



***An Act Concerning Athletic Trainers And Physical Therapist Assistants.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) As used in sections 1 to 7, inclusive, of this act:
- 2 (1) "Athletic training" means the application or provision, with the  
3 consent and under the direction of a health care provider, of (A)  
4 principles, methods and procedures of evaluation, prevention,  
5 treatment and rehabilitation of athletic injuries sustained by athletes,  
6 (B) appropriate preventative and supportive devices, temporary  
7 splinting and bracing, physical modalities of heat, cold, light massage,  
8 water, electric stimulation, sound, exercise and exercise equipment, (C)  
9 the organization and administration of athletic training programs, and  
10 (D) education and counseling to athletes, coaches, medical personnel  
11 and athletic communities in the area of the prevention and care of  
12 athletic injuries. For purposes of this subdivision, "health care  
13 provider" means a person licensed to practice medicine or surgery  
14 under chapter 370 of the general statutes, chiropractic under chapter  
15 372 of the general statutes, podiatry under chapter 375 of the general  
16 statutes or naturopathy under chapter 373 of the general statutes;
- 17 (2) "Athletic injury" means any injury sustained by an athlete as a  
18 result of such athlete's participation in exercises, sports, games or  
19 recreation requiring strength, agility, flexibility, range of motion, speed

20 or stamina, or any comparable injury that prevents such athlete from  
21 participating in any such activities;

22 (3) "Athlete" means any person who is a member of any  
23 professional, amateur, school or other sports team, or is a regular  
24 participant in sports or recreational activities, including, but not  
25 limited to, training and practice activities, that require strength, agility,  
26 flexibility, range of motion, speed or stamina. For purposes of this  
27 subdivision, "regular" means not less than three times per week; and

28 (4) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Public Health.

29 Sec. 2. (NEW) (a) Except as provided in section 4 of this act, no  
30 person may practice athletic training unless such person is licensed  
31 pursuant to section 6 of this act.

32 (b) No person may use the title "licensed athletic trainer" or make  
33 use of any title, words, letters or abbreviations indicating or implying  
34 that such person is licensed to practice athletic training unless such  
35 person is licensed pursuant to section 6 of this act.

36 Sec. 3. (NEW) (a) Each person who practices athletic training shall  
37 make a written or oral referral to a licensed health care provider of any  
38 athlete who has an athletic injury whose symptoms have not improved  
39 for a period of seven days from the day of onset, or who has any  
40 physical or medical condition that would constitute a medical  
41 contraindication for athletic training or that may require evaluation or  
42 treatment beyond the scope of athletic training. The injuries or  
43 conditions requiring a referral under this subsection shall include, but  
44 not be limited to, suspected medical emergencies or illnesses, physical  
45 or mental illness and significant tissue or neurological pathologies.

46 (b) The performance of athletic training, as specified in  
47 subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subdivision (1) of section 1 of this act, on  
48 any athlete under the age of fourteen years shall require the written  
49 referral of a person licensed in this state, or in a bordering state having  
50 licensing requirements meeting the approval of the appropriate

51 examining board in this state, to practice medicine and surgery,  
52 podiatry, natureopathy, chiropractic or dentistry, or an advanced  
53 practice registered nurse licensed to prescribe in accordance with  
54 section 20-94a of the general statutes, as amended, or a physician  
55 assistant licensed to prescribe in accordance with section 20-12d of the  
56 general statutes, as amended.

57       Sec. 4. (NEW) A license to practice athletic training shall not be  
58 required of: (1) A practitioner who is licensed or certified by a state  
59 agency and is performing services within the scope of practice for  
60 which such person is licensed or certified; (2) a student intern or  
61 trainee pursuing a course of study in athletic training, provided the  
62 activities of such student intern or trainee are performed under the  
63 supervision of a person licensed to practice athletic training and the  
64 student intern or trainee is given the title of "athletic trainer intern", or  
65 similar designation; (3) a person employed or volunteering as a coach  
66 of amateur sports who provides first aid for athletic injuries to athletes  
67 being coached by such person; (4) a person who furnishes assistance in  
68 an emergency; or (5) a person who acts as an athletic trainer in this  
69 state for less than thirty days per calendar year and who is licensed as  
70 an athletic trainer by another state or is certified by the National  
71 Athletic Trainers' Association Board of Certification, Inc., or its  
72 successor organization.

