

1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 254

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend Senate Bill 254 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Illinois Physical Therapy Act is amended  
5 by changing Sections 8 and 8.1 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 90/8) (from Ch. 111, par. 4258)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2006)

8 Sec. 8. Qualifications for licensure as a Physical  
9 Therapist.

10 (a) A person is qualified to receive a license as a  
11 physical therapist if that person has applied in writing, on  
12 forms prescribed by the Department, has paid the required  
13 fees, and meets all of the following requirements:

14 (1) He or she is at least 18 years of age and of  
15 good moral character. In determining moral character, the  
16 Department may take into consideration any felony  
17 conviction of the applicant, but such a conviction shall  
18 not operate automatically as a complete bar to a license.

19 (2) A person applying for licensure after the  
20 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 93rd General  
21 Assembly must have a post-baccalaureate degree from a  
22 college or university physical therapy education program

1 approved by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical  
2 Therapy Education. A person who graduated from a  
3 physical therapy program outside the United States or its  
4 territories must submit evicence that his or her  
5 educational background is substantially equivalent to a  
6 post-baccalaureate degree from a Commission on  
7 Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education approved  
8 physical therapy educational program and conferred by a  
9 regionally accredited college or university in the United  
10 States. He--or--she--has--graduated--from--a--currieulum--in  
11 physical--therapy--approved--by---the---Department,----In  
12 approving---a---currieulum---in---physical--therapy,--the  
13 Department--shall--consider,--but--not---be---bound---by,  
14 aeereditation--by--the--Commission--on--Acceereditation--in  
15 Physical--Therapy-Education,--A-person-who-graduated-from  
16 a-physical-therapy-program-outside-the-United--States--or  
17 its-territories-shall-have-his-or-her-degree-validated-as  
18 equivalent--to--a--physical-therapy-degree-conferred-by-a  
19 regionally-acceereditated-college-or-university-in-the-United  
20 States. The Department may establish by rule a method  
21 for the completion of course deficiencies.

22 (3) He or she has passed an examination approved by  
23 the Department to determine his fitness for practice as a  
24 physical therapist, or is entitled to be licensed without  
25 examination as provided in Sections 10 and 11 of this  
26 Act. A person who graduated from a physical therapy  
27 program outside the United States or its territories and  
28 whose first language is not English shall submit  
29 certification of passage of the Test of English as a  
30 Foreign Language (TOEFL) and the Test of Spoken English  
31 (TSE) as defined by rule prior to taking the licensure  
32 examination.

33 (b) The Department reserves the right and may request a  
34 personal interview of an applicant before the Committee to

1 further evaluate his or her qualifications for a license.  
2 (Source: P.A. 91-357, eff. 7-29-99.)

3 (225 ILCS 90/8.1) (from Ch. 111, par. 4258.1)  
4 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2006)

5 Sec. 8.1. Qualifications for licensure as a physical  
6 therapist assistant. A person is qualified to receive a  
7 license as a physical therapist assistant if that person has  
8 applied in writing, on forms prescribed by the Department,  
9 has paid the required fees and:

10 (1) Is at least 18 years of age and of good moral  
11 character. In determining moral character, the  
12 Department may take into consideration any felony  
13 conviction of the applicant, but such a conviction shall  
14 not operate automatically as a complete bar to a license;

15 (2) Has graduated from a 2 year college-level  
16 physical therapist therapy assistant program accredited  
17 by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy  
18 Education. A person who graduated from a physical  
19 therapy assistant program outside the United States or  
20 its territories must submit evidence that his or her  
21 educational background is substantially equivalent to a  
22 Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education  
23 program and conferred by a regionally accredited college  
24 or university in the United States. approved-by-the  
25 Department.---In--approving--such--a--physical--therapist  
26 assistant-program-the-Department-shall-consider--but--not  
27 be---bound---by---accreditation---by--the--Commission--on  
28 Accreditation-in-Physical-Therapy-Education.--Any--person  
29 who--graduated--from-a-physical-therapy-assistant-program  
30 outside-the-United-States-or-its-territories--shall--have  
31 his--or--her-degree-validated-as-equivalent-to-a-physical  
32 therapy--assistant--degree--conferred--by--a---regionally  
33 accredited--college--or--university-in-the-United-States.

1 The Department may establish by rule a method for the  
2 completion of course deficiencies; and

3 (3) Has successfully completed the examination  
4 authorized by the Department. A person who graduated  
5 from a physical therapy assistant program outside the  
6 United States or its territories and whose first language  
7 is not English shall submit certification of passage of  
8 the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and the  
9 Test of Spoken English (TSE) as defined by rule prior to  
10 taking the licensure examination.

11 (Source: P.A. 89-387, eff. 1-1-96.)".