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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2439**

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**By** House Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Green, Warnick, Cody, Harris, Kelley, Clibborn, Jinkins, Roberts, and Hurst)

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1            AN ACT Relating to exemptions from licensure as a physical  
2 therapist; and amending RCW 18.74.150.

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

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

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

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

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

18            (a) A person who is pursuing a course of study leading to a degree  
19 as a physical therapist in an approved professional education program

1 and is satisfying supervised clinical education requirements related to  
2 his or her physical therapy education while under direct supervision of  
3 a licensed physical therapist;

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

8 (c) A physical therapist licensed in another United States  
9 jurisdiction, or a foreign-educated physical therapist credentialed in  
10 another country, performing physical therapy as part of teaching or  
11 participating in an educational seminar of no more than sixty days in  
12 a calendar year.

13 (4) The following persons are exempt from licensure as physical  
14 therapist assistants under this chapter when engaged in the following  
15 activities:

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

22 (b) A physical therapist assistant while practicing in the United  
23 States 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 assistant licensed in another United  
27 States jurisdiction, or a foreign-educated physical therapist assistant  
28 credentialed in another country, or a physical therapist assistant who  
29 is teaching or participating in an educational seminar of no more than  
30 sixty days in a calendar year.

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