73       Sec. 5. (NEW) (a) Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c) of  
74 this section, an applicant for a license to practice athletic training shall  
75 have: (1) A baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited  
76 institution of higher education, or from an institution of higher  
77 learning located outside of the United States that is legally chartered to  
78 grant postsecondary degrees in the country in which such institution is  
79 located; (2) successfully completed (A) a course of study in athletic  
80 training in a program that, at the time of the applicant's completion, is  
81 accredited by the National Athletic Trainers' Association, the  
82 Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation, or the  
83 Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs, or  
84 (B) a program of study in athletic training during a period of at least

85 two calendar years, a minimum of one thousand five hundred hours of  
86 athletic training experience under the supervision of an athletic trainer  
87 certified by the National Athletic Trainers' Association Board of  
88 Certification, Inc., or its successor organization, of which a minimum  
89 of one thousand hours shall be attained at the interscholastic,  
90 intercollegiate or professional sports level, and a minimum of three  
91 semester credits of formal education in each of the following areas: (i)  
92 Health, (ii) nutrition, (iii) psychology, (iv) human anatomy, (v)  
93 kinesiology or biomechanics, (vi) human physiology, (vii) physiology  
94 of exercise, (viii) basic athletic training, and (ix) advanced athletic  
95 training or therapeutic modalities and rehabilitative exercise; and (3)  
96 passed the national certification examination sponsored by the  
97 National Athletic Trainers' Association or the National Athletic  
98 Trainers' Association Board of Certification, Inc., or their successor  
99 organizations.

100 (b) An applicant for licensure to practice athletic training by  
101 endorsement shall present evidence satisfactory to the commissioner  
102 (1) of licensure or certification as an athletic trainer, or as a person  
103 entitled to perform similar services under a different designation, in  
104 another state having requirements for practicing in such capacity that  
105 are substantially similar to or higher than the requirements in force in  
106 this state, and (2) that there is no disciplinary action or unresolved  
107 complaint pending against such applicant.

108 (c) Before January 1, 2000, an applicant for a license to practice  
109 athletic training may, in lieu of the requirements set forth in subsection  
110 (a) of this section, present evidence satisfactory to the commissioner of  
111 (1) the continuous providing of services as an athletic trainer since  
112 October 1, 1979, or (2) certification as an athletic trainer by the National  
113 Athletic Trainers' Association Board of Certification, Inc.

114 Sec. 6. (NEW) The commissioner shall grant a license to practice  
115 athletic training to an applicant who presents evidence satisfactory to  
116 the commissioner of having met the requirements of section 5 of this  
117 act. An application for such license shall be made on a form required

118 by the commissioner. The fee for an initial license under this section  
119 shall be one hundred fifty dollars.

120 (b) A license to practice athletic training may be renewed in  
121 accordance with the provisions of section 19a-88 of the general  
122 statutes, as amended by this act. The fee for such renewal shall be one  
123 hundred dollars.

124 Sec. 7. (NEW) The commissioner may adopt regulations, in  
125 accordance with chapter 54 of the general statutes, to carry out the  
126 provisions of sections 1 to 6, inclusive, of this act.

