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Introduced 2/23/2005, by Rep. Angelo Saviano

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

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Amends the Regulatory Sunset Act to extend the repeal of the Illinois Physical Therapy Act to January 1, 2016. Amends the Physical Therapy Act. Changes all references from the Physical Therapy Licensing and Disciplinary Committee and the Physical Therapy Examining Committee to the Physical Therapy Licensing and Disciplinary Board. Changes the definition of "physical therapy" to mean and include (A) examining, evaluating, and testing individuals who may have mechanical, physiological, or developmental impairments, functional limitations, disabilities, or other health and movement-related conditions, determining a treatment diagnosis for these disorders and rehabilitation prognosis and plan of therapeutic intervention, and assessing the on-going effects of the interventions, (B) alleviating impairments, functional limitations, or disabilities by designing, implementing, and modifying therapeutic interventions for the purposes of preventing, correcting, or alleviating a physical or mental impairment, functional limitation, or disability, (C) reducing the risk of injury, impairment, functional limitation, or disability, including the promotion and maintenance of fitness, health, and wellness, and (D) $% \left({{\rm{D}}} \right)$ engaging in administration, consultation, education, and research. Provides that a majority of Board members then appointed constitutes a quorum and that a majority vote of the quorum is required for a Board decision. Changes references to a physical therapy assistant program to a physical therapist assistant program. Provides that a person must have graduated from and attained an associate's degree from an approved physical therapist assistant program in order to be qualified to receive a license as a physical therapist assistant (now, a person is required to have graduated from a 2-year college level physical therapy assistant program). Provides that following notification of eligibility for examination, an applicant who fails to take the examination for a license under the Act within 60 days of the notification shall forfeit his or her fee and right to practice as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant until such time as the applicant has passed the appropriate examination (now, an applicant who fails to take the next-scheduled examination forfeits his fee and right to practice). Effective immediately.

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AN ACT concerning regulation.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 2 represented in the General Assembly: 3 4 Section 5. The Regulatory Sunset Act is amended by changing 5 Section 4.16 and by adding Section 4.26 as follows: (5 ILCS 80/4.16) 6 Sec. 4.16. Acts repealed January 1, 2006. The following 7 Acts are repealed January 1, 2006: 8 The Respiratory Care Practice Act. 9 The Hearing Instrument Consumer Protection Act. 10 The Illinois Dental Practice Act. 11 The Professional Geologist Licensing Act. 12 The Illinois Athletic Trainers Practice Act. 13 14 The Barber, Cosmetology, Esthetics, and Nail Technology 15 Act of 1985. 16 The Collection Agency Act. 17 The Illinois Roofing Industry Licensing Act. 18 The Illinois Physical Therapy Act. (Source: P.A. 89-33, eff. 1-1-96; 89-72, eff. 12-31-95; 89-80, 19 eff. 6-30-95; 89-116, eff. 7-7-95; 89-366, eff. 7-1-96; 89-387, 20 eff. 8-20-95; 89-626, eff. 8-9-96.) 21 22 (5 ILCS 80/4.26 new) Sec. 4.26. Act repealed on January 1, 2016. The following 23 Act is repealed on January 1, 2016: 24 25 The Illinois Physical Therapy Act. 26 Section 10. The Illinois Physical Therapy Act is amended by changing Sections 1, 6, 8, 8.1, 12, 15, 17, 19, 20, 22, 23, 25, 27 28 26, 27, and 29 as follows:

(225 ILCS 90/1) (from Ch. 111, par. 4251)

