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FROM: The American Physical Therapy Association of Maryland

TO: All Physical Therapists licensed by the Maryland State Board of P.T. Examiners

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the physical therapy legislation now pending before the Maryland General Assembly, for which we seek your support.

S.B. 15, by Legislative Council - Regarding the exclusion of physical therapy students from necessity of licensure in the fulfillment of their educational requirements. (Passed by Senate 2-2-66).

S.B. 27, by Malkus - Correcting a word, changing an "or" to an "of".

H.B.361, by Helms and co-sponsors (Introduced February 10, 1966)

Providing for the addition of two physical therapists to the present Board of five medical doctors, the selection to be made by the Governor from lists submitted by the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of Maryland (in the same manner as the doctors are now selected).

The Legislative Committee of the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty has approved this amendment.

The Maryland State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners favors the addition of two physical therapists to the Board.

The American Physical Therapy Association of Maryland has sponsored this amendment and whole-heartedly supports it for the following reasons:

1. Maryland is the only State in which no physical therapists are represented on their own Examining Board.
2. With the exception of physical therapy, all professions covered by the Health Act of Maryland are governed by Boards made up of persons from their respective professions.
3. The present Board of five medical doctors has borne the full responsibility of administering our law, and we feel it is time we share in the burden of this responsibility.
4. With the advent of such far-reaching programs as Medicare, each health profession will be shouldered with many new problems which are peculiar to their own field and cannot possibly be fully administered by representatives from other fields.

We ask your full support of this legislation and ask that you fill out and return the enclosed card immediately.