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TO: H. Alvan Jones, M.D.  
Chairman, Board of Physical Therapy Examiners

FROM: Henry O. Kendall and Ernest A. Burch

With your permission the Maryland Chapter of the American Physical Therapy Association took under consideration the proposed amendments as stated in your letter of May 24, 1967. The Executive Committee, the Legislative Committee, and, subsequently, the members of the Chapter at a special meeting reviewed the proposals.

Attached are the comments and recommendations of the Chapter.



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Section 607 The Chapter concurs with the proposal to delete ".. after January 1, 1948 ..". The Chapter recommends the addition of the prefix "semi-" before annually in order to insure adequate restrictions relative to temporary licensure (as outlined in a new subsection).

Section 610 a The Chapter concurs with the proposal to delete the "Grandfather Clause" section which is obsolete.

Section 610 b The Chapter firmly believes that at present and for the future it is necessary to spell-out the educational qualifications that are pre-requisite to taking an examination for licensure. Such stipulations in the law are not only advisable for maintenance of standards in this State, but they furnish evidence of the requirements to other persons or agencies reviewing our law particularly with respect to reciprocity.

The present law does stipulate these qualifications but is in need of updating in the sense of being made flexible enough to adapt to changes in national standards.

It is also the opinion of the Chapter that there should be more, not less, regulation regarding foreign-trained physical therapists.

The proposed change as stated in the letter of May 24 would appear to ease restrictions on requirements for U.S. and foreign-trained physical therapists.

The Chapter proposed the following amendment in place of 610 b:

By examination. - All persons who shall make application for license shall meet the following requirements:

(1) Be of good moral character

(2) If educated in the United States or Puerto Rico, he or she shall be a graduate of a school or course of physical

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therapy which, in the year of graduation is approved by the Council on Medical Education of the American Medical Association and/or the American Physical Therapy Association; if educated in a foreign country, he or she shall be a graduate of a school or course of physical therapy which has educational requirements comparable to those approved by the Council on Medical Education of the American Medical Association and/or the American Physical Therapy Association, and shall have had his or her credentials approved by the American Physical Therapy Association.

Section 610 c (Regarding Reciprocity)

The proposed amendment as stated in the letter of May 24 is almost exactly as recommended by the Chapter two years ago. The Chapter concurs with this proposal only under the revision that the Chapter's proposed amendment for 610b (above) is accepted.

Section 610 (new subsection) (Regarding Application and Temporary License)

The proposal in the letter of May 24 is basically what the Chapter proposed two years ago, and with slight changes, as worded below, the Chapter concurs in making this addition:

Application and temporary license.- Before commencing the practice of physical therapy in Maryland, a written application for license, and such other documents as the Board may require, must have been filed with the Board and a temporary license issued. The Board shall issue a temporary license to a person who has applied for a license under subsection (a) and who is eligible to take the examination as provided herein. Such temporary license shall not exceed the date of the next scheduled examination and shall expire when said Board shall make a final determination with respect to said application. At the discretion of the Board, a temporary license may be renewed only once, and such renewal not to exceed the date of the next scheduled examination.

Section 611 The Chapter concurs in updating by deletion of obsolete dates.

Section 612 The Chapter does not concur with the proposal to delete the last sentence which requires that a list be sent to the State Board of Health and Mental Hygiene.

Section 614 The Chapter agrees that the changes improve the section grammatically but question strongly the advisability of opening this section to amendment at the present time.