1	(Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2006)		
2	Sec. 1. Definitions. As used in this Act:		
3	(1) "Physical therapy" means all of the following:		
4	(A) Examining, evaluating, and testing individuals who		
5	may have mechanical, physiological, or developmental		
6	impairments, functional limitations, disabilities, or		
7	other health and movement-related conditions, and		
8	determining a treatment diagnosis for these disorders and a		
9	rehabilitation prognosis and plan of therapeutic		
10	intervention, and assessing the on-going effects of the		
11	interventions.		
12	(B) Alleviating impairments, functional limitations,		
13	or disabilities by designing, implementing, and modifying		
14	therapeutic interventions that may include, but are not		
15	limited to, the evaluation or treatment of a person through		
16	the use of the effective properties of physical measures		
17	and heat, cold, light, water, radiant energy, electricity,		
18	sound, and air and use of therapeutic massage, therapeutic		
19	exercise, functional training, mobilization, and		
20	rehabilitative procedures, with or without assistive		
21	devices, for the purposes of preventing, correcting, or		
22	alleviating a physical or mental impairment, functional		
23	limitation, or disability.		
24	(C) Reducing the risk of injury, impairment,		
25	functional limitation, or disability, including the		
26	promotion and maintenance of fitness, health, and		
27	wellness.		
28	(D) Engaging in administration, consultation,		
29	education, and research. the evaluation or treatment of a		
30	person by the use of the effective properties of physical		
31	measures and heat, cold, light, water, radiant energy,		
32	electricity, sound, and air; and the use of therapeutic		
33	massage, therapeutic exercise, mobilization, and the		
34	rehabilitative procedures with or without assistive		
35	devices for the purposes of preventing, correcting, or		
36	alleviating a physical or mental disability, or promoting		

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physical fitness and well-being.

2 Physical therapy includes, but is not limited to: (a) 3 specialized tests and measurements, performance of (b) 4 administration of specialized treatment procedures, (C) 5 interpretation of referrals from physicians, dentists, 6 advanced practice nurses, physician assistants, and podiatrists, (d) establishment, and modification of physical 7 8 therapy treatment programs, (e) administration of topical 9 medication used in generally accepted physical therapy procedures when such medication is prescribed by the patient's 10 11 physician, licensed to practice medicine in all its branches, 12 the patient's physician licensed to practice podiatric 13 medicine, the patient's advanced practice nurse, the patient's physician assistant, or the patient's dentist, 14 and (f) 15 supervision or teaching of physical therapy. Physical therapy 16 does not include radiology, electrosurgery, chiropractic 17 technique or determination of а differential medical diagnosis; provided, however, the limitation on determining a 18 19 differential medical diagnosis shall not in any manner limit a 20 physical therapist licensed under this Act from performing an evaluation pursuant to such license. Nothing in this Section 21 22 shall limit a physical therapist from employing appropriate 23 physical therapy techniques that he or she is educated and 24 licensed to perform. A physical therapist shall refer to a 25 licensed physician, advanced practice nurse, physician 26 assistant, dentist, or podiatrist any patient whose medical 27 condition should, at the time of evaluation or treatment, be determined to be beyond the scope of practice of the physical 28 29 therapist.

30 (2) "Physical therapist" means a person who practices
 31 physical therapy and who has met all requirements as provided
 32 in this Act.

33 (3) "Department" means the Department of Professional34 Regulation.

35 (4) "Director" means the Director of Professional 36 Regulation.

(5) <u>"Board"</u> "Committee" means the Physical Therapy
 Licensing and Disciplinary Board Examining Committee approved
 by the Director.

(6) "Referral" means a written or oral authorization for
physical therapy services for a patient by a physician,
dentist, advanced practice nurse, physician assistant, or
podiatrist who maintains medical supervision of the patient and
makes a diagnosis or verifies that the patient's condition is
such that it may be treated by a physical therapist.

(7) "Documented current and relevant diagnosis" for the 10 11 purpose of this Act means a diagnosis, substantiated by 12 signature or oral verification of a physician, dentist, 13 advanced practice nurse, physician assistant, or podiatrist, that a patient's condition is such that it may be treated by 14 15 physical therapy as defined in this Act, which diagnosis shall 16 remain in effect until changed by the physician, dentist, advanced practice nurse, physician assistant, or podiatrist. 17

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(8) "State" includes:

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(a) the states of the United States of America;

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(c) the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

(b) the District of Columbia; and

22 (9) "Physical therapist assistant" means a person licensed 23 to assist a physical therapist and who has met all requirements as provided in this Act and who works under the supervision of 24 a licensed physical therapist to assist in implementing the 25 26 physical therapy treatment program as established by the 27 licensed physical therapist. The patient care activities 28 provided by the physical therapist assistant shall not include 29 the interpretation of referrals, evaluation procedures, or the 30 planning or major modification of patient programs.

(10) "Physical therapy aide" means a person who has received on the job training, specific to the facility in which he is employed, but who has not completed an approved physical therapist assistant program.

35 (11) "Advanced practice nurse" means a person licensed36 under the Nursing and Advanced Practice Nursing Act who has a

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collaborative agreement with a collaborating physician that
 authorizes referrals to physical therapists.

