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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2764**

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**By** House Committee on Health Care (originally sponsored by Representatives Veloria, Dyer, Dellwo, Carlson, Fuhrman, Foreman, Edmondson, Cooke, Pruitt and Long)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the authority of the board of physical therapy  
2 over supportive personnel; amending RCW 18.74.125; and reenacting and  
3 amending RCW 18.74.023.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.74.023 and 1991 c 12 s 3 and 1991 c 3 s 175 are  
6 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

7 The board has the following powers and duties:

8 (1) To administer examinations to applicants for a license under  
9 this chapter.

10 (2) To pass upon the qualifications of applicants for a license and  
11 to certify to the secretary duly qualified applicants.

12 (3) To make such rules not inconsistent with the laws of this state  
13 as may be deemed necessary or proper to carry out the purposes of this  
14 chapter.

15 (4) To establish and administer requirements for continuing  
16 competency, which shall be a prerequisite to renewing a license under  
17 this chapter.

1 (5) To keep an official record of all its proceedings, which record  
2 shall be evidence of all proceedings of the board which are set forth  
3 therein.

4 (6) To adopt rules not inconsistent with the laws of this state,  
5 when it deems appropriate, in response to questions put to it by  
6 professional health associations, physical therapists, and consumers in  
7 this state concerning the authority of physical therapists to perform  
8 particular acts.

9 (7) To adopt rules specifying duties, and education and training  
10 requirements for physical therapy support personnel.

11 (8) To adopt rules for disciplining physical therapy support  
12 personnel.

13 **Sec. 2.** RCW 18.74.125 and 1961 c 64 s 10 are each amended to read  
14 as follows:

15 Nothing in this chapter shall prohibit or restrict any person  
16 licensed, certified, or registered in this state under any other act  
17 from engaging in the practice for which he or she is (~~licensed~~)  
18 credentialed. Nothing in this chapter shall prohibit any person who,  
19 at any time prior to January 1, 1961 was practicing any healing or  
20 manipulative art in the state of Washington and designating the same as  
21 physical therapy or physiotherapy, from continuing to do so after the  
22 passage of this amendatory act: PROVIDED, That no such person shall  
23 represent himself or herself as being registered and shall not use in  
24 connection with his or her name the words or letters "registered" or  
25 "licensed" or "R.P.T."

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