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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Health Policy (Brandes) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Between lines 1204 and 1205

insert:

Section 23. Subsection (3) of section 486.031, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

486.031 Physical therapist; licensing requirements.—To be eligible for licensing as a physical therapist, an applicant must:

(3) (a) Have been graduated from a school of physical



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11 therapy which has been approved for the educational preparation  
12 of physical therapists by the appropriate accrediting agency  
13 recognized by the Commission on Recognition of Postsecondary  
14 Accreditation or the United States Department of Education at  
15 the time of her or his graduation and have passed, to the  
16 satisfaction of the board, the American Registry Examination  
17 prior to 1971 or a national examination approved by the board to  
18 determine her or his fitness for practice as a physical  
19 therapist as hereinafter provided;

20 (b) Have received a diploma from a program in physical  
21 therapy in a foreign country and have educational credentials  
22 deemed equivalent to those required for the educational  
23 preparation of physical therapists in this country, as  
24 recognized by the board or by an appropriate agency ~~as~~  
25 identified by the board, and have passed to the satisfaction of  
26 the board an examination to determine her or his fitness for  
27 practice as a physical therapist ~~as hereinafter provided~~; or

28 (c) Be entitled to licensure without examination as  
29 provided in s. 486.081.

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

32 And the title is amended as follows:

33 Between lines 72 and 73

34 insert:

35 amending s. 486.031, F.S.; revising provisions  
36 relating to the recognition of physical therapy  
37 programs and educational credentials from foreign  
38 countries to meet requirements for licensing as a  
39 physical therapist;