(12) "Physician assistant" means a person licensed under
the Physician Assistant Practice Act of 1987 who has been
delegated authority to make referrals to physical therapists.
(Source: P.A. 92-651, eff. 7-11-02; 93-1010, eff. 8-24-04.)

7 (225 ILCS 90/6) (from Ch. 111, par. 4256)

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

Sec. 6. Duties and functions of Director and Board 9 10 Committee. The Director shall appoint a Physical Therapy 11 Licensing and Disciplinary Board Committee as follows: Seven persons who shall be appointed by and shall serve in an 12 advisory capacity to the Director. Six members must be actively 13 14 engaged in the practice of physical therapy in this State for a 15 minimum of 5 years and one member must be a member of the 16 public who is not licensed under this Act, or a similar Act of another jurisdiction. 17

18 Members shall serve 4 year terms and until their successors 19 are appointed and qualified, except that of the initial appointments, 2 members shall be appointed to serve for 2 20 years, 2 shall be appointed to serve for 3 years and the 21 22 remaining shall be appointed to serve for 4 years and until 23 their successors are appointed and qualified. No member shall be reappointed to the Board Committee for a term which would 24 25 cause his continuous service on the Board Committee to be 26 longer than 9 successive years. Appointments to fill vacancies 27 shall be made in the same manner as original appointments, for the unexpired portion of the vacated term. Initial terms shall 28 29 begin upon the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1987 30 and Board Committee members in office on that date shall be 31 eligible for appointment to specific terms as indicated herein.

For the initial appointment of the <u>Board</u> Committee, the Director shall give priority to filling the public member terms as vacancies become available.

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any action based upon any disciplinary proceedings or other
 activities performed in good faith as members of the <u>Board</u>
 Committee.

A majority of Board members then appointed constitutes a
quorum. A majority vote of the quorum is required for a Board
decision.

A vacancy in the membership of the <u>Board</u> Committee shall
not impair the right of a quorum to exercise all the rights and
perform all the duties of the <u>Board</u> Committee.

10 The members of the <u>Board</u> Committee are entitled to receive 11 as compensation a reasonable sum as determined by the Director 12 for each day actually engaged in the duties of the office and 13 all legitimate and necessary expenses incurred in attending the 14 meetings of the <u>Board</u> Committee.

15The membership of the <u>Board</u> Committee should reasonably16reflect representation from the geographic areas in this State.

17 The Director may terminate the appointment of any member 18 for cause which in the opinion of the Director reasonably 19 justifies such termination.

The Director shall consider the recommendations of the <u>Board</u> Committee on questions involving standards of professional conduct, discipline and qualifications of candidates and licensees under this Act.

Nothing shall limit the ability of the Board Committee to 24 provide recommendations to the Director in regard to any matter 25 26 affecting the administration of this Act. The Director shall 27 give due consideration to all recommendations of the Board Committee. 28 If the Director takes action contrary to а recommendation of the Board Committee, the Director shall 29 30 promptly provide a written explanation of that action.

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

32 (225 ILCS 90/8) (from Ch. 111, par. 4258)

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

34 Sec. 8. Qualifications for licensure as a Physical 35 Therapist.

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1 (a) A person is qualified to receive a license as a 2 physical therapist if that person has applied in writing, on 3 forms prescribed by the Department, has paid the required fees, 4 and meets all of the following requirements:

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

10 (2) He or she has graduated from a curriculum in 11 physical therapy approved by the Department. In approving a 12 curriculum in physical therapy, the Department shall 13 consider, but not be bound by, accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education. 14 A person who graduated from a physical therapy program 15 16 outside the United States or its territories shall have his 17 or her degree validated as equivalent to a physical therapy degree conferred by a regionally accredited college or 18 19 university in the United States. The Department may establish by rule a method for the completion of course 20 deficiencies. 21

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

32 (b) The Department reserves the right and may request a personal interview of an applicant before the Board Committee 33 to further evaluate his or her qualifications for a license. 34 (Source: P.A. 91-357, eff. 7-29-99.) 35

1 2 (225 ILCS 90/8.1) (from Ch. 111, par. 4258.1)

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

3 Sec. 8.1. Qualifications for licensure as a physical 4 therapist assistant. A person is qualified to receive a license 5 as a physical therapist assistant if that person has applied in 6 writing, on forms prescribed by the Department, has paid the 7 required fees and:

