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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
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02/09/2012	.	
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The Committee on Health Regulation (Jones) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause
and insert:

Section 1. Section 486.0715, Florida Statutes, is created
to read:

486.0715 Physical therapist; issuance of temporary permit.-

(1) The board shall issue a temporary physical therapist
permit to an applicant who meets the following requirements:

(a) Completes an application for a temporary permit on a
form approved by the department.

(b) Meets all the eligibility requirements for licensure



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13 under ch. 456, s. 486.031, and related rules, except passage of
14 a national examination approved by the board is not required.

15 (c) Submits an application for licensure under s. 486.041.

16 (d) Demonstrates proof of possessing malpractice insurance.

17 (e) Submits documentation, under rules adopted by the
18 board, verifying that the applicant will practice under the
19 direct supervision of a licensed physical therapist as provided
20 in subsection (3).

21 (2) A temporary permit is not renewable and is valid until
22 a license is granted by the board. A temporary permit is void if
23 the permittee does not pass or sit for such an examination
24 within 6 months after the date of graduation from a physical
25 therapy training program.

26 (3) An applicant for a temporary permit shall not work as a
27 physical therapist until a temporary permit is issued by the
28 board. A physical therapist who is practicing under a temporary
29 permit must do so under the direct supervision of a licensed
30 physical therapist. A supervising physical therapist shall only
31 supervise one permittee at any given time. The supervising
32 physical therapist must be licensed for a minimum of 6 months
33 before the supervision period begins and must cosign all patient
34 records produced by the physical therapist who is practicing
35 under a temporary permit.

36 Section 2. Section 486.1065, Florida Statutes, is created
37 to read:

38 486.1065 Physical therapist assistant; issuance of
39 temporary permit.—

40 (1) The board shall issue a temporary physical therapist
41 assistant permit to an applicant who meets the following



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42 requirements:

43 (a) Completes an application for a temporary permit on a
44 form approved by the department.

45 (b) Meets all the eligibility requirements for licensure
46 under ch. 456, s. 486.102, and related rules, except passage of
47 a national examination approved by the board is not required.

48 (c) Submits an application for licensure under s. 486.103.

49 (d) Demonstrates proof of possessing malpractice insurance.

50 (e) Submits documentation, under rules adopted by the
51 board, verifying that the applicant will practice under the
52 direct supervision of a licensed physical therapist as provided
53 in subsection (3).

54 (2) A temporary permit is not renewable and is valid until
55 a license is granted by the board. A temporary permit is void if
56 the permittee does not pass or sit for such an examination
57 within 6 months after the date of graduation from a physical
58 therapy assistant training program.

59 (3) An applicant for a temporary permit shall not work as a
60 physical therapist assistant until a temporary permit is issued
61 by the board. A physical therapist assistant who is practicing
62 under a temporary permit must do so under the direct supervision
63 of a licensed physical therapist. A supervising physical
64 therapist shall only supervise one permittee at any given time.
65 The supervising physical therapist must be licensed for a
66 minimum of 6 months before the supervision period begins and
67 must cosign all patient records produced by the physical
68 therapist assistant who is practicing under a temporary permit.

69 Section 3. Subsection (1) of section 486.151, Florida
70 Statutes, is amended to read:



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71 486.151 Prohibited acts; penalty.—
72 (1) It is unlawful for any person to:
73 (a) Practice physical therapy or attempt to practice
74 physical therapy without an active license or temporary permit.
75 (b) Use or attempt to use a license or temporary permit to
76 practice physical therapy which is suspended, ~~or~~ revoked, or
77 void.
78 (c) Obtain or attempt to obtain a license or temporary
79 permit to practice physical therapy by fraudulent
80 misrepresentation.
81 (d) Use the name or title "Physical Therapist" or "Physical
82 Therapist Assistant" or any other name or title which would lead
83 the public to believe that the person using the name or title is
84 licensed to practice physical therapy, unless such person holds
85 a valid license.
86 (e) Make any willfully false oath or affirmation whenever
87 an oath or affirmation is required by this chapter.
88 (f) Knowingly conceal information relating to violations of
89 this chapter.
90 Section 4. This act shall take effect June 1, 2012.
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92 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====
93 And the title is amended as follows:
94 Delete everything before the enacting clause
95 and insert:
96 A bill to be entitled
97 An act relating to physical therapy; creating ss.
98 486.0715 and 486.1065, F.S.; authorizing issuance of a
99 temporary permit to practice as a physical therapist



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100 or physical therapist assistant; providing
101 requirements for issuing a temporary permit; providing
102 for voiding of a temporary permit; providing
103 requirements for the supervision of temporary
104 permittees; amending s. 486.151, F.S.; prohibiting
105 certain acts concerning temporary permits; providing
106 an effective date.