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By Representatives Green, Warnick, Cody, Harris, Kelley, Clibborn, Jinkins, Roberts, and Hurst

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1 AN ACT Relating to exemptions from licensure as a physical
2 therapist; and amending RCW 18.74.150.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.74.150 and 2007 c 98 s 13 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) It is unlawful for any person to practice or in any manner hold
7 himself or herself out to practice physical therapy or designate
8 himself or herself as a physical therapist or physical therapist
9 assistant, unless he or she is licensed in accordance with this
10 chapter.

11 (2) This chapter does not restrict persons licensed under any other
12 law of this state from engaging in the profession or practice for which
13 they are licensed, if they are not representing themselves to be
14 physical therapists, physical therapist assistants, or providers of
15 physical therapy.

16 (3) The following persons are exempt from licensure as physical
17 therapists under this chapter when engaged in the following activities:

18 (a) A person who is pursuing a course of study leading to a degree
19 as a physical therapist in an approved professional education program

1 and is satisfying supervised clinical education requirements related to
2 his or her physical therapy education while under direct supervision of
3 a licensed physical therapist or licensed physical therapist assistant;

4 (b) A physical therapist while practicing in the United States
5 armed services, United States public health service, or veterans
6 administration as based on requirements under federal regulations for
7 state licensure of health care providers; and

8 (c) A physical therapist licensed in another United States
9 jurisdiction, or a foreign-educated physical therapist credentialed in
10 another country, performing physical therapy as part of teaching or
11 participating in an educational seminar of no more than sixty days in
12 a calendar year.

13 (4) The following persons are exempt from licensure as physical
14 therapist assistants under this chapter when engaged in the following
15 activities:

16 (a) A person who is pursuing a course of study leading to a degree
17 as a physical therapist assistant in an approved professional education
18 program and is satisfying supervised clinical education requirements
19 related to his or her physical therapist assistant education while
20 under direct supervision of a licensed physical therapist;

21 (b) A physical therapist assistant while practicing in the United
22 States armed services, United States public health service, or veterans
23 administration as based on requirements under federal regulations for
24 state licensure of health care providers; and

25 (c) A physical therapist assistant licensed in another United
26 States jurisdiction, or a foreign-educated physical therapist assistant
27 credentialed in another country, or a physical therapist assistant who
28 is teaching or participating in an educational seminar of no more than
29 sixty days in a calendar year.

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