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To: Members of the Maryland Chapter, A.P.T.A. who are not licensed in Maryland.

The enclosed letter is being sent to you for your information although your name does not appear on the list of those licensed in Maryland.

It is imperative that we ascertain whether you are doing any physical therapy in Maryland without being licensed. The A.P.T.A. Maryland Chapter Bylaws state If in active practice of physical therapy in the State of Maryland, they (referring to active and life members) shall be licensed by the Maryland State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners, or have filed application for licenses and are awaiting examination by this Board. The exceptions to this rule are physical therapists who practice only on a Federal Reservation.

If you are not licensed, have not applied for a license or your work is not limited to a Federal Reservation, it is illegal for you to be employed in the practice of physical therapy in Maryland.

Please state on the enclosed card your status:

- (1) License applied for.
- (2) Work on a Federal Reservation only.
- (3) Not engaged in physical therapy practice.

To all Phy. Ther. Licensed by ^{The} Md. State Bd of Phy Ther Ex
From the A.P.T.A. of Md.

This letter is being written to inform you of the ^{pending P.T.} legislation
in the Md. Gen. Assembly for which we seek your support
S.B. 15^A, as a Legislative Council bill, exempt ~~the~~ student
in approved P.T. schools from ^{the} necessity of ^{and} licensure.
It has passed the Senate
S.B. 27, by Malheur, is merely a correction of a
word, changing an or to an of. It has passed the Senate

H.B. —, by W^m Helms & cosponsors — — — requests the
addition of 2 phy ther to the present Board of 5 M.D.S
the selection of the phy ther to be ^{made}
~~made~~ by the Gov., from lists submitted by the
Med & Chir Fac, ^{in the same manner} as the M.D.S. are selected.

The Legis Com. of the Med & Chir. Faculty
has approved the amendment.

The Board of P.T. Exam. favors the
addition of 2 P.T.s.

The A.P.T.A. of Md. has sponsored
this amendment, and whole-heartedly
supports it.

Background information:

On Mar —, 1965,

Last March a meeting was held at which
the Board of P.T. Examiners met & rep. of the A.P.T.A. of Md
& the Md. P.T. Soc. at that time it was ~~proposed~~ that
the proposal ~~was~~ to add 2 P.T.s. to the Board,
with one named from the A.P.T.A. & 1 fr. the Soc.
This proposal was taken back to the A.P.T.A. general
meeting with the explanation that the Board

had recommended this as ^a way of ~~and~~ avoiding any factional hassle over legislation. With reservations, the A.P.T.A. approved

The amendment was submitted on Sept 28th 1965 to the Legis Council ^{by the Sec. and the Comptroller} to the Board.

The amend was not approved

P.T.s were not notified of the hearing ^{none were present} ~~to speak in its favor~~

Upon receipt of this information an early ~~law~~ ^{prep. on the Board} request that the Med & Chir Fac. send the names of P.T.s to the Gov., as has been the manner of sel. recommended in their original amendment sent to the Board ~~prior to the meeting~~ ^{These}

amendment as resubmitted, & now introduced, has the approval of ^{the} Legis Com. of Med. Chir., ~~we~~

~~feel this is~~ ^{the} step in the right direction ^{if mor}

Since the Board of ^{P.T.} Examiners voted ^{1 to 2} ~~on the amend~~ ^{to} they feel committed to stand by that vote in regard to the manner of selection, but do not oppose us in asking for this change, & are still in favor of the addition of 2 P.T.s.

It is the opinion of a P.T.A. ^{that} ~~less~~ factional problems will enter the picture if neither group is mentioned in the Bill

That ~~either~~ ^{any} group involved - a P.T.A. of Md., a P.T.A. members of the ~~D.C.~~ ^{decided} in Md but belonging to the D.C. Chapt., ~~and~~ the Md. P.T. Soc, or ~~members~~ persons - at-large who belong to none of the organizations, may, if they wish, inform the Med & Chir Fac. of their about persons they feel ^{qual.} to ^{serve on the} ~~act as~~ Board ~~members~~

That the presence of all P.T. lies in "mind" on the Board will be in the best interest of all P.T. lies in "mind"

Please ~~return~~ ^{return} the enclosure ^{and} immediately checking whether you support or oppose the H. B. - placing 2 P.T.s on the Board

At this time we wish to thank you
for returning the cards regarding whether
you are eligible for A.P.T.A. ~~Project~~
There appear to be many prospective
members. Others may not have all
the necessary qualifications, but we
intend to follow up with by giving
you more ~~details~~ information ~~to~~
in order that you may determine your
eligibility. The pre-occupation with
matters of legis. necessarily delays
the completion of that project.