

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## SHB 1532

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Synopsis as Enacted

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**Brief Description:** Creating an interim permit for physical therapist licensure candidates.

By House Committee on Health Care (originally sponsored by Representatives Veloria, Lisk, R. Johnson, Jacobsen, King, Pruitt, Karahalios, Quall, Van Luven, Long, Eide and Anderson).

House Committee on Health Care  
Senate Committee on Health & Human Services

**Background:** Currently there is no authority for a candidate for licensure as a physical therapist, who has taken the licensure examination, to practice while the results of the examination are pending.

**Summary:** With the approval of the Board of Physical Therapy, candidates for licensure as physical therapists, who have taken the licensure examination, may practice under graduate supervision pending notification of the results of the first licensure examination upon the issuance of an interim permit by the Department of Health. The interim permit is limited to a six-month duration. Graduate supervision includes an on-the-premises presence of a physical therapist who consults regarding evaluation, a treatment plan and program, and the progress of each assigned patient.

Practice is also conditioned on consultation and periodic review by physicians, osteopathic physicians, chiropractors, naturopaths, podiatrists and dentists where appropriate. The procedures of the Uniform Disciplinary Act are extended to holders of the interim permit.

**Votes on Final Passage:**

House	96	0
Senate	45	0

**Effective:** July 25, 1993