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

13 (2) Has graduated from a 2 year college-level physical therapist therapy assistant program approved by 14 the Department and attained, at a minimum, an associate's 15 16 degree from the program. In approving such a physical 17 therapist assistant program the Department shall consider but not be bound by accreditation by the Commission on 18 19 Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education. Any person 20 who graduated from a physical therapist therapy assistant program outside the United States or its territories shall 21 have his or her degree validated as equivalent to a 22 23 physical therapy assistant degree conferred by а regionally accredited college or university in the United 24 25 States. The Department may establish by rule a method for the completion of course deficiencies; and 26

27 (3) Has successfully completed the examination 28 authorized by the Department. A person who graduated from a physical <u>therapist</u> therapy assistant program outside the 29 30 United States or its territories and whose first language is not English shall submit certification of passage of the 31 32 Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and the Test of Spoken English (TSE) as defined by rule prior to taking 33 34 the licensure examination.

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

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1 2 (225 ILCS 90/12) (from Ch. 111, par. 4262)

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

3 Sec. 12. Examinations. The Department shall examine 4 applicants for licenses as physical therapists or physical 5 therapist assistants at such times and places as it may 6 determine. At least 2 written examinations shall be given 7 during each calendar year for both physical therapists and 8 physical therapist assistants. The examination shall be 9 approved by the Department.

Following notification of eligibility for examination, an 10 applicant who fails to take the next scheduled examination for 11 12 a license under this Act within 60 days of the notification \overline{r} 13 shall forfeit his or her fee, and his or her right to practice as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant until 14 15 such time as the applicant has passed the appropriate 16 examination. Any applicant failing the examination three times 17 in any jurisdiction will not be allowed to sit for another examination until the applicant has presented satisfactory 18 19 evidence to the Board committee of appropriate remedial work as 20 set forth in the rules and regulations.

If an applicant neglects, fails or refuses to take an 21 22 examination or fails to pass an examination for a license or 23 otherwise fails to complete the application process under this Act within 3 years after filing his application, 24 the application shall be denied. However, such applicant may make a 25 26 new application for examination accompanied by the required 27 fee, and must furnish proof of meeting qualifications for 28 examination in effect at the time of new application.

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

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(225 ILCS 90/15) (from Ch. 111, par. 4265)

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

32 Sec. 15. Restoration of expired licenses. A physical 33 therapist or physical therapist assistant who has permitted his 34 or her license to expire or who has had his or her license on 35 inactive status may have his or her license restored by making

application to the Department and filing proof acceptable to the Department of his or her fitness to have his or her license restored, including sworn evidence certifying to active practice in another jurisdiction satisfactory to the Department and by paying the required restoration fee.

6 If the physical therapist or physical therapist assistant 7 has not maintained an active practice in another jurisdiction 8 satisfactory to the Department, the Board Committee shall 9 determine, by an evaluation program established by rule his or 10 her fitness to resume active status and may require the 11 physical therapist or physical therapist assistant to complete 12 a period of evaluated clinical experience and may require successful completion of an examination. 13

14 Any physical therapist or physical therapist assistant 15 whose license has been expired or placed on inactive status for 16 more than 5 years may have his or her license restored by 17 making application to the Department and filing proof acceptable to the Department of his or her fitness to have his 18 19 or her license restored, including sworn evidence certifying to 20 active practice in another jurisdiction and by paying the required restoration fee. 21

22 However, any physical therapist or physical therapist 23 assistant whose license has expired while he has been engaged (1) in the federal service in active duty with the Army of the 24 United States, the United States Navy, the Marine Corps, the 25 26 Air Force, the Coast Guard, or the State Militia called into 27 the service or training of the United States of America, or (2) 28 in training or education under the supervision of the United 29 States preliminary to induction into the military service, may 30 have his license restored without paying any lapsed renewal fees or restoration fee, if within 2 years after termination of 31 32 such service, training or education, other than by dishonorable discharge, he furnishes the Department with an affidavit to the 33 effect that he has been so engaged and that his service, 34 35 training or education has been so terminated.

