

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2016 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to Reengrossed Senate Bill No. 291 by Senator Mills

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 2, after "to repeal" change "R.S. 37:2418(C)" to "R.S. 37:2418(C)(5)"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 2

4 On page 1, line 7, delete "is" and insert in lieu thereof "and (C)(introductory paragraph) are"

5 AMENDMENT NO. 3

6 On page 1, after line 9, delete the remainder of the page and on page 2, delete lines 1 through
7 6 in their entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following:

8 "B.~~(1)~~ Without prescription or referral, a physical therapist may
9 perform an initial evaluation or consultation of a screening nature to
10 determine the need for physical therapy and may perform physical therapy
11 or other services provided in Subsection C of this Section. ~~However,~~
12 ~~implementation of physical therapy treatment shall otherwise be based on the~~
13 ~~prescription or referral of a person licensed to practice medicine, surgery,~~
14 ~~dentistry, podiatry, or chiropractic.~~

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16 **(2) For the treatment of a specific condition, other than under the**
17 **circumstances provided for in Subsection C of this Section, a physical**
18 **therapist may implement physical therapy treatment for a diagnosis**
19 **rendered by a healthcare provider within the previous year or a**
20 **diagnosis of a permanent physical disability with or without a**
21 **prescription or referral of a person licensed to practice medicine,**
22 **surgery, dentistry, podiatry, or chiropractic if the physical therapist**
23 **meets one of the following criteria:**

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25 **(a) The physical therapist has a doctorate in physical therapy**
26 **and two years of clinical practice experience.**

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28 **(b) The physical therapist has a doctorate in physical therapy**
29 **and a post-graduate certification.**

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31 **(c) The physical therapist has a doctorate in physical therapy and**
32 **an American Board of Physical Therapy specialties board certification.**

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34 **(d) The physical therapist has a doctorate in physical therapy**
35 **and residency or fellowship training.**

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37 **(e) The physical therapist has five years of clinical practice**
38 **experience.**

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40 **(3) No physical therapist shall render a medical diagnosis of an**
41 **acute or chronic condition."**

42 AMENDMENT NO. 4

43 On page 2, line 6, after "Section 2." change "R.S. 37:2418(C)" to "R.S. 37:2418(C)(5)"