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Present law creates the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board and provides for membership of the board.

Proposed law makes changes to the board's membership and increases board terms.

Present law provides for the powers and duties of the board.

Proposed law grants the board certain authority regarding property ownership, management of funds, and administrative fines.

Present law provides for the confidentiality of information or records.

Proposed law specifies the specific information that is confidential.

Present law provides definitions for terms associated with the practice of physical therapy.

Proposed law makes changes to the definitions.

Present law establishes qualifications for licensure for physical therapists and physical therapist assistants.

Proposed law removes the age requirements and removes references to any specific accrediting agency.

Present law provides for license reciprocity.

Proposed law changes terminology and the requirements for licensure.

Present law authorizes the board to require background checks for initial licensure.

Proposed law authorizes the board to require background checks for any applicants.

Present law provides emergency exemptions to physical therapists practicing in Louisiana during a declared disaster or emergency.

Proposed law adds exemptions for physical therapist assistants and increases the exemption from sixty to ninety days.

Present law provides for requirements and limitations regarding practice as a physical therapist or

physical therapist assistant.

Proposed law removes requirements regarding referral and supervision.

Present law prohibits the use of certain titles associated with physical therapy.

Proposed law adds terms to the list.

Present law provides for disciplinary procedures and actions of the board.

Proposed law changes certain procedures, grants the authority for the board to issue fines, and adds additional reasons the board can pursue disciplinary action.

Effective August 1, 2024.

(Amends R.S. 37:2403(B), (C), and (F), 2405(B)(11), 2406(B), 2407, 2409, 2411, 2412, 2413(B), 2416, 2418, 2419(B), (C), and (D), 2420(A)(intro para) and 2420(A)(1) and (7), and 2422(A); adds R.S. 37:2405(B)(16) and (17) and 2421(C))