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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) (1) "Physical therapy" means the evaluation and 8  
treatment of a person by physical measures and the use of 9  
therapeutic exercises and rehabilitative procedures, with or 10  
without assistive devices, for the purpose of preventing, 11  
correcting, or alleviating ~~any disability~~ physical impairments, 12  
functional limitations, and physical disabilities. "Physical 13  
therapy" includes physiotherapy. ~~If-~~ 14

With respect to the evaluation of a person, "physical 15  
therapy" includes determining a diagnosis in order to treat the 16  
person's physical impairments, functional limitations, and 17

physical disabilities; determining a prognosis; and determining 18  
a plan of therapeutic intervention. 19

"Physical therapy" includes ordering tests, including 20  
diagnostic imaging and studies, that are performed and 21  
interpreted by other licensed health care professionals. 22

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~~ "Physical therapy" includes the administration of 30  
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~~ "Physical therapy" includes the establishment and 34  
modification of physical therapy programs, treatment planning, 35  
patient education and instruction, and consultative services~~.~~ 36

~~(4) Physiotherapy.~~ 37

(2) "Physical measures" include massage and other manual 38  
therapy techniques, heat, cold, air, light, water, electricity 39  
except as provided in division (A)(3) of this section, sound, 40  
and the performance of tests of neuromuscular function as an aid 41  
to ~~such~~ the provision of treatment. 42

(3) "Physical therapy" does not include the medical 43  
diagnosis of a patient's disability, the use of Roentgen rays or 44  
radium for diagnostic or therapeutic purposes, or ~~except to the~~ 45

<u>extent that division (A) (1) of this section includes the</u>	46
<u>ordering of tests.</u>	47
<u>"Physical therapy" does not include the use of electricity</u>	48
for cauterization or other surgical purposes.	49
(B) "Physical therapist" means a person who practices or	50
provides patient education and instruction in physical therapy	51
and includes a physiotherapist.	52
(C) "Physical therapist assistant" means a person who	53
assists in the provision of physical therapy treatments,	54
including the provision of patient education and instruction,	55
under the supervision of a physical therapist.	56
(D) "Supervision" means the availability and	57
responsibility of the supervisor for direction of the actions of	58
the person supervised.	59
<b>Section 2.</b> That existing section 4755.40 of the Revised	60
Code is hereby repealed.	61