

HB 1230 - S COMM AMD
By Committee on Health Care

NOT CONSIDERED

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 18.74.150 and 2007 c 98 s 13 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 (1) It is unlawful for any person to practice or in any manner hold
6 himself or herself out to practice physical therapy or designate
7 himself or herself as a physical therapist or physical therapist
8 assistant, unless he or she is licensed in accordance with this
9 chapter.

10 (2) This chapter does not restrict persons licensed under any other
11 law of this state from engaging in the profession or practice for which
12 they are licensed, if they are not representing themselves to be
13 physical therapists, physical therapist assistants, or providers of
14 physical therapy.

15 (3) The following persons are exempt from licensure as physical
16 therapists under this chapter when engaged in the following activities:

17 (a) A person who is pursuing a course of study leading to a degree
18 as a physical therapist in an approved professional education program
19 and is satisfying supervised clinical education requirements related to
20 his or her physical therapy education while under direct supervision of
21 a licensed physical therapist;

22 (b) A physical therapist while practicing in the United States
23 armed services, United States public health service, or veterans
24 administration as based on requirements under federal regulations for
25 state licensure of health care providers; and

26 (c) A physical therapist licensed in another United States
27 jurisdiction, or a foreign-educated physical therapist credentialed in
28 another country, performing physical therapy as part of teaching or
29 participating in an educational seminar of no more than sixty days in
30 a calendar year.

1 (4) The following persons are exempt from licensure as physical
2 therapist assistants under this chapter when engaged in the following
3 activities:

4 (a) A person who is pursuing a course of study leading to a degree
5 as a physical therapist assistant in an approved professional education
6 program and is satisfying supervised clinical education requirements
7 related to his or her physical therapist assistant education while
8 under direct supervision of a licensed physical therapist or licensed
9 physical therapist assistant;

10 (b) A physical therapist assistant while practicing in the United
11 States armed services, United States public health service, or veterans
12 administration as based on requirements under federal regulations for
13 state licensure of health care providers; and

14 (c) A physical therapist assistant licensed in another United
15 States jurisdiction, or a foreign-educated physical therapist assistant
16 credentialed in another country, or a physical therapist assistant who
17 is teaching or participating in an educational seminar of no more than
18 sixty days in a calendar year.

19 **Sec. 2.** RCW 18.74.180 and 2007 c 98 s 16 are each amended to read
20 as follows:

21 A physical therapist is professionally and legally responsible for
22 patient care given by assistive personnel under his or her supervision.
23 If a physical therapist fails to adequately supervise patient care
24 given by assistive personnel, the board may take disciplinary action
25 against the physical therapist.

26 (1) Regardless of the setting in which physical therapy services
27 are provided, only the licensed physical therapist may perform the
28 following responsibilities:

29 (a) Interpretation of referrals;

30 (b) Initial examination, problem identification, and diagnosis for
31 physical therapy;

32 (c) Development or modification of a plan of care that is based on
33 the initial examination and includes the goals for physical therapy
34 intervention;

35 (d) Determination of which tasks require the expertise and
36 decision-making capacity of the physical therapist and must be

1 personally rendered by the physical therapist, and which tasks may be
2 delegated;

3 (e) Assurance of the qualifications of all assistive personnel to
4 perform assigned tasks through written documentation of their education
5 or training that is maintained and available at all times;

6 (f) Delegation and instruction of the services to be rendered by
7 the physical therapist, physical therapist assistant, or physical
8 therapy aide including, but not limited to, specific tasks or
9 procedures, precautions, special problems, and contraindicated
10 procedures;

11 (g) Timely review of documentation, reexamination of the patient,
12 and revision of the plan of care when indicated;

13 (h) Establishment of a discharge plan.

14 (2) Supervision requires that the patient reevaluation is
15 performed:

16 (a) Every fifth visit, or if treatment is performed more than five
17 times per week, reevaluation must be performed at least once a week;

18 (b) When there is any change in the patient's condition not
19 consistent with planned progress or treatment goals.

20 (3) Supervision of assistive personnel means:

21 (a) Physical therapist assistants may function under direct or
22 indirect supervision;

23 (b) Physical therapy aides must function under direct supervision;

24 (c) The physical therapist may supervise a total of two assistive
25 personnel at any one time and may supervise a total of two persons who
26 are pursuing a course of study leading to a degree as a physical
27 therapist or a physical therapist assistant."

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28 On page 1, line 3 of the title, after "assistant;" strike the
29 remainder of the title and insert "and amending RCW 18.74.150 and
30 18.74.180."

EFFECT: Limits the number of students the physical therapist may supervise to two.

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