

CHAPTER 1268
PHYSICAL THERAPY
H.F. 2211

AN ACT making changes in the practice act relating to physical therapy.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section 148A.1, Code 1983, is amended by striking the section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

148A.1 DEFINITION. As used in this chapter, physical therapy is that branch of science that deals with the evaluation and treatment of human capabilities and impairments. Physical therapy uses the affective properties of physical agents including, but not limited to, mechanical devices, heat, cold, air, light, water, electricity, and sound, and therapeutic exercises, and rehabilitative procedures to prevent, correct, minimize, or alleviate a physical impairment. Physical therapy includes the interpretation of performances, tests, and measurements, the establishment and modification of physical therapy programs, treatment planning, consultative services, instructions to the patients, and the administration and supervision attendant to physical therapy facilities. Physical therapy evaluation of biomechanics may be rendered by a physical therapist without a prescription or referral from a physician or dentist. Physical therapy treatment shall be rendered by a physical therapist only under prescription or referral from a physician or dentist, or referral from a chiropractor.

Sec. 2. Section 148A.3, subsection 4, Code 1983, is amended by striking the subsection and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

4. Nonprofessional workers not held out as physical therapists who are employed in hospitals, clinics, offices or health care facilities as defined in section 135C.1 working under the supervision and direction of a physical therapist or physician licensed pursuant to section 148, 150 or 150A.

Sec. 3. Section 148A.4, subsection 1, Code Supplement 1983, is amended to read as follows:

1. ~~Be a graduate of an accredited high school and have completed~~ Complete a course of study in, and hold a diploma or certificate issued by, a school of physical therapy ~~approved by accredited by the American physical therapy association or another appropriate accrediting body, and meet requirements as established by rules of the board of physical and occupational therapy examiners.~~

Sec. 4. Section 148A.5, Code 1983, is repealed.

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