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AN ACT

Relating to physical and occupational therapists; extending the termination date of the State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board; and providing for an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

THE ACT FOLLOWS ON PAGE 1, LINE 11.

UNDERLINED MATERIAL INDICATES TEXT THAT IS BEING ADDED TO THE LAW AND BRACKETED MATERIAL IN CAPITAL LETTERS INDICATES DELETIONS FROM THE LAW; COMPLETELY NEW TEXT OR MATERIAL REPEALED AND RE-ENACTED IS IDENTIFIED IN THE INTRODUCTORY LINE OF EACH BILL SECTION.

Approved by the Governor: May 12, 1989
Actual Effective Date: May 13, 1989

AN ACT

Relating to physical and occupational therapists; extending the termination date of the State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board; and providing for an effective date.

* Section 1. AS 08.02.010(a) is amended to read:

(a) An audiologist licensed under AS 08.11, a person licensed in the state as a chiropractor under AS 08.20, a dentist under AS 08.36, a medical practitioner or osteopath under AS 08.64, a registered nurse under AS 08.68, an optometrist under AS 08.72, a registered pharmacist under AS 08.80, a [REGISTERED] physical therapist or occupational therapist licensed under AS 08.84, a psychologist under AS 08.86, or a clinical social worker licensed under AS 08.95, shall use as professional identification appropriate letters or a title after that person's name which represents that person's specific field of practice. The letters or title shall appear on all signs, stationery, or other advertising in which the person offers or displays personal professional services to the public. In addition, a person engaged in the practice of medicine or osteopathy under AS 08.64.380(2) or a person engaged in any manner in the healing arts who diagnoses, treats, tests, or counsels other persons in relation to human health or disease and uses the letters "M.D." or the title "doctor" or "physician" or another title that tends to show that the person is willing or qualified to diagnose, treat, test, or counsel another person, shall

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clarify the letters or title by adding the appropriate specialist designation, if any, such as "dermatologist", "radiologist", "audiologist", "naturopath", or the like.

* Sec. 2. AS 08.03.010(c)(8) is amended to read:

(8) State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board (AS 08.84.010) -- June 30, 1993 [1989].

* Sec. 3. AS 08.84.100(c) is amended to read:

(c) A license may not be renewed unless the applicant submits proof of continued [DEMONSTRATES] competence to practice physical therapy or occupational therapy in a manner established by the board in regulations adopted under AS 08.84.010(b).

* Sec. 4. AS 08.84.190(7) is amended to read:

(7) "physical therapy assistant" means a person who assists in the practice of physical therapy or portions of it as initiated, supervised, and terminated by a licensed [REGISTERED] physical therapist; a physical therapy assistant's responsibilities do not include testing or evaluation.

* Sec. 5. AS 21.88.900(15) is amended to read:

(15) "physical therapist" means a person licensed [REGISTERED] under AS 08.84;

* Sec. 6. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).