

PHYSICAL THERAPY LEGISLATION
1966

The American Physical Therapy Association of Maryland has drawn up an amendment to the Physical Therapy Practice Act requesting the addition of two physical therapists to the Board of Physical Therapy Examiners which at present consists of five medical doctors.

The five doctors are selected by the Governor from lists submitted by the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty and the physical therapists would be selected in the same manner.

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

The Physical Therapy Board of Examiners favours the addition of two physical therapists.

The American Physical Therapy Association of Maryland, which is the largest organization of physical therapists in the State, whole-heartedly supports the amendment.

Delegate William Helms, along with several co-sponsors, will introduce the bill in the House in the very near future.

Attached is a copy of the proposed amendment.

Also attached are copies of two bills already introduced:

S.B. 15 which excludes students, in approved schools of Physical Therapy, from necessity of licensure.

S.B. 27 which corrects an error in wording, changing or to of.

Senate of Maryland

NO. 15

BY THE PRESIDENT (Legislative Council)—Judicial Proceedings

By the SENATE, January 19, 1966.

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

By order, J. WATERS PARRISH, Secretary.

A BILL

ENTITLED

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 614 of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Health," subtitle "Physical Therapy," to provide for an exclusion from the licensing requirements of the physical therapy law for students of physical therapy taking programs in approved Physical Therapy Schools under the supervision of licensed persons.

1 SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,*
2 That Section 614 of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland
3 (1957 Edition), title "Health," subtitle "Physical Therapy," be and
4 and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read
5 as follows:

1 614.

2 All laws or parts of laws inconsistent herewith are repealed to the
3 extent of such inconsistency, but nothing herein contained shall be
4 construed to *apply to students in the fulfillment of a physical Therapy*
5 *educational program of a school of Physical Therapy which is ap-*
6 *proved by the Board where the students are under the direct super-*
7 *vision of a licensed physical therapist, or to amend the laws relating*
8 *to the practice of chiropractic, osteopathy, dentistry, chiropody, nurs-*
9 *ing, optometry, medicine and surgery or to prohibit chiropractors*
10 *from practicing physical therapy in their practice as chiropractors;*
11 *nor to the practice of beauty culture, hairdressing or in the operation*
12 *of health clubs, in nonmedical treatments, except as specifically pro-*
13 *vided in this subtitle, provided, that nothing in this subtitle shall be*
14 *construed as to prohibit or prevent the advertising of health clubs as*
15 *health clubs, nor shall any action be taken under the authority of this*
16 *subtitle to accomplish such a result.*

1 SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect*
2 *June 1, 1966.*

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

Senate of Maryland

NO. 27

MR. MALKUS—Judicial Proceedings.

By the SENATE, January 20, 1966.

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

By order, J. WATERS PARRISH, Secretary.

A BILL

ENTITLED

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 609 (b) of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume), title "Health", subtitle "Physical Therapy", amending the laws concerning the revocation or suspension of the licenses of physical therapists in order to correct an error therein.

1 SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,*
2 *That Section 609 (b) of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland*
3 *(1965 Replacement Volume), title "Health", subtitle "Physical*
4 *Therapy", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amend-*
5 *ments, to read as follows:*

1 609.

2 (b) Before revoking or suspending any license, the Board shall
3 furnish a copy of the complaint and charges to the person charged,
4 and afford that person an opportunity for a hearing before the
5 Board, in person or by his attorney. The Board's action shall be made
6 in writing, giving the reasons for its action, and a copy shall be
7 delivered or mailed to the person charged. Within sixty days after
8 receipt of notice [or] of revocation or suspension the person charged
9 may appeal the action of the Board to the circuit court of the county
10 or the Baltimore City court where the person resides. Either party
11 to the appeal has a further right to appeal to the Court of Appeals
12 from the decision of the court on appeal from the Board.

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2 *June 1, 1966.*

EXPLANATION:

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Proposed Amendment to Maryland State Physical Therapy Law
To Be Introduced at 1966 Session of Legislature

Section 606.

On June 1, 1949, the term of each member of the State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners then in office shall terminate, and on said date the Governor shall appoint five (5) persons who shall be known as the State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners. Each person appointed to said Board shall be licensed to practice medicine under the laws of this State. One of the appointments shall be for a term of one (1) year, one for a term of two (2) years, one for a term of three (3) years, one for a term of four (4) years, and one for a term of five (5) years; thereafter, appointments shall be for terms of five (5) years. On June 1, 1966 the Governor shall appoint to the Board of Physical Therapy Examiners two physical therapists who are licensed to practice physical therapy under the laws of this State, one to be appointed for a term of three years, and one for a term of five years; and thereafter each physical therapist shall be replaced by a physical therapist for a term of five years. Vacancies shall be filled by the Governor for the unexpired terms. All appointments shall be from lists of names of qualified persons submitted to the Governor by the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of Maryland, and shall contain not less than three (3) names for each appointment to be made. For the transaction of business, the concurrence of at least ~~three (3)~~ four (4) members of the Board shall be necessary. Members of the Board shall be entitled to receive such compensation as it may determine from time to time, not to exceed ten dollars (\$10.00) per day for each day they are engaged in transacting the business of the Board. The members shall receive also their necessary traveling expenses. The Board shall elect annually one of its members as chairman, and shall also elect annually a secretary, who need not be a member of the Board. The secretary shall receive such compensation as may be provided in the budget; and the compensation of the members, the secretary, and all expenses of the Board shall be paid from its receipts. The Board shall have the authority to obtain information which it may require in the field of physical therapy and, for that purpose, may secure the advice of experts and consultants to be paid out of the funds of the Board. (An. Code, 1951, sec. 567; 1947, ch.906, sec.533; 1949, ch.569, sec. 533.)

(To be rewarded
by Legislative
Reference)

and are actively
engaged in
physical therapy
in Maryland

January 5, 1966

Presented to and approved by the Legislative Committee
of the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of Maryland