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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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

1           **Senate Amendment to Amendment (179338) (with title**  
2 **amendment)**

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4           Between lines 1048 and 1049  
5 insert:

6           Section 18. Subsection (3) of section 486.031, Florida  
7 Statutes, is amended to read:

8           486.031 Physical therapist; licensing requirements.—To be  
9 eligible for licensing as a physical therapist, an applicant  
10 must:



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

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

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

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

33 And the title is amended as follows:

34           Between lines 3841 and 3842  
35 insert:

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



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amending s.