

Resume of Activities Relating to Physical Therapy Legislation

- Jan. & Feb. 1965 A.P.T.A.^① drew up proposed amendments to Physical Therapy Act, discussed and revised them, and sent copies of the present law with amendments to the Board of Physical Therapy Examiners for consideration.
- March 4, 1965 Meeting of the Board of Examiners, three representatives from the A.P.T.A., and three from the Maryland State Physical Therapy Society, Inc.
- March 30, 1965 Letter from Legislative Chairman A.P.T.A. (Mr. Gilbert Fine) to Mr. Clemens Gaines, Secretary to the Board of Physical Therapy Examiners stating what the A.P.T.A. representatives believed to be the results of the previous meeting.
- May 10, 1965 Letter from Mr. Gaines stating points of disagreement with Mr. Fine's letter.
- May 27, 1965 Letter from Legislative Chairman of A.P.T.A. (now Mr. Ernest Burch) to Dr. Jones, Chairman of the Board of Examiners, attempting to clarify some of the misunderstandings regarding the March meeting.
- June 24, 1965 Letter from Dr. Jones regarding points of agreement and what amendments will be drafted, and stating, "we will draft the specific amendments and submit to you, the Society, and the Legislative Council."
- July 27, 1965 Letter from Legislative Chairman A.P.T.A. to Dr. Jones saying, "The Chapter is in agreement with the basic premises you proposed and is ready to work closely with your office to achieve improvements in the law. You have stated that you will draft the specific amendments and submit them to us, the Society, and the Legislative Council, therefore, we will now await further word from your office."
- (No further official correspondence with the Board during 1965)
- Dec. 15, 1965 At a dinner meeting of the A.P.T.A., by chance, we were informed that the entire Health Act of Maryland was undergoing "Housekeeping Revision", and that this Revision was to be introduced into the 1966 session of the Legislature.
- Dec. 23, 1965 Meeting of A.P.T.A. representatives with a member of the Md. House of Delegates, and a newspaper correspondent.

① A.P.T.A. refers to Maryland Chapter of the American Physical Therapy Association also known as A.P.T.A. of Maryland, Inc.

Dec. 29, 1965 A joint meeting of the A.P.T.A. Executive and Legislative Committees was held to discuss the Proposed Physical Therapy Amendments. A copy of the Health Act Revisions (294 page book) had been obtained from Mr. John Sargeant at the Medical & Chirurgical Faculty, and was brought out for review of the Physical Therapy section at this meeting. It became obvious that some rather serious errors had crept into this Revision in which there is supposed to be no revision of the intent of the law. (At this point we were still under the impression that these Revisions would go to the 1966 Legislature. If this were to be the case, our present Physical Therapy Proposed Amendments had then suddenly become obsolete because they did not fit into the format of the reorganized and reworded Revision.)

Dec. 30, 1965 Zerox copies of the Physical Therapy Section of the Health Act Revision were sent to Dr. Jones as Chairman of the Board, with meager notes in the margins indicating some of the errors.

Dec. 30, 1965 Call to Mr. Sargeant to inform him that we felt the Physical Therapy part of the Health Act Revision had affected the intent. He advised us to call Mr. Donald Allen, Jr., atty. in charge of the Revision.

Dec. 31, 1965 Call to Mr. Allen to inquire what procedures necessary to rectify errors and we were advised to contact him about our recommendations.

Jan. 3, 1966 Mr. Bill Lang, president, Maryland Chapter A.P.T.A., called Mr. Gaines to try to determine the status of the proposed Physical Therapy Amendments. Through ^{Gaines} Miss ~~secretary~~, Mr. Lang was advised that we could obtain information from Mr. Lee Benson (Pl.2-2000)

Jan. 4, 1966 Telephone conversation with Mr. Benson disclosed that there had been a Hearing before the Judiciary Committee of the Legislative Council on September 28, 1965 at which time Mr. Gaines and W. Richard Ferguson, M.D. had appeared to present the proposed ^{P.T. Amends.} On October 27 at a business meeting of the Committee that held the Hearing, proposals 1,2 & 3 received unfavorable reports, and the fourth proposal, dealing with exempting physical therapy students from the necessity of licensure, was given a favorable report. Proposals 1,2 & 3 according to the June 24, 1965 letter from Dr. Jones, dealt with having two physical therapists added to the Board, mandatory application for licensure, temporary licensure, and reciprocity. (However, the A.P.T.A. has never received a copy of the proposals as they were presented, did not know that a Hearing was to have been held, and had no representatives at the Hearing.)

Joint meeting of Executive and Legislative Committees, A.P.T.A.

Jan. 5, 1966 Proposed Physical Therapy Amendment to add two Physical Therapists to the Board (revised to permit the Medical & Chir. Faculty to submit names of P.T.s to Governor) submitted to and approved by the Legislative Committee of the Medical & Chirurgical Faculty.

