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A BILL

To amend section 4755.40 of the Revised Code to 1
modify the laws governing the practice of 2
physical therapy. 3

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 4755.40 of the Revised Code be 4
amended to read as follows: 5

Sec. 4755.40. As used in sections 4755.40 to 4755.56 and 6
4755.99 of the Revised Code: 7

(A) "Physical therapy" means the evaluation and treatment 8
of a person by physical measures and the use of therapeutic 9
exercises and rehabilitative procedures, with or without 10
assistive devices, for the purpose of preventing, correcting, or 11
alleviating any disability, physical impairments, functional 12
limitations, and physical disabilities. ~~If~~ 13

All of the following apply to "physical therapy": 14

(1) "Physical therapy" includes the establishment and 15

modification of physical therapy programs, treatment planning, 16
patient education and instruction, and consultative services. 17

(2) In the evaluation of a person, "physical therapy" 18
includes determining a physical therapy diagnosis in order to 19
treat the person's physical impairments, functional limitations, 20
and physical disabilities; determining a prognosis; and 21
determining a plan of therapeutic intervention. 22

(3) If performed by a person who is adequately trained, 23
"physical therapy" includes all of the following: 24

~~(1) The~~ the design, fabrication, and revision of various 25
assistive devices, and the provision of education, and 26
instruction in the use of ~~various assistive~~ those devices, 27
including braces, splints, ambulatory or locomotion devices, 28
wheelchairs, prosthetics, and orthotics. 29

~~(2) The~~ (4) "Physical therapy" includes the administration 30
of topical drugs that have been prescribed by a licensed health 31
professional authorized to prescribe drugs, as defined in 32
section 4729.01 of the Revised Code. 33

~~(3) The establishment and modification of physical therapy~~ 34
~~programs, treatment planning, patient education and instruction,~~ 35
~~and consultative services;~~ 36

~~(4) Physiotherapy.~~ 37

(5) "Physical therapy" does not include either of the 38
following: 39

(a) The use of electricity for cauterization or other 40
surgical purposes; 41

(b) The use of Roentgen rays or radium for diagnostic or 42
therapeutic purposes. 43

(B) "Physical therapy diagnosis" means a judgment that is 44
made after examining the neuromusculoskeletal system or 45
evaluating or studying its symptoms and that utilizes the 46
techniques and science of physical therapy to establish a plan 47
of therapeutic intervention. "Physical therapy diagnosis" does 48
not include a medical diagnosis. 49

(C) "Physical measures" include massage and other manual 50
therapy techniques, heat, cold, air, light, water, electricity 51
except as provided in division (A) (5) (a) of this section, sound, 52
and the performance of tests of neuromuscular function as an aid 53
to ~~such~~ the provision of treatment. 54

~~Physical therapy does not include the medical diagnosis of~~ 55
~~a patient's disability, the use of Roentgen rays or radium for~~ 56
~~diagnostic or therapeutic purposes, or the use of electricity~~ 57
~~for cauterization or other surgical purposes.~~ 58

~~(B)~~ (D) "Physical therapist" means a person who practices 59
or provides patient education and instruction in physical 60
therapy ~~and includes a~~. 61

(E) "Physiotherapy" and "physiotherapist" are the same as 62
"physical therapy" and "physical therapist," respectively. 63

~~(C)~~ (F) "Physical therapist assistant" means a person who 64
assists in the provision of physical therapy treatments, 65
including the provision of patient education and instruction, 66
under the supervision of a physical therapist. 67

~~(D)~~ (G) "Supervision" means the availability and 68
responsibility of the supervisor for direction of the actions of 69
the person supervised. 70

Section 2. That existing section 4755.40 of the Revised 71
Code is hereby repealed. 72