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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
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The Committee on Rules (Albritton) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 99 - 153

and insert:

Practice.—The board may administer oaths, summon witnesses, take testimony in all matters relating to its duties under this chapter, establish or modify minimum standards of practice of physical therapy as defined in s. 486.021, including, but not limited to, standards of practice for the performance of dry needling by physical therapists, and adopt rules pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement ~~the provisions of this~~



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12 chapter. The board may also review the standing and reputability
13 of any school or college offering courses in physical therapy
14 and whether the courses of such school or college in physical
15 therapy meet the standards established by the appropriate
16 accrediting agency referred to in s. 486.031(3)(a). In
17 determining the standing and reputability of any such school and
18 whether the school and courses meet such standards, the board
19 may investigate and personally inspect the school and courses
20 ~~make personal inspection of the same.~~

21 Section 3. Section 486.117, Florida Statutes, is created to
22 read:

23 486.117 Physical therapist; performance of dry needling.-

24 (1) The board shall establish minimum standards of practice
25 for the performance of dry needling by physical therapists, to
26 include, at a minimum, all of the following:

27 (a) Completion of 2 years of licensed practice as a
28 physical therapist.

29 (b) Completion of 50 hours of face-to-face continuing
30 education from an entity accredited in accordance with s.
31 486.109 on the topic of dry needling which must include a
32 determination by the physical therapist instructor that the
33 physical therapist demonstrates the requisite psychomotor skills
34 to safely perform dry needling. The continuing education must
35 include instruction on all of the following areas:

36 1. Theory of dry needling.

37 2. Selection and safe handling of needles and other
38 apparatus and equipment used in dry needling, including
39 instruction on the proper handling of biohazardous waste.

40 3. Indications and contraindications for dry needling.



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41 4. Psychomotor skills needed to perform dry needling.
42 5. Postintervention care, including adverse responses,
43 adverse event recordkeeping, and any reporting obligations.
44 (c)1. Completion of at least 25 patient sessions of dry
45 needling performed under the supervision and competency of a
46 physical therapist who holds an active license to practice
47 physical therapy in any state or the District of Columbia, who
48 has actively practiced dry needling for at least 1 year and who
49 will document that the physical therapist has met the
50 supervision requirements and needs no additional supervised
51 sessions to perform dry needling; or
52 2. Completion of 25 patient sessions of dry needling
53 performed as a physical therapist licensed in another state or
54 in the United States Armed Forces.
55 (d) A requirement that dry needling may not be performed
56 without patient consent and must be a part of a patient's
57 documented plan of care.
58 (e) A requirement that dry needling may not be delegated to
59 any person other than a physical therapist who is authorized to
60 engage in dry needling under this chapter.
61 (2) The board shall require additional supervision and
62 training before a physical therapist's performance of dry
63 needling of the head and neck or torso if the board deems it
64 necessary for patient safety.
65 (3) The department shall, within existing resources, submit
66 a report to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the
67 House of Representatives on or before December 31, 2022,
68 detailing the number of physical therapists in this state, the
69 number of physical therapists in this state performing dry



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70 needling, increases or decreases in the number of physical
71 therapists in this state by geographic area, and any adverse
72 medical incidents as defined in s. 381.028 involving physical
73 therapists performing dry needling.

74 (4) The performance of dry needling in the practice of
75 physical therapy may not be construed to limit the scope of
76 practice of other licensed health care practitioners not
77 governed by this chapter.

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

80 And the title is amended as follows:

81 Delete lines 6 - 8

82 and insert:

83 creating s. 486.117, F.S.; requiring the board to
84 establish minimum standards of practice for the
85 performance of dry needling by physical therapists;
86 requiring the Department of Health to submit a report
87 detailing certain information to the Legislature on or
88 before a specified date; providing construction;
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