



Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board

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Written Testimony on Senate Bill 272
Physical Therapy Compact
Senate Health, Human Services, and Medicaid Committee

Chairman Dave Burke, Vice Chair Stephen Huffman, and Ranking Minority Member Nickie Antonio, on behalf of the Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers (OTPTAT) Board's Physical Therapy Section, please accept this written testimony in support of Senate Bill 272, the Physical Therapy Compact.

The mission of the Ohio OTPTAT Board is to actively promote and protect the health of Ohioans through effective regulation of the professions of occupational therapy, physical therapy, athletic training, orthotics, prosthetics, and pedorthics. The nine members of the physical therapy section are listed below:

Physical Therapy Section

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Term Expires*</u>	<u>Term[^]</u>
Mario Baker, PT	Bowling Green	2022	1st
Lynn Busdeker, PT, DPT	Tiffin	2020	3rd
Anthony Ganim, PT, OCS, MBA	Hilliard	2021	1st
Erin Hofmeyer, PT, DPT, Chair	Cleves	2020	2nd
Ronald Kleinman, PT	Fairlawn	2020	3rd
Timothy McIntire, PT, DPT, Secretary	Dayton	2020	2nd
Karen McIntyre, PT, DPT	Avon	2021	1st
C.J. Miller, PT, AT	Marengo	2022	3rd
Linda Pax Lowes, PT, Ph.D	Columbus	2021	1st

The PT Compact will increase the ability to work across state lines in a responsible way to the benefit of members of the military, their spouses, traveling therapists, and for utilization in telehealth, for example. A compact privilege is relatively easy to obtain via the PT Compact website, easing access for the physical therapy practitioner. The PT Compact itself requires all states who are members to conduct background checks and share information related to discipline, ensuring that all member Boards have similar standards related to public protection in place.

The Physical Therapy Section of the OTPTAT Board has carefully monitored the PT Compact's progress from its inception and development in 2014, to its enactment on April 25, 2017, to its first issuance of privileges to practice on July 9, 2018. According to the PT Compact Commission, more than 1,950 compact privileges to approximately 1,000 physical therapists and physical therapist assistants in 20 states have been issued since the compact became operational.

As the PT Compact is enacted in more states (currently 28 total), the Board has fielded inquiries from therapists interested in seeing Ohio join. In particular, the PT Compact will assist physical therapists and physical therapist assistants who live and work in border states and who have patients who live across the

border. The PT Compact will increase access to physical therapy for patients while keeping appropriate protections in place for the public.

The fiscal note does a good job of describing the different factors that may impact operating revenue, and any impact should be manageable. The Board supports the PT Compact and stands ready to implement it if passed by the legislature. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Missy Anthony, Executive Director at 614-466-3474 or Missy.Anthony@otptat.ohio.gov or any of the members of the PT Section at your convenience.