

Conn. - back ward progress  
may do simple massage  
as in beauty parlors.

Illinois - Right to practice  
various forms of healing  
Surgery & Surgery

Ohio - no special license  
for P.T. might qualify  
under electro-ther. or massage-  
Th. or Swedish mass.  
"massage - medical  
massage"

New York - 3 letters -  
Queer legislation.  
Cannot be enforced.

Mass. - no regulation  
great abuse  
no court action

California -  
no direct control.  
3 Boards.

Conn. - mod. Surg.  
osteopathy & naturopathy  
Can employ P.T. to work  
under their direction.

Penn. licensed to  
work under physician.  
Swear requirement, then  
Am.C. of P.T.

Rather proud of their law  
distinction between  
Chiropractor & Therapist.

D.C. - under direction  
of person licensed  
to practice healing art.

RESULTS OF A SURVEY RE:

STATE LAWS GOVERNING PHYSICAL THERAPY TECHNICIANS

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The American Registry of Physical Therapy Technicians

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No laws have been enacted in the following states requiring that  
physical therapy technicians be licensed:

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| Alabama   | Nebraska  |
| Arizona   | New Hampshire   |
| Arkansas  | New Jersey (A professional nurse,<br>masseur or electrician is per-<br>mitted to give treatments under<br>the direction of a licensed<br>physician or surgeon.) |
| California  | New Mexico  |
| Colorado (Chiropractors practicing<br>electrotherapy must have a<br>certificate)  | North Carolina  |
| Connecticut (It has been rumored<br>that a bill is to be introduced<br>at the 1939 session of the<br>Connecticut General Assembly.) | Ohio  |
| Delaware  | Oklahoma  |
| District of Columbia  | Oregon  |
| Georgia   | South Carolina  |
| Idaho (Chiropractors are permitted<br>to practice physical therapy)   | South Dakota  |
| Illinois (The Am. Federation of<br>Physiotherapists is attempting<br>to introduce a bill.)  | Tennessee   |
| Indiana   | Texas   |
| Iowa  | Utah (Physical therapy is included<br>under the practice of Naturopathy)  |
| Maryland  | Vermont   |
| Massachusetts   | Virginia  |
| Michigan  | Washington  |
| Minnesota   | West Virginia   |
| Mississippi   | Wisconsin (Licensure is required<br>for those practicing massage<br>and hydrotherapy.)  |
| Missouri  | Wyoming   |
| Montana   | Territory of Alaska   |
|   | Territory of Hawaii   |

The following states require that physical therapy technicians  
be licensed:

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| Kansas (Basic Science Law provides<br>that any person not licensed by<br>some branch of the healing art<br>shall pass an examination in the<br>basic sciences.)  | New York   |
| Nevada (Medical Practice Act states<br>that applicants in all branches<br>of medicine, with the exception<br>of osteopaths and chiropractors,<br>must take an examination before<br>the Board before establishing an<br>office or practicing their pro-<br>fession in this state.) | Pennsylvania   |
|  | Rhode Island (Chiropractors and<br>physicians must take special<br>examination and are the only<br>ones who can practice physical<br>therapy.) |

No information was received from the following states:

Florida  
Kentucky

Louisiana  
Maine

North Dakota

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November 2, 1938

Miss Marion G. Smith, Registrar,  
30 N. Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Miss Smith:

We have now had a chance to go over the copies of the letters pertaining to legislation in the various states. As ~~questionnaires~~, the answers are bizarre and difficult of tabulation so that we have not been able to utilize the material as much as would be desired.

I think if this type of information is to be accurate and valuable so that it might be published, we would have to design a special questionnaire so that identical information could be secured from each state board secretary.

We are enclosing a table which might be of some use to you as a ready reference. Do you wish us to return the material you let us have, or shall we keep it here in our files?

Very sincerely yours,

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