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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Budget Subcommittee on Health and Human Services Appropriations (Oelrich) 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 if the applicant meets the following requirements:

(a) Graduates from a physical therapy program in the United States recognized by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education.



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

15 (c) Meets all the eligibility requirements for licensure
16 pursuant to s. 486.031, except passage of the National Physical
17 Therapy Examination.

18 (d) Submits an application for licensure pursuant to s.
19 486.041.

20 (e) Demonstrates proof of possessing malpractice insurance.

21 (f) Achieves a passing score on the Florida Jurisprudence
22 examination administered by the Federation of State Boards of
23 Physical Therapy.

24 (g) Submits documentation, pursuant to rules adopted by the
25 board, verifying that the applicant will practice under the
26 direct supervision of a licensed physical therapist as provided
27 in subsection (3).

28 (2) A temporary permit is not renewable and is valid until
29 a license is granted by the board. A temporary permit is void if
30 a passing score on the National Physical Therapy Examination is
31 not obtained within 6 months after the date of graduation from a
32 physical therapy program.

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



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42 under a temporary permit.

43 Section 2. Section 486.1065, Florida Statutes, is created
44 to read:

45 486.1065 Physical therapist assistant; issuance of
46 temporary permit.-

47 (1) The board shall issue a temporary physical therapist
48 assistant permit if the applicant meets the following
49 requirements:

50 (a) Graduates from a physical therapy program in the United
51 States recognized by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical
52 Therapy Education.

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

55 (c) Meets all the eligibility requirements for licensure
56 pursuant to s. 486.102, except passage of the National Physical
57 Therapy Examination.

58 (d) Submits an application for licensure pursuant to s.
59 486.103.

60 (e) Demonstrates proof of possessing malpractice insurance.

61 (f) Achieves a passing score on the Florida Jurisprudence
62 examination administered by the Federation of State Boards of
63 Physical Therapy.

64 (g) Submits documentation, pursuant to rules adopted by the
65 board, verifying that the applicant will practice under the
66 direct supervision of a licensed physical therapist as provided
67 in subsection (3).

68 (2) A temporary permit is not renewable and is valid until
69 a license is granted by the board. A temporary permit is void if
70 a passing score on the National Physical Therapy Examination is



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71 not obtained within 6 months after the date of graduation from a
72 physical therapy program.

73 (3) An applicant for a temporary permit shall not work as a
74 physical therapist assistant until a temporary permit is issued
75 by the board. A physical therapist assistant who is practicing
76 under a temporary permit must do so under the direct supervision
77 of a licensed physical therapist. A supervising physical
78 therapist shall supervise only one permittee at any given time.
79 The supervising physical therapist must be licensed for a
80 minimum of 6 months before the supervision period begins and
81 must cosign all patient records produced by the physical
82 therapist assistant who is practicing under a temporary permit.

83 Section 3. This act shall take effect June 1, 2012.

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

86 And the title is amended as follows:

87 Delete everything before the enacting clause
88 and insert:

89 A bill to be entitled
90 An act relating to physical therapy; creating ss.
91 486.0715 and 486.1065, F.S.; authorizing issuance of a
92 temporary permit to practice as a physical therapist
93 or physical therapist assistant; providing
94 requirements for issuing a temporary permit; providing
95 for voiding of a temporary permit; providing
96 requirements for the supervision of temporary
97 permittees; providing an effective date.