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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	—	(Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED	—	(Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	—	(Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT	—	(Y/N)
WITHDRAWN	—	(Y/N)
OTHER	—	

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Health & Human Services
2 Committee

3 Representative Cummings offered the following:

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5 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

6 Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

7 Section 1. Subsection (11) of section 486.021, Florida
8 Statutes, is amended to read:

9 486.021 Definitions.—In this chapter, unless the context
10 otherwise requires, the term:

11 (11) "Practice of physical therapy" means the performance
12 of physical therapy assessments and the treatment of any
13 disability, injury, disease, or other health condition of human
14 beings, or the prevention of such disability, injury, disease,
15 or other condition of health, and rehabilitation as related
16 thereto by the use of the physical, chemical, and other
17 properties of air; electricity; exercise; massage; the

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18 performance of acupuncture only upon compliance with the
19 criteria set forth by the Board of Medicine, when no penetration
20 of the skin occurs; the use of radiant energy, including
21 ultraviolet, visible, and infrared rays; ultrasound; water; the
22 use of apparatus and equipment in the application of the
23 foregoing or related thereto; the performance of tests of
24 neuromuscular functions as an aid to the diagnosis or treatment
25 of any human condition; or the performance of electromyography
26 as an aid to the diagnosis of any human condition only upon
27 compliance with the criteria set forth by the Board of Medicine.

28 (a) A physical therapist may implement a plan of treatment
29 developed by the physical therapist for a patient or provided
30 for a patient by a practitioner of record, ~~or~~ by an advanced
31 registered nurse practitioner licensed under s. 464.012, or by a
32 physician licensed in another state. The physical therapist
33 shall refer the patient to or consult with a practitioner of
34 record if the patient's condition is found to be outside the
35 scope of physical therapy. If physical therapy treatment for a
36 patient is required beyond 42 ~~21~~ days for a condition not
37 previously assessed by a practitioner of record, or by a
38 physician licensed in another state, the physical therapist
39 shall obtain a practitioner of record who will review and sign
40 the plan. For purposes of this paragraph, a health care
41 practitioner licensed under chapter 458, chapter 459, chapter
42 460, chapter 461, or chapter 466 and engaged in active practice
43 is eligible to serve as a practitioner of record.

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44 (b) The use of roentgen rays and radium for diagnostic and
45 therapeutic purposes and the use of electricity for surgical
46 purposes, including cauterization, are not "physical therapy"
47 for purposes of this chapter.

48 (c) The practice of physical therapy does not authorize a
49 physical therapy practitioner to practice chiropractic medicine
50 as defined in chapter 460, including specific spinal
51 manipulation. For the performance of specific chiropractic
52 spinal manipulation, a physical therapist shall refer the
53 patient to a health care practitioner licensed under chapter
54 460.

55 (d) This subsection does not authorize a physical
56 therapist to implement a plan of treatment for a patient
57 currently being treated in a facility licensed pursuant to
58 chapter 395.

59 Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 486.081, Florida
60 Statutes, is amended to read:

61 486.081 Physical therapist; issuance of license without
62 examination to person passing examination of another authorized
63 examining board; fee.—

64 (1) The board may cause a license to be issued through the
65 department without examination to any applicant who presents
66 evidence satisfactory to the board of having passed the American
67 Registry Examination prior to 1971 or an examination in physical
68 therapy before a similar lawfully authorized examining board of
69 another state, the District of Columbia, a territory, or a

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70 foreign country, if the standards for licensure in physical
71 therapy in such other state, district, territory, or foreign
72 country are determined by the board to be as high as those of
73 this state, as established by rules adopted pursuant to this
74 chapter. Any person who holds a license pursuant to this section
75 may use the words "physical therapist" or "physiotherapist," or
76 the letters "P.T.7" in connection with her or his name or place
77 of business to denote her or his licensure hereunder. Any person
78 who holds a license pursuant this section and has obtained a
79 doctoral degree in physical therapy may use the letters "D.P.T."
80 and the letters "P.T." A physical therapist who holds a degree
81 of Doctor of Physical Therapy may not use the title "doctor"
82 without also clearly informing the public of his or her
83 profession as a physical therapist.

84 Section 3. Subsection (1) of section 486.135, Florida
85 Statutes, is amended to read:

86 486.135 False representation of licensure, or willful
87 misrepresentation or fraudulent representation to obtain
88 license, unlawful.—

89 (1) (a) It is unlawful for any person who is not licensed
90 under this chapter as a physical therapist, or whose license has
91 been suspended or revoked, to use in connection with her or his
92 name or place of business the words "physical therapist,"
93 "physiotherapist," "physical therapy," "physiotherapy,"
94 "registered physical therapist," or "licensed physical
95 therapist"; or the letters "P.T.7" or "D.P.T." "Ph.T.7"

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96 ~~"R.P.T.," or "L.P.T.";~~ or any other words, letters,
97 abbreviations, or insignia indicating or implying that she or he
98 is a physical therapist or to represent herself or himself as a
99 physical therapist in any other way, orally, in writing, in
100 print, or by sign, directly or by implication, unless physical
101 therapy services are provided or supplied by a physical
102 therapist licensed in accordance with this chapter.

103 (b) It is unlawful for any person who is not licensed
104 under this chapter as a physical therapist assistant, or whose
105 license has been suspended or revoked, to use in connection with
106 her or his name the words "physical therapist assistant,"
107 ~~"licensed physical therapist assistant," "registered physical~~
108 ~~therapist assistant," or "physical therapy technician";~~ or the
109 letters "P.T.A.," ~~"L.P.T.A.," "R.P.T.A.," or "P.T.T.";~~ or any
110 other words, letters, abbreviations, or insignia indicating or
111 implying that she or he is a physical therapist assistant or to
112 represent herself or himself as a physical therapist assistant
113 in any other way, orally, in writing, in print, or by sign,
114 directly or by implication.

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119 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

120 Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE AMENDMENT

Bill No. CS/HB 515 (2015)

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121 An act relating to physical therapy; amending s. 486.021, F.S.;

122 revising the definition of the term "practice of physical

123 therapy"; amending s. 486.081, F.S.; revising the letters a

124 licensed physical therapist may use in connection with her or

125 his name or place of business; prohibiting a physical therapist

126 with specified doctorate degrees from using the title "doctor"

127 without informing the public of his or her profession as a

128 physical therapist; amending s. 486.135, F.S.; revising the

129 terms prohibited from use by a person who is not licensed as a

130 physical therapist or physical therapist assistant; providing an

131 effective date.