

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT

Committee on Health & Human Services.

HB24-1327 be amended as follows:

1 Amend printed bill, page 4, after line 1 insert:

2 "SECTION 5. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-285-104, amend  
3 (4), (6)(a)(II)(E), (6)(a)(II)(F), and (6)(b)(III); and **add** (6)(a)(II)(G) as  
4 follows:

5 **12-285-104. Definitions.** As used in this article 285, unless the  
6 context otherwise requires:

7 (4) "Physical therapist" means a person who is licensed to practice  
8 physical therapy. The ~~terms~~ TERM "physiotherapist" and "physical therapy  
9 technician" ~~are~~ IS synonymous with the term "physical therapist".

10 (6) (a) (II) For purposes of this article 285, "physical therapy"  
11 includes:

12 (E) The provision of consultative, educational, and other advisory  
13 services for the purpose of reducing the incidence and severity of physical  
14 disability, movement dysfunction, bodily malfunction, and pain; and

15 (F) General wound care AND WOUND DEBRIDEMENT, including the  
16 assessment and management of skin lesions, surgical incisions, open  
17 wounds, and areas of potential skin breakdown in order to maintain or  
18 restore the integumentary system. WOUND DEBRIDEMENT INCLUDES SHARP  
19 DEBRIDEMENT AND NONSHARP DEBRIDEMENT, SUCH AS MECHANICAL,  
20 AUTOLYTIC, ENZYMATIC, AND MAGGOT.

21 (G) ONGOING REVIEW, INTEGRATION, AND UNDERSTANDING OF A  
22 PATIENT'S OR CLIENT'S PRESCRIPTION AND NONPRESCRIPTION MEDICATION  
23 REGIMEN, WITH CONSIDERATION OF ITS IMPACT ON HEALTH, FUNCTION,  
24 MOVEMENT, AND DISABILITY.

25 (b) For the purposes of subsection (6)(a)(II) of this section:

26 (III) "Tests and measurements" ~~includes, but is not limited to, tests~~  
27 ~~of muscle strength, force, endurance, and tone; reflexes and automatic~~  
28 ~~reactions; movement skill and accuracy; joint motion, mobility, and~~  
29 ~~stability; sensation and perception; peripheral nerve integrity; locomotor~~  
30 ~~skill, stability, and endurance; activities of daily living; cardiac,~~  
31 ~~pulmonary, and vascular functions; fit, function, and comfort of~~  
32 ~~prosthetic, orthotic, and other assistive devices; posture and body~~  
33 ~~mechanics; limb length, circumference, and volume; thoracic excursion~~  
34 ~~and breathing patterns; vital signs; nature and locus of pain and~~  
35 ~~conditions under which pain varies; photosensitivity; and physical home~~  
36 ~~and work environments~~ MEANS STANDARD METHODS AND TECHNIQUES  
37 USED TO OBTAIN DATA ABOUT THE PATIENT OR CLIENT, INCLUDING  
38 DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING AND ELECTRODIAGNOSTIC AND  
39 ELECTROPHYSIOLOGICAL TESTS AND MEASURES.

1           **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 12-285-107  
2 as follows:

3           **12-285-107. Use of titles restricted.** (1) A person licensed as a  
4 physical therapist may use the title "physical therapist" or the letters  
5 "P.T." or any other generally accepted terms, letters, or figures that  
6 indicate that the person is a physical therapist. No other person shall be  
7 so designated or shall use the terms "physical therapist", "licensed  
8 physical therapist", "physiotherapist", "DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY",  
9 "DOCTOR OF PHYSIOTHERAPY", or "physical therapy technician", or the  
10 letters "P.T.", ~~or~~ "L.P.T.", "P.T.A.", "D.P.T.", "R.P.T.", OR ANY LETTERS,  
11 ABBREVIATIONS, OR INSIGNIA INDICATING OR IMPLYING THAT THE PERSON  
12 IS A PHYSICAL THERAPIST UNLESS THE PERSON IS LICENSED PURSUANT TO  
13 THIS ARTICLE 285.