127 Sec. 8. Subsection (c) of section 19a-14 of the general statutes, as  
128 amended by section 2 of public act 99-249 and section 60 of public act  
129 99-2 of the June special session, is repealed and the following is  
130 substituted in lieu thereof:

131 (c) No board shall exist for the following professions that are  
132 licensed or otherwise regulated by the Department of Public Health:

133 (1) Speech pathologist and audiologist;

134 (2) Hearing aid dealer;

135 (3) Nursing home administrator;

136 (4) Sanitarian;

137 (5) Subsurface sewage system installer or cleaner;

138 (6) Marital and family therapist;

139 (7) Nurse-midwife;

140 (8) Licensed clinical social worker;

141 (9) Respiratory care practitioner;

142 (10) Asbestos contractor and asbestos consultant;

- 143 (11) Massage therapist;
- 144 (12) Registered nurse's aide;
- 145 (13) Radiographer;
- 146 (14) Dental hygienist;
- 147 (15) Dietitian-Nutritionist;
- 148 (16) Asbestos abatement worker;
- 149 (17) Asbestos abatement site supervisor;
- 150 (18) Licensed or certified alcohol and drug counselor;
- 151 (19) Professional counselor;
- 152 (20) Acupuncturist;
- 153 (21) Occupational therapist;
- 154 (22) Lead abatement contractor; [and]
- 155 (23) Nail technician; and
- 156 (24) Athletic trainer.

157 The department shall assume all powers and duties normally vested  
158 with a board in administering regulatory jurisdiction over said  
159 professions. The uniform provisions of this chapter and chapters 368v,  
160 369 to 381a, inclusive, 383 to 388, inclusive, 393a, 395, 398, 399, 400a  
161 and 400c, including, but not limited to, standards for entry and  
162 renewal; grounds for professional discipline; receiving and processing  
163 complaints; and disciplinary sanctions, shall apply, except as otherwise  
164 provided by law, to the professions listed in this subsection.

165 Sec. 9. Subsection (e) of section 19a-88 of the general statutes, as  
166 amended by section 61 of public act 99-2 of the June special session, is  
167 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

168 (e) Each person holding a license or certificate issued under section  
169 19a-514, 20-74s, as amended, 20-195cc or 20-206ll and chapters 370 to  
170 373, inclusive, 375, 378 to 381a, inclusive, 383 to 388, inclusive, 393a,  
171 395, 398, 399 or 400a and section 20-206n, 20-206o, [or] section 56 of  
172 [this act] public act 99-2 of the June special session, or section 6 of this  
173 act shall, annually, during the month of [the applicant's] such person's  
174 birth, apply for renewal of such license or certificate to the Department  
175 of Public Health, giving [the applicant's] such person's name in full,  
176 [the applicant's] such person's residence and business address and  
177 such other information as the department requests. Each person  
178 holding a license or certificate issued pursuant to section 20-475 or 20-  
179 476 shall, annually, during the month of [the applicant's] such person's  
180 birth, apply for renewal of such license or certificate to the department.  
181 Each entity holding a license issued pursuant to section 20-475 shall,  
182 annually, during the anniversary month of initial licensure, apply for  
183 renewal of such license or certificate to the department.

184 Sec. 10. Section 20-1 of the general statutes, as amended by section 1  
185 of public act 99-102, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
186 thereof:

187 The practice of the healing arts means the practice of medicine,  
188 chiropractic, podiatry, natureopathy and, except as used in chapters  
189 384a and 388, [and sections 19a-16a to 19a-16c, inclusive,] the practice  
190 of optometry.

191 Sec. 11. Subdivision (17) of subsection (b) of section 20-9 of the  
192 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
193 thereof:

194 (17) Any person [performing] practicing athletic training, as  
195 [described in section 19a-16a] defined in section 1 of this act.

