

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 4118

By: Roberts (Sean) of the House

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6 An Act relating to professions and occupations;
7 amending 59 O.S. 2011, Section 887.12, which relates
8 to physical therapists; modifying continuing
9 education hours for physical therapists and physical
10 therapist assistants; and providing an effective
11 date.

12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 887.12, is
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Section 887.12 A. 1. Except as otherwise provided by the
16 Physical Therapy Practice Act, all licenses shall expire on January
17 31 of each year. A license may be renewed during the month of
18 January of each year upon:

- 19 a. application,
- 20 b. evidence of satisfactory completion of a program of
21 continuing education or of alternative requirements,
22 as required by the State Board of Medical Licensure
23 and Supervision pursuant to subsection B of this
24 section, and

1 c. payment of fees.

2 2. Applications for renewal of licensure shall be sent by the
3 Board to all licensed physical therapists and physical therapist
4 assistants at their last-known address. Failure to renew a license
5 three (3) months after notification shall effect a forfeiture of the
6 license granted pursuant to the provisions of the Physical Therapy
7 Practice Act. Upon recommendation of the Board, a lapsed license
8 may be revived upon the payment of all unpaid registration fees and
9 pursuant to such rules as may be promulgated by the Board.

10 3. A physical therapist or physical therapist assistant who
11 fails to apply for a renewal of a license for five (5) years may
12 renew the license by complying with the provisions of the Physical
13 Therapy Practice Act relating to the issuance of an original
14 license.

15 B. For physical therapists and physical therapist assistants,
16 the Board shall establish by rule the requirements for:

17 1. A program of continuing education; provided, there shall be
18 no requirement that any continuing education hours be obtained
19 through live courses; and

20 2. Alternative requirements to establish continuing competence
21 to practice.

22 The Board shall also establish by rule the ~~minimum~~ hours of
23 continuing education needed to satisfy these requirements, with a
24 requirement of forty (40) hours every two (2) years of continuing

1 education for physical therapists and twenty (20) hours every two
2 (2) years of continuing education for physical therapist assistants.

3 In establishing these requirements, the Board shall consider any
4 existing programs of continuing education currently being offered to
5 licensed physical therapists or physical therapist assistants.

6 C. If a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant
7 fails to complete the required continuing education hours pursuant
8 to subsection B of this section, the Board may:

9 1. Fine the physical therapist or physical therapist assistant
10 in an amount not to exceed Fifty Dollars (\$50.00); or

11 2. Suspend the physical therapist's or physical therapist
12 assistant's license. The Board shall reinstate the license upon
13 completion of the continuing education hours remaining from the
14 previous cycle of required hours.

15 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2020.

16 Passed the House of Representatives the 10th day of March, 2020.

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Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

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Passed the Senate the ___ day of _____, 2020.

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