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4

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1612

5 By: Representative Cozart
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO REQUIRE EVALUATION AND RESTRUCTURING OF
9 LICENSURE FEES RELATED TO THE PRACTICE OF PHYSICAL
10 THERAPY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

12 TO REQUIRE EVALUATION AND RESTRUCTURING
13 OF LICENSURE FEES RELATED TO THE PRACTICE
14 OF PHYSICAL THERAPY.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Evaluation and restructuring of licensure
22 fees related to practice of physical therapy.

23 (a)(1) The Arkansas State Board of Physical Therapy shall conduct an
24 evaluation of licensure fees related to the practice of physical therapy,
25 including the license by reciprocity fee, and restructure the fees.

26 (2) The evaluation described in subdivision (a)(1) of this
27 section shall include:

28 (A) A fiscal impact statement;

29 (B) Information about the use of licensure fees; and

30 (C) A comparison of licensure fees related to physical
31 therapy in the surrounding states.

32 (b)(1) The board shall report on the findings of the activities
33 described in subsection (a) of this section to the Legislative Council or an
34 appropriate subcommittee of the Legislative Council.

35 (2) The report described in subdivision (b)(1) of this section
36 shall include recommendations for legislative changes or rule changes, or



1 both.

2 (3)(A) If the report includes recommendations for rule changes,
3 the board shall promulgate rules necessary to implement the recommendations
4 under this section.

5 (B) When adopting rules to implement the recommendations
6 under this section, the final rule shall be filed with the Secretary of State
7 for adoption under § 25-15-204(f):

8 (i) On or before December 31, 2021; or

9 (ii) If approval under § 10-3-309 has not occurred
10 by December 31, 2021, as soon as practicable after approval under § 10-3-309.

11 (C) The board shall file the proposed rule changes with
12 the Legislative Council under § 10-3-309(c) sufficiently in advance of
13 December 31, 2021, so that the Legislative Council may consider the rule for
14 approval before December 31, 2021.

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