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

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(225 ILCS 90/17) (from Ch. 111, par. 4267)

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

3 Sec. 17. (1) The Department may refuse to issue or to 4 renew, or may revoke, suspend, place on probation, reprimand, 5 or take other disciplinary action as the Department deems 6 appropriate, including the issuance of fines not to exceed 7 \$5000, with regard to a license for any one or a combination of 8 the following:

9 A. Material misstatement in furnishing information to 10 the Department or otherwise making misleading, deceptive, 11 untrue, or fraudulent representations in violation of this 12 Act or otherwise in the practice of the profession;

B. Violations of this Act, or of the rules orregulations promulgated hereunder;

15 C. Conviction of any crime under the laws of the United 16 States or any state or territory thereof which is a felony 17 or which is a misdemeanor, an essential element of which is 18 dishonesty, or of any crime which is directly related to 19 the practice of the profession; conviction, as used in this 20 paragraph, shall include a finding or verdict of guilty, an 21 admission of guilt or a plea of nolo contendere;

D. Making any misrepresentation for the purpose of obtaining licenses, or violating any provision of this Act or the rules promulgated thereunder pertaining to advertising;

26 E. A pattern of practice or other behavior which 27 demonstrates incapacity or incompetency to practice under 28 this Act;

F. Aiding or assisting another person in violating any
 provision of this Act or Rules;

G. Failing, within 60 days, to provide information in response to a written request made by the Department;

H. Engaging in dishonorable, unethical or
 unprofessional conduct of a character likely to deceive,
 defraud or harm the public. Unprofessional conduct shall

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include any departure from or the failure to conform to the minimal standards of acceptable and prevailing physical therapy practice, in which proceeding actual injury to a patient need not be established;

I. Unlawful distribution of any drug or narcotic, or unlawful conversion of any drug or narcotic not belonging to the person for such person's own use or benefit or for other than medically accepted therapeutic purposes;

9 J. Habitual or excessive use or addiction to alcohol, 10 narcotics, stimulants, or any other chemical agent or drug 11 which results in a physical therapist's or physical 12 therapist assistant's inability to practice with 13 reasonable judgment, skill or safety;

14 K. Revocation or suspension of a license to practice 15 physical therapy as a physical therapist or physical 16 therapist assistant or the taking of other disciplinary 17 action by the proper licensing authority of another state, 18 territory or country;

L. Directly or indirectly giving to or receiving from 19 20 any person, firm, corporation, partnership or association any fee, commission, rebate or other form of compensation 21 for any professional services not actually or personally 22 rendered. Nothing contained in this paragraph prohibits 23 persons holding valid and current licenses under this Act 24 25 from practicing physical therapy in partnership under a partnership agreement, including a limited liability 26 27 partnership, a limited liability company, or a corporation 28 under the Professional Service Corporation Act or from pooling, sharing, dividing, or apportioning the fees and 29 monies received by them or by the partnership, company, or 30 31 corporation in accordance with the partnership agreement 32 or the policies of the company or professional corporation;

33 M. A finding by the <u>Board</u> Committee that the licensee 34 after having his or her license placed on probationary 35 status has violated the terms of probation;

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N. Abandonment of a patient;

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O. Willfully failing to report an instance of suspected child abuse or neglect as required by the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act;

P. Willfully failing to report an instance of suspected elder abuse or neglect as required by the Elder Abuse Reporting Act;

Q. Physical illness, including but not limited to, deterioration through the aging process, or loss of motor skill which results in the inability to practice the profession with reasonable judgement, skill or safety;

11 R. The use of any words (such as physical therapy, 12 physical therapist physiotherapy or physiotherapist), 13 abbreviations, figures or letters with the intention of 14 indicating practice as a licensed physical therapist 15 without a valid license as a physical therapist issued 16 under this Act;

17 S. The use of the term physical therapist assistant, or 18 abbreviations, figures, or letters with the intention of 19 indicating practice as a physical therapist assistant 20 without a valid license as a physical therapist assistant 21 issued under this Act;

T. Willfully violating or knowingly assisting in the violation of any law of this State relating to the practice of abortion;

U. Continued practice by a person knowingly having an
 infectious, communicable or contagious disease;

27 V. Having treated ailments of human beings otherwise 28 than by the practice of physical therapy as defined in this Act, or having treated ailments of human beings as a 29 30 licensed physical therapist independent of a documented 31 referral or a documented current and relevant diagnosis 32 from a physician, dentist, advanced practice nurse, physician assistant, or podiatrist, or having failed to 33 notify the physician, dentist, advanced practice nurse, 34 physician assistant, or podiatrist who established a 35 36 documented current and relevant diagnosis that the patient - 14 - LRB094 10877 RAS 41421 b

