

Not A.P.T.A.

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DELEGATE MANDEL—Judiciary

By the HOUSE OF DELEGATES, February 28, 1967.

Introduced, read first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

order, JAMES P. MAUSE, Chief Clerk.

A BILL

ENTITLED

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 612 of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume), title "Health," subtitle "Physical Therapists," amending the laws concerning physical therapists with particular respect to the use of the abbreviation "P. T." and providing also for physical therapy apprentices, the registration and examination of physical therapists, fees for such registration, and providing penalties for a violation of this Act.

1 SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,*
2 That Section 612 of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland
3 (1965 Replacement Volume), title "Health," subtitle "Physical
4 Therapists," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with
5 amendments, to read as follows:

1 612.

2 (a)

2 (a) All persons licensed as physical therapists under the pro-
3 visions of this subtitle, and no others, shall be known as physical
4 therapists and shall be entitled to use the abbreviation "P.T." or
5 any other words, letters or symbols which indicate that the person
6 using the same is a licensed physical therapist and authorized to
7 practice as such in this State, *and shall be permitted to employ*
8 *assistants who have had at least two (2) years training in physical*
9 *therapy as an apprentice under the direct supervision of a licensed*
10 *physical therapist, in private practice, or an approved hospital or*
11 *institution; or have had the minimum of one (1) year schooling*
12 *in physical therapy at any incorporated school, university or college*
13 *offering a course in physical therapy, approved by the State Board*
14 *of Physical Therapy Examiners. Said assistant being permitted to*
15 *assist only under the direct supervision of a licensed physical thera-*
16 *pist.*

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*
[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

1 (b) Any person who has assisted a licensed physical therapist
2 in the State of Maryland for two (2) years or more prior to June
3 1, 1967, shall be entitled to be registered as a physical therapy
4 assistant by the State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners upon
5 application with an affidavit from an approved hospital, institu-
6 tion or licensed physical therapist, stating that he or she is of
7 good moral character and has assisted in the treatment of patients
8 under the direct supervision of a licensed physical therapist for a
9 period of not less than two (2) years in the State of Maryland
10 prior to the application for registration. All applicants must be at
11 least 21 years of age. No applications for registration without
12 examination will be accepted after January 1, 1968.

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

8 (d) All persons registered as a physical therapy assistant under
9 the provisions of this subtitle shall, as a precedent granting such
10 registration pay to the State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners
11 a fee of five dollars (\$5.00), which shall accompany the application
12 for registration. Said fee shall be retained by the Board whether or
13 not the registration is issued. All registrations heretofore issued
14 under the provision of this subtitle shall expire January 1, 1968,
15 and shall be renewed by application to the Board on payment of the
16 renewal fee of two dollars (\$2.00), and shall be granted unless the
17 registrant improperly or unlawfully obtains the registration in the
18 first instance or since its issuance, has committed any violations of
19 any of the provisions of this subtitle. Each registration issued or
20 renewed after June 1, 1969, shall be renewed annually upon the
21 renewal fee of two dollars (\$2.00). Any registrant who fails to
22 make application for renewal of his or her registration within
23 three (3) months of its expiration accompanied by the required
24 renewal fee, shall not be renewed until he or she shall have success-
25 fully passed the examination as set forth in subsection (c) of Sec-
26 tion 612, of this subtitle and paid the five dollar (\$5.00) fee herein-
27 before set forth for such examination.

28 (e) Subject to the provisions of this subtitle no person shall use
29 the title Registered Physical Therapy Assistant nor use the ab-
30 breviation R.P.T.A. or any other words, letters or symbols which
31 indicate that he or she is a registered physical therapy assistant
32 unless registered as herein provided. Any person violating any pro-
33 visions of this subtitle shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon con-
34 viction, shall be fined not more than two hundred dollars (\$200.00).
35 The State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners shall cause the
36 violation to be presented to the State's Attorney of Baltimore City
37 or of the county wherein any violation occurs.

38 (f) The State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners shall
39 send to the State Board of Health the name and address of each
40 person licensed as a physical therapist.

1 SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect
2 June 1, 1967.