished by the board and shall include evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant possesses the qualifications set forth in subsection 1 of this section and meets the requirements established to qualify for examination. Each application shall contain a statement that it is made under oath or affirmation and that its representations are true and correct to the best knowledge and belief of the applicant, subject to the penalties of making a false affidavit or declaration.

3. The examination of qualified candidates for licenses to practice physical therapy shall test entry-level competence as related to physical therapy theory, examination and evaluation, physical therapy diagnosis, prognosis, treatment, intervention, prevention, and consultation.

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1 4. The examination shall embrace, in relation to the human being, the subjects of anatomy,
2 chemistry, kinesiology, pathology, physics, physiology, psychology, physical therapy theory and
3 procedures as related to medicine, surgery and psychiatry, and such other subjects, including
4 medical ethics, as the board deems useful to test the fitness of the candidate to practice physical
5 therapy.

6 5. No person who has failed on six or more occasions to achieve a passing score on the
7 examination required by this section shall be eligible for licensure by examination under this
8 section.

9 6. The applicant shall pass a test administered by the board on the laws and rules related to
10 the practice of physical therapy in Missouri.

11 334.655. 1. A candidate for licensure to practice as a physical therapist assistant shall
12 furnish evidence of the person's educational qualifications. The educational requirements for
13 licensure as a physical therapist assistant are:

14 (1) A certificate of graduation from an accredited high school or its equivalent; and

15 (2) Satisfactory evidence of completion of an associate degree program of physical therapy
16 education accredited by the commission on accreditation of physical therapy education or eligibility
17 to graduate from such a program within ninety days.

18 2. Persons desiring to practice as a physical therapist assistant in this state shall appear
19 before the board at such time and place as the board may direct and be examined as to the person's
20 fitness to engage in such practice. Applicants shall meet the qualifying standards for such
21 examinations, including any requirements established by any entity contracted by the board to
22 administer the board-approved examination. Applications for examination shall be on a form
23 furnished by the board and shall include evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant
24 possesses the qualifications provided in subsection 1 of this section and meets the requirements
25 established to qualify for examination. Each application shall contain a statement that the statement
26 is made under oath of affirmation and that its representations are true and correct to the best
27 knowledge and belief of the person signing the statement, subject to the penalties of making a false
28 affidavit or declaration.

29 3. The examination of qualified candidates for licensure to practice as physical therapist
30 assistants shall embrace an examination which shall cover the curriculum taught in accredited
31 associate degree programs of physical therapy assistant education. Such examination shall be
32 sufficient to test the qualification of the candidates as practitioners.

33 4. The examination shall include, as related to the human body, the subjects of anatomy,
34 kinesiology, pathology, physiology, psychology, physical therapy theory and procedures as related to
35 medicine and such other subjects, including medical ethics, as the board deems useful to test the
36 fitness of the candidate to practice as a physical therapist assistant.

37 5. No person who has failed on six or more occasions to achieve a passing score on the
38 examination required by this section shall be eligible for licensure by examination under this
39 section.

1 6. The applicant shall pass a test administered by the board on the laws and rules related to
2 the practice as a physical therapist assistant in this state.

3 ~~[6:]~~ 7. The board shall license without examination any legally qualified person who is a
4 resident of this state and who was actively engaged in practice as a physical therapist assistant on
5 August 28, 1993. The board may license such person pursuant to this subsection until ninety days
6 after the effective date of this section.

7 ~~[7:]~~ 8. A candidate to practice as a physical therapist assistant who does not meet the
8 educational qualifications may submit to the board an application for examination if such person can
9 furnish written evidence to the board that the person has been employed in this state for at least
10 three of the last five years under the supervision of a licensed physical therapist and such person
11 possesses the knowledge and training equivalent to that obtained in an accredited school. The board
12 may license such persons pursuant to this subsection until ninety days after rules developed by the
13 state board of healing arts regarding physical therapist assistant licensing become effective."; and";
14 and

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16 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
17 accordingly.

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19 THIS AMENDS 3225H05.30H