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BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 2194)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the supervision of licensed physical therapist
2 assistants.

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2 amended to read as follows:

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4 ~~function under the direction and supervision of a licensed~~
5 ~~physical therapist~~ shall be authorized to perform physical
6 therapy procedures delegated and supervised by the a licensed
7 physical therapist in a manner consistent with the rules
8 adopted by the board of physical and occupational therapy
9 examiners. The continuous direction and supervision of a
10 licensed physical therapist assistant by a licensed physical
11 therapist shall not be required, provided that the licensed
12 physical therapist assistant is employed in association with,
13 and receives regular direction and supervision by, a licensed
14 physical therapist. Selected and delegated tasks of physical
15 therapist assistants may include, but are not limited to,
16 therapeutic procedures and related tasks, routine operational
17 functions, documentation of treatment progress, and the use of
18 selected physical agents. The ability of the licensed
19 physical therapist assistant to perform the selected and
20 delegated tasks shall be assessed on an ongoing basis by the
21 supervising physical therapist. The licensed physical
22 therapist assistant shall not interpret referrals, perform
23 initial evaluation or reevaluations, initiate physical therapy
24 treatment programs, change specified treatment programs, or
25 discharge a patient from physical therapy services.

26 EXPLANATION

27 This bill provides that a licensed physical therapist
28 assistant shall be authorized to perform physical therapy
29 procedures delegated by a licensed physical therapist, under
30 the regular, as opposed to continuous, direction and
31 supervision of the licensed physical therapist.

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