House



LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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Senator Garcia moved the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 288 and 289

4 insert:

Section 4. Section 486.102, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

486.102 Physical therapist assistant; licensing requirements.—To be eligible for licensing by the board as a physical therapist assistant, an applicant must:

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(2) Be of good moral character; and

(1) Be at least 18 years old;

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12 (3) (a) Have been graduated from a school giving a course of 13 not less than 2 years for physical therapist assistants τ which 14 has been approved for the educational preparation of physical 15 therapist assistants by the appropriate accrediting agency recognized by the Commission on Recognition of Postsecondary 16 17 Accreditation or the United States Department of Education, at the time of her or his graduation and have passed to the 18 19 satisfaction of the board an examination to determine her or his 20 fitness for practice as a physical therapist assistant as 21 hereinafter provided;

22 (b) Have been graduated from a school giving a course for 23 physical therapist assistants in a foreign country and have 24 educational credentials deemed equivalent to those required for 25 the educational preparation of physical therapist assistants in 26 this country, as recognized by the appropriate agency as 27 identified by the board, and passed to the satisfaction of the board an examination to determine her or his fitness for 28 29 practice as a physical therapist assistant as hereinafter 30 provided; or

(c) Be entitled to licensure without examination as provided in s. 486.107; or

(d)1. Have been enrolled in a physical therapist assistant school in this state which was accredited at the time of her or his enrollment, between July 1, 2014, and July 1, 2016;

2. Have been graduated or will be graduated from such school on or before July 1, 2019; and 3. Have passed the examination provided in s. 486.104.

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SENATOR AMENDMENT

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