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AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH CARE; AMENDING A SECTION OF THE PHYSICAL
THERAPY ACT TO REMOVE THE CONDITION PRECEDENT FOR PHYSICAL
THERAPY TREATMENT OF A PRIOR PRIMARY CARE MEDICAL DIAGNOSIS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. Section 61-12D-10 NMSA 1978 (being Laws
1997, Chapter 89, Section 10) is amended to read:

"61-12D-10. LICENSURE--QUALIFICATIONS.--

A. An applicant for licensure as a physical
therapist shall submit a completed application and have the
following minimum qualifications:

- (1) be of good moral character;
- (2) be a graduate of an accredited physical
therapy program approved by the board;
- (3) have successfully passed the national
physical therapy examination approved by the board; and
- (4) have successfully passed the state
jurisprudence examination.

B. An applicant for licensure as a physical
therapist who has been educated outside the United States
shall submit a completed application and meet the following
minimum qualifications in addition to those required in
Paragraphs (1), (3) and (4) of Subsection A of this section:

- (1) provide satisfactory evidence that the
applicant's education is substantially equivalent to the
requirements of physical therapists educated in accredited