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By House Committee on Health Care (originally sponsored by Representatives Morris, Brough, Anderson, Brumsickle, Hine, Prentice, Fraser, Ebersole, Cole, Pruitt, Jacobsen, Prince, Belcher, Peery, Cooper, Wang, Cantwell, Day, Brekke, Winsley, Edmondson, R. Johnson, Padden, R. King, Nelson and Spanel).

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1 AN ACT Relating to physical therapists; amending RCW 18.74.010,
2 18.74.012, and 18.74.023; adding new sections to chapter 18.74 RCW;
3 repealing section 17, chapter 297, Laws of 1990; repealing section 18,
4 chapter 297, Laws of 1990 (uncodified); providing effective dates; and
5 declaring an emergency.

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

7 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.74.010 and 1988 c 185 s 1 are each amended to read
8 as follows:

9 Unless the context otherwise requires, the definitions in this
10 section apply throughout this chapter.

11 (1) "Board" means the board of physical therapy created by RCW
12 18.74.020.

13 (2) "Department" means the department of (~~licensing~~) health.

14 (3) (~~"Director" means the director of licensing.~~)

1 Notwithstanding the provisions of RCW 18.74.010(4), a consultation
2 and periodic review by an authorized health care practitioner is not
3 required for treatment of neuromuscular or musculoskeletal conditions:
4 PROVIDED, That a physical therapist may only provide treatment
5 utilizing orthoses that support, align, prevent, or correct any
6 structural problems intrinsic to the foot or ankle by referral or
7 consultation from an authorized health care practitioner.

8 ((This section shall expire June 30, 1991.))

9 **Sec. 3.** RCW 18.74.023 and 1986 c 259 s 124 are each amended to
10 read as follows:

11 The board has the following powers and duties:

12 (1) To administer examinations to applicants for a license under
13 this chapter.

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

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

19 (4) To establish and administer requirements for continuing
20 ((professional education as may be necessary or proper to ensure the
21 public health and safety and)) competency, which ((may)) shall be a
22 prerequisite to ((granting and)) renewing a license under this chapter.

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

26 (6) To adopt rules not inconsistent with the laws of this state,
27 when it deems appropriate, in response to questions put to it by
28 professional health associations, physical therapists, and consumers in

1 this state concerning the authority of physical therapists to perform
2 particular acts.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 18.74 RCW
4 to read as follows:

5 Nothing in this chapter restricts the ability of physical
6 therapists to work in the practice setting of their choice.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 18.74 RCW
8 to read as follows:

9 Pursuant to the boards's power in RCW 18.74.023(3), the board is
10 directed to adopt rules relating to standards for appropriateness of
11 physical therapy care. Violation of the standards adopted by rule
12 under this section is unprofessional conduct under this chapter and
13 chapter 18.130 RCW.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** The following acts or parts of acts are each
15 repealed:

- 16 (1) 1990 c 297 s 17; and
17 (2) 1990 c 297 s 18 (uncodified).

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** (1) Sections 1, 2, and 6 of this act are
19 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health,
20 or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public
21 institutions, and shall take effect June 30, 1991.

22 (2) Section 3 of this act shall take effect January 1, 1992.