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is receiving physical therapy pursuant to that diagnosis;

as defined in the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act;

W. Being named as a perpetrator in an indicated report by the Department of Children and Family Services pursuant to the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act, and upon proof by clear and convincing evidence that the licensee has caused a child to be an abused child or neglected child

8 X. Interpretation of referrals, performance of 9 evaluation procedures, planning or making major 10 modifications of patient programs by a physical therapist 11 assistant;

Y. Failure by a physical therapist assistant and supervising physical therapist to maintain continued contact, including periodic personal supervision and instruction, to insure safety and welfare of patients;

16 Z. Violation of the Health Care Worker Self-Referral17 Act.

(2) The determination by a circuit court that a licensee is 18 19 subject to involuntary admission or judicial admission as 20 provided in the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Code operates as an automatic suspension. Such suspension will 21 end only upon a finding by a court that the patient is no 22 23 longer subject to involuntary admission or judicial admission and the issuance of an order so finding and discharging the 24 patient; and upon the recommendation of the Board Committee to 25 26 the Director that the licensee be allowed to resume his 27 practice.

(3) The Department may refuse to issue or may suspend the license of any person who fails to file a return, or to pay the tax, penalty or interest shown in a filed return, or to pay any final assessment of tax, penalty or interest, as required by any tax Act administered by the Illinois Department of Revenue, until such time as the requirements of any such tax Act are satisfied.

35 (Source: P.A. 93-1010, eff. 8-24-04.)

1 2 (225 ILCS 90/19) (from Ch. 111, par. 4269)

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

3 19. Investigations; notice and hearing. The Sec. 4 Department may investigate the actions of any applicant or of 5 any person or persons holding or claiming to hold a license. 6 The Department shall, before refusing to issue, to renew or 7 discipline a license pursuant to Section 17, at least 30 days 8 prior to the date set for the hearing, notify in writing the 9 applicant for, or holder of, a license of the nature of the 10 charges, that a hearing will be held on the date designated, 11 and direct the applicant or licensee to file a written answer 12 to the Board under oath within 20 days after the service of the 13 notice and inform the applicant or licensee that failure to file an answer will result in default being taken against the 14 15 applicant or licensee and that the license or certificate may 16 be suspended, revoked, placed on probationary status, or other 17 disciplinary action may be taken, including limiting the scope, nature or extent of practice, as the Director may deem proper. 18 19 Written notice may be served by personal delivery or certified 20 or registered mail to the respondent at the address of his last 21 notification to the Department. In case the person fails to 22 file an answer after receiving notice, his or her license or 23 certificate may, in the discretion of the Department, be 24 suspended, revoked, or placed on probationary status, or the 25 Department may take whatever disciplinary action deemed 26 proper, including limiting the scope, nature, or extent of the 27 person's practice or the imposition of a fine, without a 28 hearing, if the act or acts charged constitute sufficient grounds for such action under this Act. At the time and place 29 30 fixed in the notice, the Board Committee shall proceed to hear 31 the charges and the parties or their counsel shall be accorded 32 ample opportunity to present such statements, testimony, 33 evidence and argument as may be pertinent to the charges or to their defense. The Board Committee may continue a hearing from 34 35 time to time.

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

(225 ILCS 90/20) (from Ch. 111, par. 4270)

2 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2006) Sec. 20. Stenographer - Transcript. The Department, at its 3 4 expense, shall preserve a record of all proceedings at the 5 formal hearing of any case involving the refusal to issue, renew or discipline of a license. The notice of hearing, 6 7 complaint and all other documents in the nature of pleadings 8 and written motions filed in the proceedings, the transcript of testimony, the report of the Board Committee and order of the 9 10 Department shall be the record of such proceeding.

11 (Source: P.A. 84-595.)

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(225 ILCS 90/22) (from Ch. 111, par. 4272)

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

14 Sec. 22. Findings and Recommendations. At the conclusion of 15 the hearing the Board Committee shall present to the Director a written report of its findings and recommendations. The report 16 17 shall contain a finding whether or not the accused person 18 violated this Act or failed to comply with the conditions required in this Act. The Board Committee shall specify the 19 nature of the violation or failure to comply, and shall make 20 21 its recommendations to the Director.

