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1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 97 (Finance)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to physical and occupational thera-
7 pists; extending the termination date of the State
8 Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board; and
9 providing for an effective date."

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

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

12 (a) An audiologist licensed under AS 08.11, a person licensed in
13 the state as a chiropractor under AS 08.20, a dentist under AS 08.36,
14 a medical practitioner or osteopath under AS 08.64, a registered nurse
15 under AS 08.68, an optometrist under AS 08.72, a registered pharmacist
16 under AS 08.80, a [REGISTERED] physical therapist or occupational
17 therapist licensed under AS 08.84, a psychologist under AS 08.86, or a
18 clinical social worker licensed under AS 08.95, shall use as profes-
19 sional identification appropriate letters or a title after that per-
20 son's name which represents that person's specific field of practice.
21 The letters or title shall appear on all signs, stationery, or other
22 advertising in which the person offers or displays personal profes-
23 sional services to the public. In addition, a person engaged in the
24 practice of medicine or osteopathy under AS 08.64.380(2) or a person
25 engaged in any manner in the healing arts who diagnoses, treats,
26 tests, or counsels other persons in relation to human health or dis-
27 ease and uses the letters "M.D." or the title "doctor" or "physician"
28 or another title that tends to show that the person is willing or
29 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 08.84.100(c) is amended to read:
8 (c) A license may not be renewed unless the applicant submits
9 proof of continued [DEMONSTRATES] competence to practice physical
10 therapy or occupational therapy in a manner established by the board
11 in regulations adopted under AS 08.84.010(b).

12 * Sec. 4. AS 08.84.190(7) is amended to read:
13 (7) "physical therapy assistant" means a person who assists
14 in the practice of physical therapy or portions of it as initiated,
15 supervised, and terminated by a licensed [REGISTERED] physical thera-
16 pist; a physical therapy assistant's responsibilities do not include
17 testing or evaluation.

18 * Sec. 5. AS 21.88.900(15) is amended to read:
19 (15) "physical therapist" means a person licensed [REGIS-
20 TERED] under AS 08.84;

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