

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

Offered By _____

1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for
2 Senate Bill No. 43, Page 51, Section 287.243, Line 157, by inserting after all of said section and line
3 the following:
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5 "334.530. 1. A candidate for license to practice as a physical therapist shall furnish
6 evidence of such person's educational qualifications by submitting satisfactory evidence of
7 completion of a program of physical therapy education approved as reputable by the board or
8 eligibility to graduate from such a program within ninety days. A candidate who presents
9 satisfactory evidence of the person's graduation from a school of physical therapy approved as
10 reputable by the American Medical Association or, if graduated before 1936, by the American
11 Physical Therapy Association, or if graduated after 1988, the Commission on Accreditation for
12 Physical Therapy Education or its successor, is deemed to have complied with the educational
13 qualifications of this subsection.

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

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

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

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

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

Action Taken _____ Date _____

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

4 (1) A certificate of graduation from an accredited high school or its equivalent; and
 5 (2) Satisfactory evidence of completion of an associate degree program of physical therapy
 6 education accredited by the commission on accreditation of physical therapy education or eligibility
 7 to graduate from such a program within ninety days.

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

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

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

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

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

32 ~~[6.]~~ 7. The board shall license without examination any legally qualified person who is a
 33 resident of this state and who was actively engaged in practice as a physical therapist assistant on
 34 August 28, 1993. The board may license such person pursuant to this subsection until ninety days
 35 after the effective date of this section.

36 ~~[7.]~~ 8. A candidate to practice as a physical therapist assistant who does not meet the
 37 educational qualifications may submit to the board an application for examination if such person can
 38 furnish written evidence to the board that the person has been employed in this state for at least
 39 three of the last five years under the supervision of a licensed physical therapist and such person
 40 possesses the knowledge and training equivalent to that obtained in an accredited school. The board
 41 may license such persons pursuant to this subsection until ninety days after rules developed by the
 42 state board of healing arts regarding physical therapist assistant licensing become effective."; and
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44 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
 45 accordingly.