

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**HB 305****2017 Regular Session****Johnson**

PHYSICAL THERAPISTS: Provides for the regulation of the practice of physical therapy

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Removes provisions regarding legislative intent and immunity for the board.
2. Clarifies acceptable forms of proof of identity.
3. Relocates and clarifies fees charged by the board for the review of a continuing education course or activity.
4. Makes technical changes.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law authorizes a graduate of a foreign school of physical therapy to qualify for a license as a physical therapist upon meeting the requirements for licensure as a physical therapist as well as complying with additional provisions.

Proposed law retains present law but changes the additional requirements to all of the following:

- (1) Provides satisfactory evidence of successful completion of a foreign physical therapy education curriculum that is substantially equivalent to the requirements for physical therapists educated in accredited physical therapy schools located within the U.S.
- (2) Provides proof of identity in the form of a valid drivers license and social security card, passport, or as additionally provided as specified by the board.
- (3) Provides documentation satisfactory to the board of verification of all professional or trade licenses, certifications, and permits, past or present, held in any country, province, or state, including the U.S., as required by the board.
- (4) Achieves a passing score on a board-approved English proficiency examination if the applicant's native language is not English.
- (5) Completes supervised clinical practice requirements as defined by board rule.
- (6) Meets all additional requirements established by board rule.

Proposed law authorizes a graduate of a foreign school of physical therapy assisting to qualify for a license as a physical therapy assistant upon meeting the requirements for licensure as a physical therapist assistant as well as complying with all of the following provisions:

- (1) Provides satisfactory evidence of successful completion of a foreign physical therapy assistant education curriculum that is substantially equivalent to the requirements for physical therapy assistants educated in accredited physical therapy schools located within the U.S.
- (2) Provides indisputable proof of identity as specified by the board.

- (3) Provides documentation satisfactory to the board of verification of all professional or trade licenses, certifications, and permits, past or present, held in any country, province, or state, including the U.S., as required by the board.
- (4) Achieves a passing score on board-approved English proficiency examinations if the applicant's native language is not English.
- (5) Completes supervised clinical practice requirements as defined by board rule.
- (6) Meets all additional requirements established by board rule.

Proposed law authorizes an applicant who has completed a U.S. armed services program of training not accredited by a national accreditation agency approved by the board to qualify for a license as a physical therapy assistant upon meeting the requirements for licensure as a physical therapist assistant as well as complying with both of the following provisions:

- (1) Provides satisfactory evidence of successful completion of a U.S. armed services program of training that is substantially equivalent to the requirements for physical therapist assistants educated in an accredited entry-level program as determined by the board.
- (2) Meets all additional requirements established by board rule.

Present law authorizes the board to charge certain fees and sets a maximum amount for each fee.

Proposed law retains present law and further authorizes the following continuing education review fees:

- (1) A maximum of \$250 for board review of a continuing education course or activity upon request of the sponsor.
- (2) A maximum of \$20 for a licensee's request for board review of a continuing education course or activity in which the sponsor has not sought review or obtained approval by the board.

(Amends R.S. 37:2410 and 2424(A); Adds R.S. 37:2411.1, 2411.2, and 2424(D))