22 The report of findings and recommendations of the Board Committee shall be the basis for the Department's order or 23 24 refusal or for the granting of a license or permit unless the 25 Director shall determine that the **Board** Committee report is contrary to the manifest weight of the evidence, in which case 26 the Director may issue an order in contravention of the Board 27 28 Committee report. The finding is not admissible in evidence against the person in a criminal prosecution brought for the 29 violation of this Act, but the hearing and finding are not a 30 bar to a criminal prosecution brought for the violation of this 31 32 Act.

33 (Source: P.A. 84-595.)

1 2 (225 ILCS 90/23) (from Ch. 111, par. 4273)

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

Sec. 23. Rehearing. In any case involving the refusal to 3 4 issue, renew or discipline of a license, a copy of the Board's 5 Committee's report shall be served upon the respondent by the 6 Department, either personally or as provided in this Act for the service of the notice of hearing. Within 20 days after such 7 8 service, the respondent may present to the Department a motion in writing for a rehearing, which motion shall specify the 9 particular grounds therefor. If no motion for rehearing is 10 11 filed, then upon the expiration of the time specified for 12 filing such a motion, or if a motion for rehearing is denied, 13 then upon such denial the Director may enter an order in accordance with recommendations of the Board Committee except 14 15 as provided in Section 22 of this Act. If the respondent shall 16 order from the reporting service, and pay for a transcript of 17 the record within the time for filing a motion for rehearing, the 20 day period within which such a motion may be filed shall 18 19 commence upon the delivery of the transcript to the respondent. (Source: P.A. 90-655, eff. 7-30-98.) 20

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(225 ILCS 90/25) (from Ch. 111, par. 4275)

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

23 Sec. 25. Appointment of a Hearing Officer. The Director 24 shall have the authority to appoint any attorney duly licensed 25 to practice law in the State of Illinois to serve as the 26 hearing officer in any action for refusal to issue, renew or 27 discipline of a license or permit. The hearing officer shall have full authority to conduct the hearing. At least one member 28 29 of the Board Committee shall attend each hearing. The hearing 30 officer shall report his findings and recommendations to the 31 Board Committee and the Director. The Board Committee shall have 60 days from receipt of the report to review the report of 32 the hearing officer and present their findings of fact, 33 conclusions of law and recommendations to the Director. If the 34 35 Board Committee fails to present its report within the 60 day

HB3499 - 18 -LRB094 10877 RAS 41421 b 1 period, the Director shall issue an order based on the report 2 of the hearing officer. If the Director determines that the 3 Board's Committee's report is contrary to the manifest weight of the evidence, he may issue an order in contravention of the 4 5 Board's Committee's report. (Source: P.A. 89-387, eff. 1-1-96.) 6 7 (225 ILCS 90/26) (from Ch. 111, par. 4276) (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2006) 8 9 Sec. 26. Order or certified copy; prima facie proof. An 10 order or a certified copy thereof, over the seal of the 11 Department and purporting to be signed by the Director, shall be prima facie proof that: 12 (a) the signature is the genuine signature of the 13 Director; 14 15 (b) the Director is duly appointed and qualified; and 16 (c) the Board Committee and the members thereof are qualified to act. 17 (Source: P.A. 91-357, eff. 7-29-99.) 18 (225 ILCS 90/27) (from Ch. 111, par. 4277) 19 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2006) 20 21 Sec. 27. Restoration of Suspended or Revoked License. At any time after the suspension or revocation of any license, the 22 23 Department may restore it to the accused person, upon the 24 written recommendation of the <u>Board</u> Committee unless after an 25 investigation and a hearing, the Board Committee determines 26 that restoration is not in the public interest. (Source: P.A. 84-595.) 27 28 (225 ILCS 90/29) (from Ch. 111, par. 4279) 29 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2006) Sec. 29. Temporary Suspension of a License. The Director 30 31 may temporarily suspend the license of a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant without a hearing, simultaneously 32 33 with the institution of proceedings for a hearing provided for HB3499 - 19 - LRB094 10877 RAS 41421 b

1 in Section 19 of this Act, if the Director finds that evidence 2 in his possession indicates that a physical therapist's or a 3 physical therapist assistant's continuation in practice would 4 constitute an imminent danger to the public. In the event that the Director suspends, temporarily, the license of a physical 5 therapist or physical therapist assistant without a hearing, a 6 7 hearing by the Board Committee must be held within 30 calendar days after such suspension has occurred. 8

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

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon becoming law.

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