

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

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Amendments proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to Reengrossed Senate Bill No. 291 by Senator Mills

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 2, after "R.S. 37:2418(B) and" delete the remainder of the line and insert in
3 lieu thereof "(C)(introductory paragraph), relative to"

4 AMENDMENT NO. 2

5 On page 1, line 7, delete "is" and insert in lieu thereof "and (C)(introductory paragraph) are"

6 AMENDMENT NO. 3

7 On page 1, after line 9, delete the remainder of the page and on page 2, delete lines 1 through
8 6 in their entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following:

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

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

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24 (i) The physical therapist has a doctorate in physical therapy and
25 two years of clinical practice experience.

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27 (ii) The physical therapist has a doctorate in physical therapy
28 and a post-graduate certification.

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30 (iii) The physical therapist has a doctorate in physical therapy
31 and an American Board of Physical Therapy specialties board
32 certification.

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34 (iv) The physical therapist has a doctorate in physical therapy
35 and residency or fellowship training.

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37 (v) The physical therapist has five years of clinical practice
38 experience.

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40 (b) A physical therapist who provides treatment pursuant to this
41 Paragraph shall provide notice to the appropriate healthcare provider
42 within fifteen calendar days of implementing physical therapy
43 treatment. If, after thirty calendar days of implementing physical
44 therapy treatment, the patient has not made measurable or functional
45 improvement, the physical therapist shall refer the patient to an
46 appropriate healthcare provider. The board shall take appropriate

1 disciplinary action against any physical therapist who fails to refer a
2 patient pursuant to this Paragraph.

3 (3) No physical therapist shall render a medical diagnosis of an
4 acute or chronic condition.

5 C. ~~Except as to an initial evaluation or consultation, as provided in~~
6 ~~Subsection B of this Section, physical~~ **Physical** therapy services may be
7 performed without a prescription or ~~by referral only~~ under any of the
8 following circumstances:

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10 AMENDMENT NO. 4

11 On page 2, at the beginning of line 7, change "Section 3." to "Section 2."