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**STATE OF MICHIGAN
97TH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2014**

Introduced by Senators Moolenaar, Hildenbrand, Pappageorge, Warren, Green, Meekhof, Casperson and Brandenburg

ENROLLED SENATE BILL No. 690

AN ACT to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled “An act to protect and promote the public health; to codify, revise, consolidate, classify, and add to the laws relating to public health; to provide for the prevention and control of diseases and disabilities; to provide for the classification, administration, regulation, financing, and maintenance of personal, environmental, and other health services and activities; to create or continue, and prescribe the powers and duties of, departments, boards, commissions, councils, committees, task forces, and other agencies; to prescribe the powers and duties of governmental entities and officials; to regulate occupations, facilities, and agencies affecting the public health; to regulate health maintenance organizations and certain third party administrators and insurers; to provide for the imposition of a regulatory fee; to provide for the levy of taxes against certain health facilities or agencies; to promote the efficient and economical delivery of health care services, to provide for the appropriate utilization of health care facilities and services, and to provide for the closure of hospitals or consolidation of hospitals or services; to provide for the collection and use of data and information; to provide for the transfer of property; to provide certain immunity from liability; to regulate and prohibit the sale and offering for sale of drug paraphernalia under certain circumstances; to provide for the implementation of federal law; to provide for penalties and remedies; to provide for sanctions for violations of this act and local ordinances; to provide for an appropriation and supplements; to repeal certain acts and parts of acts; to repeal certain parts of this act; and to repeal certain parts of this act on specific dates,” by amending sections 17820 and 17824 (MCL 333.17820 and 333.17824), section 17820 as amended and section 17824 as added by 2009 PA 55.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Sec. 17820. (1) An individual shall not engage in the practice of physical therapy or practice as a physical therapist assistant unless licensed or otherwise authorized under this part. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant shall engage in the treatment of a patient only upon the prescription of a health care professional who holds a license issued under part 166, 170, 175, or 180, or the equivalent license issued by another state. A physical therapist or a physical therapist assistant may engage in the treatment of a patient without the prescription of a health care professional who holds a license issued under part 166, 170, 175, or 180, or the equivalent license issued by another state, under either of the following circumstances:

(a) For 21 days or 10 treatments, whichever first occurs. However, a physical therapist shall determine that the patient’s condition requires physical therapy before delegating physical therapy interventions to a physical therapist assistant.

(b) The patient is seeking physical therapy services for the purpose of preventing injury or promoting fitness.

(2) The following words, titles, or letters or a combination of words, titles, or letters, with or without qualifying words or phrases, are restricted in use only to those persons authorized under this part to use the terms and in a way prescribed in this part: “physical therapy”, “physical therapist”, “doctor of physiotherapy”, “doctor of physical therapy”,

“physiotherapist”, “physiotherapy”, “registered physical therapist”, “licensed physical therapist”, “physical therapy technician”, “physical therapist assistant”, “physical therapy assistant”, “physiotherapist assistant”, “physiotherapy assistant”, “p.t. assistant”, “p.t.”, “r.p.t.”, “l.p.t.”, “c.p.t.”, “d.p.t.”, “m.p.t.”, “p.t.a.”, “registered p.t.a.”, “licensed p.t.a.”, “certified p.t.a.”, “c.p.t.a.”, “l.p.t.a.”, “r.p.t.a.”, and “p.t.t.”.

Sec. 17824. (1) A physical therapist who is treating a patient upon the prescription of a health care professional as described in section 17820 shall do all of the following, as applicable:

(a) Refer the patient back to the health care professional who issued the prescription for treatment if the physical therapist has reasonable cause to believe that symptoms or conditions are present that require services beyond the scope of practice of physical therapy.

(b) Consult with the health care professional who issued the prescription for treatment if the patient does not show reasonable response to treatment in a time period consistent with the standards of practice as determined by the board.

(2) A physical therapist who is treating a patient without a prescription from a health care professional under the conditions authorized in section 17820 shall do all of the following, as applicable:

(a) Refer the patient to an appropriate health care professional for treatment if the physical therapist has reasonable cause to believe that symptoms or conditions are present that require services beyond the scope of practice of physical therapy.

(b) Consult with an appropriate health care professional if the patient does not show reasonable response to treatment in a time period consistent with the standards of practice as determined by the board.

Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect January 1, 2015.

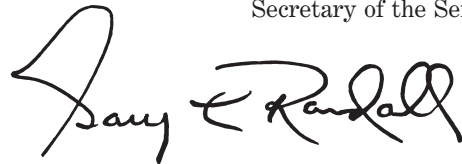
Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take effect unless all of the following bills of the 97th Legislature are enacted into law:

- (a) Senate Bill No. 691.
- (b) Senate Bill No. 692.
- (c) Senate Bill No. 693.
- (d) Senate Bill No. 694.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.



Secretary of the Senate



Clerk of the House of Representatives

Approved

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Governor