

(a) All persons licensed as physical therapists under the provisions of this subtitle, and no others, shall be known as physical therapists and shall be entitled to use the abbreviation "P.T." or any other words, letters or symbols which indicate that the person using the same is a licensed physical therapist and authorized to practice as such in this State, and shall be permitted to employ

assistants who have had a least two (2) years training in physical therapy as an apprentice under the direct supervision of a licensed physical therapist, in private practice, or an approved hospital or institution: or have had the minimum of one (1) year schooling in physical therapy at any incorporated school, university or college offering a course in physical therapy, approved by the State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners. Said assistant being permitted to assist only under the direct supervision of a licensed physical therapist.

(b) Registration - Without examination. Any person who has assisted a licensed physical therapist in the State of Maryland for two (2) years or more prior to June 1, 1967, shall be entitled to be registered as a physical therapy assistant by the State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners upon application with an affidavit from a approved hospital, institution or licensed physical therapist, stating that he or she is of good moral character and has assisted in the treatment of patients under the direct supervision of a licensed physical therapist for a period of not less than two (2) years in the State of Maryland prior to the application for registration. All applicants must be at least 21 years of age. No applications for registration without examination will be accepted after January 1, 1968.

(c) By examination. Every person other than those covered by subsection (b), Section 612, of good moral character, who has completed an apprenticeship in physical therapy assistance either in an approved hospital, institution or with a licensed physical therapist in private practice not less than one (1) year and or has had one (1) year of physical therapy in an accredited school approved by the State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners.

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Fees and renewal. All persons registered as a physical therapy assistant under the provisions of this subtitle shall, as a precedent granting such registration pay to the State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners a fee of five (\$5.00) dollars, which shall accompany the application for registration. Said fee shall be retained by the Board whether or not the registration is issued. All registrations heretofore issued under the provision of this subtitle shall expire January 1, 1968, and shall be renewed by application to the Board on payment of the renewal fee of two (\$2.00) dollars, and shall be granted unless the registerer improperly or unlawfully obtains the registration in the first instance or since it's issuance, has committed any violations of any of the provisions of this subtitle. Each registration issued or renewed after June 1, 1969, shall be renewed annually upon the renewal fee of two (\$2.00) dollars. Any registerer who fails to make application for renewal of his or her registration within three (3) months of it's expiration accompanied by the required renewal fee, shall not be renewed until he or she shall have successfully passed the examination as set forth in sub-section (c) of Section 612, of this subtitle and paid the five (\$5.00) dollar fee hereinbefore set forth for such examination.

(e) Penalties. Subject to the provisions of this subtitle no person shall use the title Registered Physical Therapy Assistant nor use the abbreviation R.P.T.A. or any other words, letters or symbols which indicate that he or she is a registered physical therapy assistant unless registered herein provided. Any person violating any provisions of this subtitle shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be fined not more than two hundred (\$200.00) dollars. The State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners shall cause to be presented to the State's attorney of Baltimore City or of the county herein any violation occurs.

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