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PHYSICAL THERAPY BOARD

- (1) SYNOPSIS
- (2) POSITION PAPER - ALASKA HEALTH COALITION
- (3) BUDGET & AUDIT COMMITTEE'S SUMMARY

SB 248
State Physical Therapy
Board
Extends board -
June 30, 1980

HCSSB 248 - Secs 1 & 2 extends board until
January 1, 1981 and then jurisdiction over
licensing of physical therapists and the pra
tice of physical therapy is transferred to
the Dept of Comm & Econ Dev.
Secs 3 & 4 includes within duties of Dept
the duty of providing investigative services
to the boards for the purpose of assist'ng
those boards in matters of professional
discipline.
Secs 5 - 18 provides for necessa y statute
changes to effect transfer of authority from
board to Dept
Sec 19 repeals appropriate sections amended
by this bill.
Sec 20 effective date clause.

POSITION OF ALASKA HEALTH COALITION RE: SUNSET FREE CONFERENCE

1. 4 year continuance for major boards: June 30, 1983
medical, dental, pharmacy, nursing, veterinary medicine, optometry
2. 2 year continuance for other boards: June 30, 1981
physical therapy, psychology, dispensing opticians, chiropractic
3. No more than 2 lay persons on each board.
4. Delete Sec. 8 of HCS Sb 240 (medical board regarding discrimination and denial of services.)
5. Delete Sec. 205 from HCS SB 246 or

Amend to read:

The board may waive the examination requirements for an applicant who meets the requirements of AS.36.11, pays the required fee, (and has an) holds an active licence from and has been in active practice for at least 30 hours per week for a period of 5 years in a state with licensing requirements at least equal to this state's in scope, quality, and difficulty and who has no judgements or disciplines assessed against such licence either by another state, professional review board, or state dental board and who has not failed the clinical examination of this state.

THE LEGISLATURE

BUDGET AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

FINANCE DIVISION
POUCH W1 - STATE CAPITOL

JUNEAU, ALASKA 99811

October 20, 1978

SUMMARY OF: A Performance Review of the State Physical
Therapy Board.

PURPOSE OF THE REVIEW

In accordance with the intent of Alaska Statutes 24.20.271(1) and 44.66.050 (sunset legislation), a review of the State Physical Therapy Board was conducted to review Board activities and accomplishments to determine if the Board has been operating in an effective, efficient and economical manner. The major areas reviewed were the Board's operations and its licensing, examination, administration, complaint and affirmative action functions.

REPORT CONCLUSION

In our opinion, the State Physical Therapy Board should continue to regulate and license the physical therapy (PT) profession in order to protect the public's health, safety and welfare.

However, the Physical Therapy Board needs to assure continued competence of licensed PTs. We are recommending that continuing education be required for license renewal.

The Board is doing a good job of licensing qualified PTs. However, we are recommending that they improve licensing procedures for the use of temporary permits, in order to prevent unqualified persons from obtaining temporary permits.

We found three statutory problems:

- 1) The Board does not have the authority to promulgate regulations.
- 2) Qualified foreign-trained PTs may not be licensed in this state.

- 3) The statutes which establish illegal acts relating to the practice of PT do not define terms such as "unprofessional conduct" and "moral turpitude".

Senator Colletta moved and asked unanimous consent that the roll call on the passage of the above bill be considered the roll call on the effective date clause. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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The Secretary was requested to notify the House.

2ND FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

May 12, 1980

Mr. President:
Mr. Speaker:

The 2nd Free Conference Committee which has had SENATE BILL NO. 248 (continuing the existence of the State Physical Therapy Board) and HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 248 (terminating the existence of the State Physical Therapy Board on January 1, 1981 and reassigning its responsibilities to the Department of Commerce and Economic Development) recommends that FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 248 (relating to the continuation of regulatory boards and continuing the existence of the State Physical Therapy Board; eff. date) be adopted with the following letter of intent:

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LETTER OF INTENT
FCCS on SB NO. 248

May 13, 1980

Senator Elm Tilton, President
Alaska State Legislature

Terry Gardiner, Speaker
Alaska State Legislature

Mr. Speaker:
Mr. President:

It is the intent of this Free Conference Committee that the provisions of Sec 1B of CSSB 261 provide that members currently serving on the state Physical Therapy Board continue to serve until their current terms expire.

Senate Members:

House Members:

Gelis Sturquewski
Senator Sturquewski, Chairman

J. Malone
Representative Malone, Chairman

passed
&
signed

May 13, 1980

Senator Clem Tillion, President
Alaska State Legislature

Terry Gardiner, Speaker
Alaska State Legislature

Mr. Speaker:
Mr. President:

It is the intent of this Free Conference Committee that the provisions of Sec 18 of CSSB 261 provide that members currently serving on the state Physical Therapy Board continue to serve until their current terms expire.

Senate Members:

House Members:

Senator Sturgulewski, Chairman

Representative Malone, Chairman

Senator Bennett

Representative Osterback

Senator Fahrenkamp

Representative Bettisworth