

Senate Study Bill 2194

Bill Text

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1 1 Section 1. Section [148A.6](#), subsection 2, Code 1997, is
1 2 amended to read as follows:

1 3 2. A licensed physical therapist assistant

~~is required to~~

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~~function under the direction and supervision of a licensed~~

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~~physical therapist~~

~~shall be authorized~~ to perform physical

1 6 therapy procedures delegated and supervised by

~~the~~

~~a~~ licensed

1 7 physical therapist in a manner consistent with the rules
1 8 adopted by the board of physical and occupational therapy
1 9 examiners. The continuous direction and supervision of a
1 10 licensed physical therapist assistant by a licensed physical
1 11 therapist shall not be required, provided that the licensed
1 12 physical therapist assistant is employed in association with,
1 13 and receives regular direction and supervision by, a licensed
1 14 physical therapist. Selected and delegated tasks of physical
1 15 therapist assistants may include, but are not limited to,
1 16 therapeutic procedures and related tasks, routine operational
1 17 functions, documentation of treatment progress, and the use of
1 18 selected physical agents. The ability of the licensed
1 19 physical therapist assistant to perform the selected and
1 20 delegated tasks shall be assessed on an ongoing basis by the
1 21 supervising physical therapist. The licensed physical
1 22 therapist assistant shall not interpret referrals, perform
1 23 initial evaluation or reevaluations, initiate physical therapy
1 24 treatment programs, change specified treatment programs, or
1 25 discharge a patient from physical therapy services.

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EXPLANATION

1 27 This bill provides that a licensed physical therapist
1 28 assistant shall be authorized to perform physical therapy
1 29 procedures delegated by a licensed physical therapist, under
1 30 the regular, as opposed to continuous, direction and
1 31 supervision of the licensed physical therapist.

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