196 Sec. 12. Section 20-66 of the general statutes, as amended by section  
197 6 of public act 99-249, is repealed and the following is substituted in  
198 lieu thereof:

199 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

200 (1) "Physical therapist" means a person licensed to practice physical  
201 therapy in [Connecticut as defined in subdivision (2) of this section]  
202 this state;

203 (2) "Physical therapy" means the evaluation and treatment of any  
204 person by the employment of the effective properties of physical  
205 measures, the performance of tests and measurements as an aid to  
206 evaluation of function and the use of therapeutic exercises and  
207 rehabilitative procedures, with or without assistive devices, for the  
208 purpose of preventing, correcting or alleviating a physical or mental  
209 disability. [Physical therapy] "Physical therapy" includes the  
210 establishment and modification of physical therapy programs,  
211 treatment planning, instruction, peer review and consultative services,  
212 [The term "physical therapy"] but does not include the use of  
213 cauterization or the use of Roentgen rays or radium for diagnostic or  
214 therapeutic purposes; [and]

215 (3) "Physical therapist assistant" means [(A) a graduate of a physical  
216 therapist assistant program approved by the State Board of Examiners  
217 for Physical Therapists, with the consent of the Commissioner of  
218 Public Health, (B) a graduate of a United States physical therapy  
219 school approved by the State Board of Examiners for Physical  
220 Therapists, or (C) a person who has completed twenty years of  
221 employment as a physical therapist assistant prior to October 1, 1989] a  
222 person licensed to assist in the practice of physical therapy in this state;  
223 and

224 (4) "Assist in the practice of physical therapy" means the treatment  
225 of any person by the employment of the effective properties of  
226 physical measures and the use of therapeutic exercises and  
227 rehabilitative procedures, with or without assistive devices, for the  
228 purpose of preventing, correcting or alleviating a physical or mental  
229 disability, but does not include the interpretation of referrals, initial or  
230 discharge evaluation or assessment, or determination or modification



231 or treatment or discharge plans.

232 Sec. 13. Section 20-70 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
233 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

234 (a) (1) Any person who is a graduate of a school of physical therapy  
235 approved by the [State] Board of Examiners for Physical Therapists,  
236 with the consent of the Commissioner of Public Health, or has  
237 successfully completed requirements for graduation from such school,  
238 shall be eligible for examination for licensure as a physical therapist  
239 upon the payment of a fee of two hundred twenty-five dollars. [Said  
240 department] The Department of Public Health, with the consent of the  
241 board, shall determine the subject matter of such examination, which  
242 shall be designed to show proficiency in physical therapy and related  
243 subjects, and shall determine whether such examination shall be  
244 written, oral or practical, or a combination thereof. Passing scores shall  
245 be established by the department with the consent of the board.  
246 Warning of such examination shall be given by [said] the department  
247 not less than two weeks in advance of the date set for the examination.  
248 If the applicant passes such examination, the [Department of Public  
249 Health] department shall issue to such applicant a license to practice  
250 physical therapy.

251 (2) Any person who is a graduate of a physical therapist assistant  
252 school approved by the Board of Examiners for Physical Therapists or  
253 an approved United States physical therapist assistant school, with the  
254 consent of the commissioner, or has successfully completed  
255 requirements for graduation from such school, shall be eligible for  
256 examination for licensure as a physical therapist assistant upon the  
257 payment of a fee of one hundred fifty dollars. The department, with  
258 the consent of the board, shall determine the subject matter of such  
259 examination, which shall be designed to show proficiency in physical  
260 therapy and related subjects, and shall determine whether such  
261 examination shall be written, oral or practical, or a combination  
262 thereof. Passing scores shall be established by the department with the  
263 consent of the board. Warning of such examination shall be given by

264 the department not less than two weeks in advance of the date set for  
265 the examination. If the applicant passes such examination, the  
266 department shall issue to such applicant a physical therapist assistant  
267 license.

268 (b) (1) Any person who is a graduate of an approved United States  
269 physical therapy school and who has filed an application with the  
270 department may, between the dates of filing and the publication of the  
271 results of the next succeeding examination, practice as a physical  
272 therapist under the direct and immediate supervision of a licensed  
273 physical therapist in this state. If the person practicing pursuant to this  
274 [section] subdivision fails to pass the examination, all privileges under  
275 this [section] subdivision shall automatically cease.

