

Mr. Gaines memo for 1968 Amendments.

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Board of Physical Therapy Examiners

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To: Members of the State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners

From: Dr. H. Alven Jones, Chairman

I believe we should attempt to update the Physical Therapy Law, clarify it in certain spots, and gain a new provision for temporary licensing, by submitting a bill for this purpose at the 1968 Session of the General Assembly. Specifically, I suggest the following changes. The basic purpose of each is noted in the margin:

(update)

Section 607 - Delete the words "... after January 1, 1948 ...".

(update)

Section 610 - Delete Subsection (a) in its entirety.

Section 610, Subsection (b) - Change the first sentence to read:

(To allow for foreign-trained applicants and for minor variations of curriculum)

"Every person who is of good moral character may make application for examination for license providing that he or she produce evidence satisfactory to the Maryland State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners of his or her graduation from a school, college, hospital, or university which had a physical therapy course which is considered complete and acceptable by the Maryland State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners."

Delete the remainder of this subsection.

(Delete necessity for approval of other Board's standards and to add entities other than States)

Section 610, Subsection (a) - Change to read:

"Persons licensed outside of State - Any physical therapist who is licensed or registered in any other State Commonwealth, Possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia, and who meets the qualifications for licensure by examination in Maryland, and was licensed by examination in the other State way, at the discretion of the Board, be eligible to receive a license as a physical therapist in this State, without examination."

(Authorize temporary licensure).

Section 610 - Add a new Subsection to read:

"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 any person whose application for examination has been approved. Such temporary license shall not exceed by more than 180 days, the date of the next scheduled examination and shall expire when the Board makes a final determination with respect to the results of the examination."



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Section 611 - Change the Third sentence to read:

"All licenses shall be renewed by application to the Board, upon payment of a renewal fee of \$5.00, and such renewal of license shall be granted unless the licensee improperly or unlawfully obtained the license in the first instance, or since its issuance has committed a substantial violation of any of the provisions of this sub-title. Any licensee who fails to make application for renewal of his or her license within 3 months of its expiration, accompanied by the required renewal fee shall be refused a renewal until he or she shall have satisfactorily passed the examination as set forth in Subsection (b) of Section 610 of this subtitle, and have paid the \$10.00 fee hereinbefore set forth for such examination.

(A useless exercise)

Section 612 - Delete the last sentence which requires that a list of physical therapists be sent to the State Board of Health and Mental Hygiene

(clarification)

Section 614 - Change to read:

"All laws or parts of laws inconsistent herewith are repealed to the extent of such inconsistency, but nothing herein contained shall be construed to apply to students in the fulfillment of a physical therapy educational program of a school of Physical Therapy which is approved by the Board where the students are under the direct supervision of a licensed physical therapist, or to amend the laws relating to the practice of chiropractic, osteopathy, dentistry, chiropody, nursing, optometry, medicine and surgery, except as specifically provided in this sub-title. Nothing in this sub-title shall be construed to prohibit chiropractors from practicing physical therapy in their practice as chiropractors; not to apply to the practice of beauty culture, hairdressing, or in the operation of health clubs, so far as non-medical treatments are concerned; nor to prohibit or prevent the advertising of health clubs as health clubs. Neither shall any action be taken under the authority of this sub-title to accomplish any of these results.

Please give us your comments on these proposals by July 1, so that we can have a specific bill drafted and before us for consideration at our meeting in September.

A copy of the law as it now reads, including the amendments from the 1967 Session, is attached for your information.

Enclosure

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