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CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 97 (HESS)

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

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For an Act entitled: "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."

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

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

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(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

1 clarify the letters or title by adding the appropriate specialist
2 designation, if any, such as "dermatologist", "radiologist", "audiolo-
3 gist", "naturopath", or the like.

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

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

7 * Sec. 3. AS 08.84.010(b) is amended to read:

8 (b) The board shall control all matters pertaining to the licens-
9 ing of physical therapists, physical therapy assistants, occupational
10 therapists, and occupational therapy assistants and the practice of
11 physical therapy and the practice of occupational therapy. The board
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13 (1) pass upon the qualifications of applicants;

14 (2) provide for the examination of applicants;

15 (3) issue temporary permits and licenses to persons quali-
16 fied under this chapter;

17 (4) suspend, revoke, or refuse to issue or renew a license
18 under AS 08.84.120;

19 (5) keep a current register listing the name, business
20 address, date, and number of the license of each person who is li-
21 censed to practice under this chapter;

22 (6) keep a record and minutes of its meetings, proceedings,
23 and hearings and submit an annual report of its activities to the
24 governor and other interested parties;

25 (7) adopt regulations under AS 44.62 necessary to carry out
26 the purposes of this chapter including regulations establishing quali-
27 fications for licensure and ensuring that renewal of licensure is
28 contingent upon proof of continued competency on the part of the
29 licensee [UNDER THIS CHAPTER].

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

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

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

8 (15) "physical therapist" means a person licensed [REGIS-
9 TERED] under AS 08.84;

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