276 (2) Any person who is a graduate of an approved United States  
277 physical therapist assistant school and who has filed an application  
278 with the department may, between the dates of filing and the  
279 publication of the results of the next succeeding examination, practice  
280 as a physical therapist assistant under the direct and immediate  
281 supervision of a licensed physical therapist in this state. If the person  
282 practicing pursuant to this subdivision fails to pass the examination,  
283 all privileges under this subdivision shall automatically cease.

284 (c) Any applicant under this section who fails to pass the  
285 examination prescribed by [said] the department with the consent of  
286 the board may take a subsequent examination on payment of an  
287 additional application fee.

288 Sec. 14. Section 20-71 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
289 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

290 (a) The [department] Department of Public Health may issue a  
291 license to practice physical therapy without examination, on payment  
292 of a fee of two hundred twenty-five dollars, to an applicant who is a  
293 physical therapist registered or licensed under the laws of any other  
294 state or territory of the United States, any province of Canada or any  
295 other country, if the requirements for registration or licensure of

296 physical therapists in such state, territory, province or country were, at  
297 the time of application, similar to or higher than the requirements in  
298 force in this state.

299 (b) The department may issue a physical therapist assistant license  
300 without examination, on payment of a fee of one hundred fifty dollars,  
301 to an applicant who: (1) Is a physical therapist assistant registered or  
302 licensed under the laws of any other state or territory of the United  
303 States, any province of Canada or any other country, if the  
304 requirements for registration or licensure of physical therapist  
305 assistants in such state, territory, province or country were, at the time  
306 of application, similar to or higher than the requirements in force in  
307 this state; (2) was eligible for registration as a physical therapist  
308 assistant before the effective date of this act; or (3) as of July 1, 2000,  
309 (A) is a graduate of an approved United States physical therapy school,  
310 approved by the Board of Examiners for Physical Therapists, with the  
311 consent of the Commissioner of Public Health, or (B) has completed  
312 twenty years of employment as a physical therapist assistant prior to  
313 October 1, 1989.

314 Sec. 15. Section 20-73 of the general statutes, as amended by section  
315 24 of public act 99-102, is repealed and the following is substituted in  
316 lieu thereof:

317 (a) (1) No person may practice as a physical therapist unless  
318 licensed pursuant to this chapter. No person may use the term  
319 "Registered Physical Therapist", "Licensed Physical Therapist" or  
320 "Physical Therapist" or the letters "R.P.T.", "L.P.T." or any other letters,  
321 words or insignia indicating or implying licensure as a physical  
322 therapist in this state unless the person is so licensed.

323 (2) No person may practice as a physical therapist assistant unless  
324 licensed pursuant to this chapter. No person may use the term  
325 "Registered Physical Therapist Assistant", "Licensed Physical Therapist  
326 Assistant" or "Physical Therapist Assistant", or the letters "P.T.A." to  
327 represent or imply the term "Physical Therapist Assistant", or any

328 other letters, words or insignia indicating or implying licensure as a  
329 physical therapist assistant in this state unless the person is so licensed.

330 (b) The treatment of human ailments by physical therapy shall only  
331 be performed by a person licensed under the provisions of this chapter  
332 as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant upon the oral or  
333 written referral of a person licensed in this state, or in a bordering state  
334 having licensing requirements meeting the approval of the appropriate  
335 examining board in this state, to practice medicine and surgery,  
336 podiatry, natureopathy, chiropractic or dentistry, or an advanced  
337 practice registered nurse licensed to prescribe in accordance with  
338 section 20-94a, as amended, or a physician assistant licensed to  
339 prescribe in accordance with section 20-12d, as amended.

