

HOUSE BILL NO. 136

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE LEGISLATIVE BUDGET AND
AUDIT COMMITTEE

Introduced: 2/13/97

Referred: Labor and Commerce

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to the regulation of physical therapists and physical therapy
2 assistants; extending the termination date of the State Physical Therapy and
3 Occupational Therapy Board; and providing for an effective date."

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

5 * **Section 1.** AS 08.03.010(c)(16) is amended to read:

6 (16) State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board
7 (AS 08.84.010) -- June 30, 2003 [1997];

8 * **Sec. 2.** AS 08.84.032(a) is amended to read:

9 (a) To be eligible for licensure by the board as a physical therapist or physical
10 therapy assistant, an applicant who is a graduate of a school of physical therapy that
11 is located outside of the United States shall

12 (1) have completed, to the satisfaction of the board, a resident course
13 of study and professional instruction equivalent to that provided by a school approved
14 by the Council on Medical Education and Hospitals of the American Medical

1 Association or the American Physical Therapy Association, and furnish documentary
2 evidence of compliance with this paragraph, translated, if necessary, into the English
3 language by a person verifying the accuracy of the translations;

4 (2) have completed, to the satisfaction of the board, an internship under
5 the continuous direction and immediate supervision of a physical therapist in an
6 institution that ordinarily provides physical therapy and is approved by the board, for
7 that period of time specified by the board, and furnish documentary evidence of
8 compliance with this paragraph;

9 (3) **at the discretion of the board, demonstrate an ability to**
10 **effectively speak English through an interview with** [PASS AN ORAL
11 EXAMINATION ADMINISTERED BY] a member of the board;

12 (4) have met applicable requirements under the federal Immigration and
13 Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.), unless a United States citizen;

14 (5) pass the examination administered by the board under
15 AS 08.84.030(a)(2); and

16 (6) pay the fee required under AS 08.84.050.

17 * **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect July 1, 1997.