

SB

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FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
1994 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. CSSB 195

Revision Date: 4/12/94
 Title: An Act relating to the licensure of physical therapists and physical therapy assistants.
 Sponsor: Senators Lemman, Ellis
 Requestor: Senator Rieger

Department: Commerce and Economic Dev.
 BRU: Occupational Licensing
 Component: Operations
 COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 1844

Expenditures/Revenues		(Thousands of Dollars)				
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97	FY 98	FY 99	FY 00
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
CHANGE IN REVENUES	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

FUND SOURCE		(Thousands of Dollars)				
1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 General Fund						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1008 GF/MHTIA						
Other						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY 94) cost: \$ None

POSITIONS						
FULL-TIME	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
PART-TIME	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
TEMPORARY	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)
 CSSB 195 amends eligibility requirements for licensure as a physical therapist or physical therapy assistant. New funds are not required to implement the amendment.

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 Division: Occupational Licensing Date: 4/12/94
 Approved by Commissioner: Paul Fuhs Date: _____
 Agency: Commerce and Economic Development

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MEMORANDUM

March 29, 1994

SUBJECT: Licensing of Physical Therapists and Physical Therapy Assistants
(Work Order No. 8-LS1873A)

TO: Senator Steve Rieger

FROM: Terri Lauterbach *TML*
Legislative Counsel

Enclosed is a bill draft that would amend the physical therapist licensing laws so that a person does not have to graduate from an approved school. I have used language found in AS 08.84.032, which relates to graduates of foreign schools. Therefore, the board should have some experience in interpreting what this language means.

In my opinion, the person you described in your hypothetical is not eligible for licensure without a change in the statutes. AS 08.84.030(a)(1) currently provides that a person must have graduated from an approved school. AS 08.84.060, relating to licensure by credentials, requires that the other state's laws must have been substantially equal to our laws, thereby bringing in the requirement of AS 08.84.030 that the person must have graduated from an approved school.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance on this matter.

TML:lmb
94-106.lmb

Enclosure

Alaska State Senate

SENATOR STEVE RIEGER
District I

Senate Finance Committee
Chair, Senate Health, Education
and Social Services Committee
Vice Chair, Senate Rules Committee
Vice Chair, Senate Labor and
Commerce Committee



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Legal Services
Tam Cook/Director

FROM: Senator Steve Rieger
Michele *MR* Elasco, Legislative Assistant

RE: Licensing; Physical Therapists and Occupational Therapists

DATE: March 29, 1994

1. A person has been licensed in another state as a physical therapist assistant (in fact has an education superior to that required of a pta in Alaska), has received a temporary permit in Alaska, and has passed the examination for licensure. This person did not graduate from a school approved by the Council on Medical Education and Hospitals of the American Medical Association, or the American Physical Therapy Association. Can she be licensed as a physical therapist assistant in the State of Alaska, according to 08.84.030 and 08.84.060?

2. If, in your opinion, she does not qualify for licensure, please draft an amendment to 08.84.030 or 08.84.060 that would allow such a person to qualify in Alaska, based on parity or quality of credentials.

SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT

REFERRAL ADDED--FROM RULES TO HESS

DATE: 4/8/94

FURTHER:

DATE TURNED INTO OFFICE: 4/12/94

HESS Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 195

"An Act extending the termination date of the State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends:

- replace with _____ CS SB195 (HES)
- or adopt previous _____ CS _____ (_____)
- attaches amendment(s)

- same title
- new title
- technical title change (HB only)

- adopts _____ Letter of Intent
- further referral to the _____

- do pass
- do not pass
- no recommendation
- individual recommendations

NEW FISCAL NOTES

Department	Date	Zero	Fiscal
Commerce + Econ Dev	4/12/94	✓	

PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTES

Department	Date	Zero	Fiscal
Commerce + Econ Dev	4/12/94	✓	

Appropriation No Fiscal Note

DO PASS:

 Mike Miller

 J. Eilers

 Stephen S. Salo

 Karen A. Hume

 Bob May

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

 Chair: Alan R. De Pass
 Signature and Recommendation

8-LS1023NE
Lauterbach
4/7/94

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 195()
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY

Offered:
Referred:

Sponsor(s): SENATORS LEMAN, Ellis

A BILL
FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to the licensure of physical therapists and physical therapy
2 assistants."

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

4 * Section 1. AS 08.84.030(a) is amended to read:

5 (a) To be eligible for licensure by the board as a physical therapist or physical
6 therapy assistant, an applicant, unless a graduate of a foreign school of physical
7 therapy located outside the United States, shall

8 (1) have graduated from a school of physical therapy approved by the
9 Council on Medical Education and Hospitals of the American Medical Association [,]
10 or the American Physical Therapy Association or have completed, to the satisfaction
11 of the board, a resident course of study and professional instruction equivalent
12 to that provided by a school approved by the Council on Medical Education and
13 Hospitals of the American Medical Association or the American Physical Therapy
14 Association;

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(2) pass to the satisfaction of the board an examination prepared by a national testing service approved by the board to determine the applicant's fitness for practice as a physical therapist or physical therapy assistant, or be entitled to licensure without examination as provided in AS 08.84.060;

(3) meet qualifications for licensure established in regulations adopted by the board under AS 08.84.010(b).