

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to physical therapy; creating ss.
 3 486.0715 and 486.1065, F.S.; authorizing issuance of a
 4 temporary permit to practice as a physical therapist
 5 or physical therapist assistant; providing
 6 requirements for issuing a temporary permit; providing
 7 for voiding of a temporary permit; providing
 8 requirements for the supervision of temporary
 9 permittees; providing an effective date.

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 11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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

15 486.0715 Physical therapist; issuance of temporary
 16 permit.-

17 (1) The board shall issue a temporary physical therapist
 18 permit if the applicant meets the following requirements:

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

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

24 (c) Meets all the eligibility requirements for licensure
 25 pursuant to s. 486.031, except passage of the National Physical
 26 Therapy Examination.

27 (d) Submits an application for licensure pursuant to s.
 28 486.041.

29 (e) Demonstrates proof of possessing malpractice
30 insurance.

31 (f) Achieves a passing score on the Florida Jurisprudence
32 examination administered by the Federation of State Boards of
33 Physical Therapy.

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

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

43 (3) An applicant for a temporary permit shall not work as
44 a physical therapist until a temporary permit is issued by the
45 board. A physical therapist who is practicing under a temporary
46 permit must do so under the direct supervision of a licensed
47 physical therapist. A supervising physical therapist shall only
48 supervise one permittee at any given time. The supervising
49 physical therapist must be licensed for a minimum of 6 months
50 before the supervision period begins and must cosign all patient
51 records produced by the physical therapist who is practicing
52 under a temporary permit.

53 Section 2. Section 486.1065, Florida Statutes, is created
54 to read:

55 486.1065 Physical therapist assistant; issuance of
56 temporary permit.-

57 (1) The board shall issue a temporary physical therapist
58 assistant permit if the applicant meets the following
59 requirements:

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

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

65 (c) Meets all the eligibility requirements for licensure
66 pursuant to s. 486.102, except passage of the National Physical
67 Therapy Examination.

68 (d) Submits an application for licensure pursuant to s.
69 486.103.

70 (e) Demonstrates proof of possessing malpractice
71 insurance.

72 (f) Achieves a passing score on the Florida Jurisprudence
73 examination administered by the Federation of State Boards of
74 Physical Therapy.

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

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

84 (3) An applicant for a temporary permit shall not work as

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85 a physical therapist assistant until a temporary permit is
86 issued by the board. A physical therapist assistant who is
87 practicing under a temporary permit must do so under the direct
88 supervision of a licensed physical therapist. A supervising
89 physical therapist shall only supervise one permittee at any
90 given time. The supervising physical therapist must be licensed
91 for a minimum of 6 months before the supervision period begins
92 and must cosign all patient records produced by the physical
93 therapist assistant who is practicing under a temporary permit.

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