

SENATE BILL NO. 291

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1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 37:2418(B) and the introductory paragraph of 2418(C) and
3 2420(B) and (C), relative to the practice of physical therapy; to authorize
4 implementation of physical therapy services in certain circumstances; to provide for
5 disciplinary action; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related
6 matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 37:2418(B) and the introductory paragraph of 2418(C) and 2420(B)
9 and (C) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

10 §2418. Authority to practice as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant

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12 B.(1) Without prescription or referral, a physical therapist may perform an
13 initial evaluation or consultation of a screening nature to determine the need for
14 physical therapy and may perform physical therapy or other services provided in
15 Subsection C of this Section. ~~However, implementation of physical therapy~~
16 ~~treatment shall otherwise be based on the prescription or referral of a person licensed~~
17 ~~to practice medicine, surgery, dentistry, podiatry, or chiropractic.~~

18 **(2)(a) For the treatment of a condition within the scope of physical**
19 **therapy, other than under the circumstances provided for in Subsection C of**
20 **this Section, a physical therapist may implement physical therapy treatment**
21 **with or without a prescription or referral of a person licensed to practice**
22 **medicine, surgery, dentistry, podiatry, or chiropractic if the physical therapist**
23 **meets one of the following criteria:**

24 **(i) The physical therapist has a doctorate degree in physical therapy**
25 **from an accredited institution.**

