

Amendment No. 3

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WITHDRAWN _____ (Y/N)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 Care Appropriations
2 Subcommittee
3 Representative Baxley offered the following:
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5 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

6 Between lines 95 and 96, insert:

7 Section 3. 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
18 performance of acupuncture only upon compliance with the
19 criteria set forth by the Board of Medicine, when no penetration

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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 physical therapist may implement a plan of treatment for a
29 patient. The physical therapist shall refer the patient to or
30 consult with a health care practitioner licensed under chapter
31 458, chapter 459, chapter 460, chapter 461, or chapter 466, if
32 the patient's condition is found to be outside the scope of
33 physical therapy. If physical therapy treatment for a patient is
34 required beyond 21 days for a condition not previously assessed
35 by a practitioner of record, the physical therapist shall obtain
36 a practitioner of record who will review and sign the plan. A
37 health care practitioner licensed under chapter 458, chapter
38 459, chapter 460, chapter 461, ~~or~~ chapter 466, or s. 464.012 and
39 engaged in active practice is eligible to serve as a
40 practitioner of record. The use of roentgen rays and radium for
41 diagnostic and therapeutic purposes and the use of electricity
42 for surgical purposes, including cauterization, are not
43 authorized under the term "physical therapy" as used in this
44 chapter. The practice of physical therapy as defined in this
45 chapter does not authorize a physical therapy practitioner to
46 practice chiropractic medicine as defined in chapter 460,
47 including specific spinal manipulation. For the performance of

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48 specific chiropractic spinal manipulation, a physical therapist
49 shall refer the patient to a health care practitioner licensed
50 under chapter 460. Nothing in this subsection authorizes a
51 physical therapist to implement a plan of treatment for a
52 patient currently being treated in a facility licensed pursuant
53 to chapter 395.

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Remove line 9 and insert:

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permittees; amending s. 486.021, F.S.; authorizing an advanced
60 registered nurse practitioner to serve as a practitioner of
61 record for purposes of extended physical therapy treatment;
62 providing an effective date.