

**SENATE BILL NO. 91**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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

Introduced: 2/14/97

Referred: L&C, State Affairs

**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.