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The Committee on Appropriations (Richter) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 1291 and 1292

insert:

Section 27. Section 486.102, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

486.102 Physical therapist assistant; licensing requirements.—To be eligible for licensing by the board as a physical therapist assistant, an applicant must:

(1) Be at least 18 years old;



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- 11 (2) Be of good moral character; and
- 12 (3) (a) Have been graduated from a school giving a course of
13 not less than 2 years for physical therapist assistants, which
14 school has been approved for the educational preparation of
15 physical therapist assistants by the appropriate accrediting
16 agency recognized by the Commission on Recognition of
17 Postsecondary Accreditation or the United States Department of
18 Education, ~~which includes, but is not limited to, any regional~~
19 ~~or national institutional accrediting agencies recognized by the~~
20 ~~United States Department of Education or the Commission on~~
21 ~~Accreditation for Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE),~~ at the
22 time of her or his graduation, and have passed to the
23 satisfaction of the board an examination to determine her or his
24 fitness for practice as a physical therapist assistant as
25 hereinafter provided;
- 26 (b) Have been graduated from a school giving a course for
27 physical therapist assistants in a foreign country, and have
28 educational credentials deemed equivalent to those required for
29 the educational preparation of physical therapist assistants in
30 this country, as recognized by the appropriate agency as
31 identified by the board, and have passed to the satisfaction of
32 the board an examination to determine her or his fitness for
33 practice as a physical therapist assistant as hereinafter
34 provided; or
- 35 (c) Be entitled to licensure without examination as
36 provided in s. 486.107.

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38 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

39 And the title is amended as follows:



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40 Between lines 131 and 132
41 insert:
42 amending s. 486.102, F.S.; deleting references to
43 specific accrediting agencies;