NOTE: From Mr. Sargeant, Mr. Allen, and Mr. Benson we received information that the Health Act Revisions are not expected to be introduced in the 1966 Legislative session. This information has permitted us to resume our efforts to introduce an amendment to add two physical therapists to the Board of Examiners.

Jan. 5,7,10,1966 Attempts to obtain appointment with Chairman of the Board of Examiners.

Jan. 12, 1966 Received information that we may contact Dr. Hersperger in the absence of Dr. Jones, Chairman. Dr. Hersperger set meeting date for Tuesday, Jan. 18,1966 at 4:30 p.m.

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- May 6, 1966 House Bill #361 was signed by the Governor, amending the Physical Therapy Act to add two physical therapists to the Board of Examiners which previously consisted of five M.D.'s.
- June 1, 1966 Henry O. Kendall appointed to the five year term, and Ernest A. Burch, Jr. appointed to the three year term on the Board of Physical Therapy Examiners.
- June, 1966 Mr. Burch resigned as chairman, and Mr. Kendall resigned as a member, of the Legislative Committee of the Maryland Chapter of the A.P.T.A.
- At the request of the Chapter president, Mrs. Kendall and Mr. Fine agreed to act, temporarily, as co-chairmen of the Legislative Committee. Continuing as members were Miss Latimer and Mr. Rhoads, with Mr. Lang as an ex-officio member.
- July 5, 1966 Amended copy of the Health Act Revision submitted to Mr. Gaines for presentation to the Legislative Council, Sub-Committee.
- Sept. 21, 1966 Chapter voted to retain Mr. Joseph Kaufman as attorney for the Chapter.
- Sept. 26, 1966 Mr. Kaufman was presented with pertinent material regarding the Maryland Chapter.
1. State Physical Therapy Law
 2. Articles of Incorporation
 3. Chapter By-laws
 4. Health Act Revisions, as amended
 5. Workmens Compensation Fee Schedule
- Nov. 8, 1966 Co-chairmen met with Mr. Kaufman to discuss
1. Health Act Revisions
 2. Health Clubs
 3. Chiropractors
 4. Definition of the practice of physical therapy
- Nov. 9, 1966 Meeting of Legislative Committee
(Due to conflict with Executive Committee meeting same night, Mr. Lang and Miss Latimer were absent. Mr. Fine attended the Executive Committee meeting before attending the Legislative Committee.) Those present, Mr. Rhoads, Mr. Fine, Mrs. Kendall and Mr. Burch, by invitation. The matters discussed with Mr. Kaufman were reviewed but no specific action taken, pending a meeting of the full committee.

Nov. 1966 Bylaws Committee, Sub-committee of Legislative Committee, after numerous meetings completed work on Revision of Chapter Bylaws.

Jan. 1967 Bylaws approved by the A.P.T.A. and adopted by the Chapter.

Jan. 13, 1967 Legislative Committee met to discuss a proposed bill regarding assistants submitted by a non-A.P.T.A. person.

Feb. 8, 1967 In lieu of a meeting of the Legislative Committee (called for Feb. 7 but cancelled on account of a snow storm), the Legislative Committee Chairman met with one of our advisors Dr. Karl Mech regarding the advisability of proposing an amendment to the physical therapy law to redefine physical therapy. The revised definition, drawn up by a special committee, had been published in the newsletter.

Feb. 15, 1967 The Legislative Committee was charged with the responsibility of seeking an amendment to the physical therapy law following a motion adopted by the Chapter at the regular business meeting on this date.

Feb. 16, 1967 Proposed amendment to define the Practice of Physical Therapy was sent with a letter to the members of the Board of Examiners, the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty, and attorney.

Feb. 23, 1967 The Medical and Chirurgical Faculty added a minor amendment and so informed the attorney and A.P.T.A. Legislative Committee Chairman.

Feb. 23, 1967 Meeting of Legislative Committee to draw up statement for the attorney regarding reasons why legislation was necessary and advisable.

Feb. 28, 1967 H.B. 736 introduced.
Letter received by Board members from Mr. Gaines, discouraging introduction of bill. (Fortunately the bill was introduced that day.)

Mar. 1, 1967 Letter written to Board members refuting objections raised by Mr. Gaines.

Mar. 6, 1967 President and Legislative Committee Chairman met with the Board of Examiners. Two amendments recommended by the Board.

Mar. 7, 1967 Letter to Board members regarding acceptance of some recommendations and modification of others as made at the March 6 meeting.

Mar. 13, 1967 Trip to Annapolis by the attorney and Legislative Committee Chairman to appear before the House Judiciary Committee. Letter and statement in support of the bill given to the Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee.

Mar. 21, 1967 H.B. 736 passed the House and went to the Senate. Referred to Economic Affairs Committee.

Mar. 1967 Attorney appeared before Senate Committee in support of the bill.

Mar. 25, 1967 H.B. 736 enacted.

Apr. 13, 1967 Legislative Committee met with Mr. Kaufman.

Apr. 14, 1967 H.B. 736 signed into law by the Governor.