340 (c) Any person who violates the provisions of this section or who  
341 obtains or attempts to obtain licensure as a physical therapist or  
342 physical therapist assistant by any wilful misrepresentation or any  
343 fraudulent representation shall be fined not more than five hundred  
344 dollars or imprisoned not more than five years, or both. A physical  
345 therapist, physical therapist assistant or dentist who violates the  
346 provisions of this section shall be subject to licensure revocation in the  
347 same manner as is provided under section 19a-17, or in the case of a  
348 healing arts practitioner, section 20-45. For purposes of this section  
349 each instance of patient contact or consultation in violation of any  
350 provision of this section shall constitute a separate offense. Failure to  
351 renew a license in a timely manner shall not constitute a violation for  
352 the purposes of this section.

353 [(b) Each physical therapy assistant who is assisting in the practice  
354 of physical therapy under the supervision of a licensed physical  
355 therapist, as defined in section 20-66, shall, upon payment of an  
356 application fee of twenty-five dollars, register with the Department of  
357 Public Health on a form furnished by the department, giving his name  
358 in full, his residence and business addresses and such other  
359 information as the department requests. Each physical therapy  
360 assistant shall notify the department in writing within thirty days of

361 any change in his name or residence or business addresses. A physical  
362 therapy assistant shall not practice physical therapy assisting without  
363 registering with the department pursuant to this section. The  
364 commissioner may, upon receipt of notification and investigation,  
365 assess a civil penalty of not more than one hundred dollars against any  
366 physical therapy assistant who has practiced physical therapy assisting  
367 without first registering with said department.]

368 Sec. 16. Section 20-73a of the general statutes, as amended by section  
369 25 of public act 99-102, is repealed and the following is substituted in  
370 lieu thereof:

371 The Board of Examiners for Physical Therapists shall have  
372 jurisdiction to hear all charges of conduct that fails to conform to the  
373 accepted standards of the practice of physical therapy brought against  
374 any person licensed as a physical therapist or physical therapist  
375 assistant and, after holding a hearing, written notice of which shall be  
376 given to the person complained of, [said] the board, if it finds such  
377 person to be guilty, may revoke or suspend such person's license or  
378 take any of the actions set forth in section 19a-17. Any proceedings  
379 relative to such action may be begun by the filing of written charges  
380 with the Commissioner of Public Health. The causes for which such  
381 action may be taken are as follows: (1) Conviction in a court of  
382 competent jurisdiction, either within or without this state, of any crime  
383 in the practice of [his] such person's profession; (2) illegal, incompetent  
384 or negligent conduct in the practice of physical therapy or in the  
385 supervision of a physical therapist assistant; (3) aiding or abetting the  
386 unlawful practice of physical therapy; (4) treating human ailments by  
387 physical therapy without the oral or written referral by a person  
388 licensed in this state or in a bordering state having licensing  
389 requirements meeting the approval of the appropriate examining  
390 board in this state to practice medicine and surgery, podiatry,  
391 natureopathy, chiropractic or dentistry; (5) failure to register with the  
392 Department of Public Health as required by law; (6) fraud or deception  
393 in obtaining a license; (7) engaging in fraud or material deception in  
394 the course of professional services or activities; or (8) violation of any

395 provision of this chapter, or any regulation adopted [hereunder] under  
396 this chapter. The clerk of any court in this state in which a person  
397 practicing physical therapy has been convicted of any crime as  
398 described in this section shall, immediately after such conviction,  
399 transmit a certified copy, in duplicate, of the information and  
400 judgment, without charge, to the Department of Public Health,  
401 containing the name and address of the physical therapist or physical  
402 therapist assistant, the crime of which [he] the physical therapist or  
403 physical therapist assistant has been convicted and the date of  
404 conviction. The hearing on such charges shall be conducted in  
405 accordance with the regulations adopted by the Commissioner of  
406 Public Health in accordance with chapter 54. Any person aggrieved by  
407 a final decision of [said] the board may appeal therefrom as provided  
408 in section 4-183, as amended. Such appeal shall have precedence over  
409 nonprivileged cases in respect to order of trial. The Attorney General  
410 shall act as attorney in the public interest in defending against such an  
411 appeal. The board may petition the superior court for the judicial  
412 district of Hartford to enforce any action taken pursuant to section  
413 19a-17.