14           (2) A PERSON ENROLLED AS A STUDENT PHYSICAL THERAPIST IN AN  
15 EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM ACCREDITED BY THE COMMISSION ON  
16 ACCREDITATION IN PHYSICAL THERAPY EDUCATION OR A COMPARABLE  
17 ORGANIZATION, AS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD, MAY USE THE TITLE  
18 "STUDENT PHYSICAL THERAPIST". NO OTHER PERSON SHALL USE THE TERM  
19 "STUDENT PHYSICAL THERAPIST" OR THE LETTERS "S.P.T." OR ANY  
20 LETTERS, ABBREVIATIONS, OR INSIGNIA INDICATING OR IMPLYING THAT  
21 THE PERSON IS A STUDENT PHYSICAL THERAPIST.

22           **SECTION 7.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-285-113, **amend**  
23 (1) introductory portion and (1)(b) as follows:

24           **12-285-113. Licensing of internationally-educated applicants.**

25           (1) Every ~~foreign-trained~~ applicant for licensing WHO IS EDUCATED BY A  
26 PROGRAM THAT IS NOT ACCREDITED BY THE COMMISSION ON  
27 ACCREDITATION IN PHYSICAL THERAPY EDUCATION OR A COMPARABLE  
28 ORGANIZATION, AS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD, shall:

29           (b) Possess an active, valid license in good standing or other  
30 authorization to practice physical therapy from an appropriate authority  
31 in the country where the ~~foreign-trained~~ applicant is practicing or has  
32 practiced;

33           **SECTION 8.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-285-116, **amend**  
34 (3) as follows:

35           **12-285-116. Special practice authorities and requirements -**

36 **definition - rules.** (3) **Wound debridement.** A physical therapist is  
37 authorized to perform wound debridement under a physician's order, ~~or~~  
38 the order of a physician assistant authorized under section 12-240-107  
39 (6), OR THE ORDER OF AN ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE  
40 AUTHORIZED UNDER SECTION 12-255-111 when debridement is consistent  
41 with the scope of physical therapy practice. The performance of wound  
42 debridement does not violate the prohibition against performing surgery  
43 pursuant to section 12-285-108 (1)(a).

1           **SECTION 9.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-285-203, **add** (3)  
2 as follows:  
3           **12-285-203. Limitations on authority.** (3) A PHYSICAL  
4 THERAPIST ASSISTANT:  
5           (a) SHALL NOT PERFORM SHARP WOUND DEBRIDEMENT;  
6           (b) MAY PERFORM GENERAL WOUND CARE AND NONSHARP  
7 DEBRIDEMENT, INCLUDING MECHANICAL, AUTOLYTIC, ENZYMATIC, AND  
8 MAGGOT, UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A PHYSICAL THERAPIST WHEN  
9 DEBRIDEMENT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE SCOPE OF PHYSICAL THERAPY  
10 PRACTICE.  
11           **SECTION 10.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-285-207, **amend**  
12 (1) introductory portion and (1)(b) as follows:  
13           **12-285-207. Certification of internationally-educated**  
14 **applicants.** (1) Every ~~foreign-trained~~ applicant for certification WHO IS  
15 EDUCATED BY A PROGRAM THAT IS NOT ACCREDITED BY THE COMMISSION  
16 ON ACCREDITATION IN PHYSICAL THERAPY EDUCATION OR A  
17 COMPARABLE ORGANIZATION, AS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD, shall:  
18           (b) Possess an active, valid license, certification, or registration in  
19 good standing or other authorization to practice as a physical therapist  
20 assistant from an appropriate authority in the country where the  
21 ~~foreign-trained~~ applicant is practicing or has practiced;".  
22           Renumber succeeding section accordingly.

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