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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate . House

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Senator Montford moved 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
under chapter 456, s. 486.031, and related rules, except passage



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14 of 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 a national examination
24 approved by the board within 6 months after the date of
25 graduation from a physical therapy training program.

26 (3) An applicant for a temporary permit may 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
31 supervise only 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
42 requirements:



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

45 (b) Is a graduate of an approved United States physical
46 therapy educational program and meets all the eligibility
47 requirements for licensure under ch. 456, s. 486.031(1)-(3)(a),
48 and related rules, except passage of a national examination
49 approved by the board is not required.

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

51 (d) Demonstrates proof of possessing malpractice insurance.

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

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

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

71 Section 3. Subsection (1) of section 486.151, Florida



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72 Statutes, is amended to read:

73 486.151 Prohibited acts; penalty.—

74 (1) It is unlawful for any person to:

75 (a) Practice physical therapy or attempt to practice
76 physical therapy without an active license or temporary permit.

77 (b) Use or attempt to use a license or temporary permit to
78 practice physical therapy which is suspended, ~~or~~ revoked, or
79 void.

80 (c) Obtain or attempt to obtain a license or temporary
81 permit to practice physical therapy by fraudulent
82 misrepresentation.

83 (d) Use the name or title "Physical Therapist" or "Physical
84 Therapist Assistant" or any other name or title which would lead
85 the public to believe that the person using the name or title is
86 licensed to practice physical therapy, unless such person holds
87 a valid license.

88 (e) Make any willfully false oath or affirmation whenever
89 an oath or affirmation is required by this chapter.

90 (f) Knowingly conceal information relating to violations of
91 this chapter.

92 Section 4. This act shall take effect June 1, 2012.

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

95 And the title is amended as follows:

96 Delete everything before the enacting clause
97 and insert:

98 A bill to be entitled

99 An act relating to physical therapy; creating ss.

100 486.0715 and 486.1065, F.S.; authorizing issuance of a



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