414 Sec. 17. Section 20-74 of the general statutes, as amended by section  
415 26 of public act 99-102, is repealed and the following is substituted in  
416 lieu thereof:

417 No provision of this chapter shall confer any authority to practice  
418 medicine or surgery, nor shall this chapter prohibit the incidental care  
419 of the sick by domestic servants or by persons principally employed as  
420 housekeepers or as athletic trainers, nor prohibit any person from the  
421 domestic administration of family remedies or the furnishing of  
422 assistance in the case of emergency. It shall not prohibit persons  
423 registered under the provisions of chapter 372, 373, 375 or 378 from  
424 administering care to patients, nor shall it prohibit the care of the sick  
425 with or without compensation or personal profit in connection with  
426 the practice of the religious tenets of any church by adherents thereof,  
427 provided such persons shall not otherwise engage in the practice of  
428 physical therapy or assist in the practice of physical therapy within the

429 meaning of this chapter. It shall not prohibit students who are enrolled  
430 in schools or courses of physical therapy or physical therapist assistant  
431 programs approved by the Board of Examiners for Physical Therapists  
432 with the consent of the Commissioner of Public Health from  
433 performing such work as is incidental to their respective courses of  
434 study; nor shall it prohibit any physical therapist from another state  
435 from doing such therapist's work or other physical therapy activities as  
436 is incidental to the person's course of study when taking or giving a  
437 postgraduate course or other courses of study in this state approved by  
438 said board. [It shall not prohibit any person who is a physical therapist  
439 assistant from assisting in the practice of physical therapy under the  
440 supervision of a licensed physical therapist provided such assistance is  
441 limited to the treatment of a person by the employment of the effective  
442 properties of physical measures and the use of therapeutic exercises  
443 and rehabilitative procedures, with or without assistive devices, for the  
444 purpose of preventing, correcting or alleviating a physical or mental  
445 disability, and does not include the interpretation of referrals, initial or  
446 discharge evaluation or assessment, or determination or modification  
447 of treatment or discharge plans.] Any physical therapist who is a  
448 graduate from a school approved by [said] the board [of examiners]  
449 with the consent of the Department of Public Health but not licensed in  
450 this state may, with the approval of [said] the department and upon  
451 obtaining a temporary certificate from [said] the department, practice  
452 physical therapy in this state on a temporary basis for a period of six  
453 months, which period may be extended upon request at the discretion  
454 of the department, provided (1) such physical therapist does not claim  
455 to be licensed to practice in this state, and (2) application for licensure  
456 by examination, reciprocity or endorsement is filed with [said] the  
457 department within six months after starting such practice. Persons in  
458 the service of the federal government are excluded from the provisions  
459 of this chapter. [For the purposes of this section, supervision means the  
460 overseeing of or the participation in the work of a physical therapist  
461 assistant by a licensed physical therapist including but not limited to  
462 (1) continuous availability of direct communication between the  
463 physical therapist assistant and a licensed physical therapist; (2)

464 availability of a licensed physical therapist on a regularly scheduled  
465 basis to (A) review the practice of the physical therapist assistant, and  
466 (B) support the physical therapist assistant in the performance of his  
467 services; and (3) a predetermined plan for emergency situations,  
468 including the designation of an alternate licensed physical therapist in  
469 the absence of the regular licensed physical therapist.]

470       Sec. 18. Sections 19a-16a to 19a-16c, inclusive, of the general statutes  
471 are repealed.

**PH   Committee Vote:** Yea 19   Nay 5   JFS

**APP   Committee Vote:** Yea 35   Nay 9   JF