

House \_\_\_\_\_ Amendment NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Offered By \_\_\_\_\_

1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 403,  
2 Page 10, Section 221.065, Line 12, by inserting after all of said section and line the following:

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4 "334.530. 1. A candidate for license to practice as a physical therapist shall furnish  
5 evidence of such person's educational qualifications by submitting satisfactory evidence of  
6 completion of a program of physical therapy education approved as reputable by the board or  
7 eligibility to graduate from such a program within ninety days. A candidate who presents  
8 satisfactory evidence of the person's graduation from a school of physical therapy approved as  
9 reputable by the American Medical Association or, if graduated before 1936, by the American  
10 Physical Therapy Association, or if graduated after 1988, the Commission on Accreditation for  
11 Physical Therapy Education or its successor, is deemed to have complied with the educational  
12 qualifications of this subsection.

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

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

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

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

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

36 334.655. 1. A candidate for licensure to practice as a physical therapist assistant shall

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1 furnish evidence of the person's educational qualifications. The educational requirements for  
2 licensure as a physical therapist assistant are:

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

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

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

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

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

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

31 ~~[6.]~~ 7. The board shall license without examination any legally qualified person who is a  
32 resident of this state and who was actively engaged in practice as a physical therapist assistant on  
33 August 28, 1993. The board may license such person pursuant to this subsection until ninety days  
34 after the effective date of this section.

35 ~~[7.]~~ 8. A candidate to practice as a physical therapist assistant who does not meet the  
36 educational qualifications may submit to the board an application for examination if such person can  
37 furnish written evidence to the board that the person has been employed in this state for at least  
38 three of the last five years under the supervision of a licensed physical therapist and such person  
39 possesses the knowledge and training equivalent to that obtained in an accredited school. The board  
40 may license such persons pursuant to this subsection until ninety days after rules developed by the  
41 state board of healing arts regarding physical therapist assistant licensing become effective."; and  
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43 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references  
44 accordingly.