

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chair of Committee

April 9, 2024
Date

Committee on Health & Human Services.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

HB24-1327 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Finance with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend printed bill, page 4, after line 1 insert:

2 "SECTION 5. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-285-104, amend
3 (4), (6)(a)(II)(E), (6)(a)(II)(F), and (6)(b)(III); and **add** (6)(a)(II)(G) as
4 follows:

5 **12-285-104. Definitions.** As used in this article 285, unless the
6 context otherwise requires:

7 (4) "Physical therapist" means a person who is licensed to practice
8 physical therapy. The ~~terms~~ TERM "physiotherapist" and "~~physical therapy~~
9 ~~technician~~" ~~are~~ IS synonymous with the term "physical therapist".

10 (6) (a) (II) For purposes of this article 285, "physical therapy"
11 includes:

12 (E) The provision of consultative, educational, and other advisory
13 services for the purpose of reducing the incidence and severity of physical
14 disability, movement dysfunction, bodily malfunction, and pain; ~~and~~

15 (F) General wound care AND WOUND DEBRIDEMENT, including the
16 assessment and management of skin lesions, surgical incisions, open
17 wounds, and areas of potential skin breakdown in order to maintain or
18 restore the integumentary system. WOUND DEBRIDEMENT INCLUDES SHARP
19 DEBRIDEMENT AND NONSHARP DEBRIDEMENT, SUCH AS MECHANICAL,
20 AUTOLYTIC, ENZYMATIC, AND MAGGOT.

21 (G) ONGOING REVIEW, INTEGRATION, AND UNDERSTANDING OF A
22 PATIENT'S OR CLIENT'S PRESCRIPTION AND NONPRESCRIPTION MEDICATION
23 REGIMEN, WITH CONSIDERATION OF ITS IMPACT ON HEALTH, FUNCTION,
24 MOVEMENT, AND DISABILITY.

25 (b) For the purposes of subsection (6)(a)(II) of this section:

26 (III) "Tests and measurements" ~~includes, but is not limited to, tests~~
27 ~~of muscle strength, force, endurance, and tone, reflexes and automatic~~

1 ~~reactions; movement skill and accuracy; joint motion, mobility, and~~
2 ~~stability; sensation and perception; peripheral nerve integrity; locomotor~~
3 ~~skill, stability, and endurance; activities of daily living; cardiac;~~
4 ~~pulmonary, and vascular functions; fit, function, and comfort of~~
5 ~~prosthetic, orthotic, and other assistive devices; posture and body~~
6 ~~mechanics; limb length, circumference, and volume; thoracic excursion~~
7 ~~and breathing patterns; vital signs; nature and locus of pain and~~
8 ~~conditions under which pain varies; photosensitivity; and physical home~~
9 ~~and work environments~~ MEANS STANDARD METHODS AND TECHNIQUES
10 USED TO OBTAIN DATA ABOUT THE PATIENT OR CLIENT, INCLUDING
11 DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING AND ELECTRODIAGNOSTIC AND
12 ELECTROPHYSIOLOGICAL TESTS AND MEASURES.

13 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 12-285-107
14 as follows:

15 **12-285-107. Use of titles restricted.** (1) A person licensed as a
16 physical therapist may use the title "physical therapist" or the letters
17 "P.T." or any other generally accepted terms, letters, or figures that
18 indicate that the person is a physical therapist. No other person shall be
19 so designated or shall use the terms "physical therapist", "licensed
20 physical therapist", "physiotherapist", "DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY",
21 "DOCTOR OF PHYSIOTHERAPY", or "physical therapy technician", or the
22 letters "P.T.", ~~or~~ "L.P.T.", "P.T.A.", "D.P.T.", "R.P.T.", OR ANY LETTERS,
23 ABBREVIATIONS, OR INSIGNIA INDICATING OR IMPLYING THAT THE PERSON
24 IS A PHYSICAL THERAPIST UNLESS THE PERSON IS LICENSED PURSUANT TO
25 THIS ARTICLE 285.

26 (2) A PERSON ENROLLED AS A STUDENT PHYSICAL THERAPIST IN AN
27 EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM ACCREDITED BY THE COMMISSION ON
28 ACCREDITATION IN PHYSICAL THERAPY EDUCATION OR A COMPARABLE
29 ORGANIZATION, AS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD, MAY USE THE TITLE
30 "STUDENT PHYSICAL THERAPIST". NO OTHER PERSON SHALL USE THE TERM
31 "STUDENT PHYSICAL THERAPIST" OR THE LETTERS "S.P.T." OR ANY
32 LETTERS, ABBREVIATIONS, OR INSIGNIA INDICATING OR IMPLYING THAT
33 THE PERSON IS A STUDENT PHYSICAL THERAPIST.

34 **SECTION 7.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-285-113, **amend**
35 (1) introductory portion and (1)(b) as follows:

36 **12-285-113. Licensing of internationally-educated applicants.**
37 (1) Every ~~foreign-trained~~ applicant for licensing WHO IS EDUCATED BY A
38 PROGRAM THAT IS NOT ACCREDITED BY THE COMMISSION ON
39 ACCREDITATION IN PHYSICAL THERAPY EDUCATION OR A COMPARABLE
40 ORGANIZATION, AS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD, shall:

41 (b) Possess an active, valid license in good standing or other
42 authorization to practice physical therapy from an appropriate authority
43 in the country where the ~~foreign-trained~~ applicant is practicing or has

1 practiced;

2 **SECTION 8.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-285-116, **amend**
3 (3) as follows:

4 **12-285-116. Special practice authorities and requirements -**
5 **definition - rules. (3) Wound debridement.** A physical therapist is
6 authorized to perform wound debridement under a physician's order, ~~or~~
7 the order of a physician assistant authorized under section 12-240-107
8 (6), OR THE ORDER OF AN ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE
9 AUTHORIZED UNDER SECTION 12-255-111 when debridement is consistent
10 with the scope of physical therapy practice. The performance of wound
11 debridement does not violate the prohibition against performing surgery
12 pursuant to section 12-285-108 (1)(a).

13 **SECTION 9.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-285-203, **add** (3)
14 as follows:

15 **12-285-203. Limitations on authority. (3) A PHYSICAL**
16 **THERAPIST ASSISTANT:**

17 (a) SHALL NOT PERFORM SHARP WOUND DEBRIDEMENT;

18 (b) MAY PERFORM GENERAL WOUND CARE AND NONSHARP
19 DEBRIDEMENT, INCLUDING MECHANICAL, AUTOLYTIC, ENZYMATIC, AND
20 MAGGOT, UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A PHYSICAL THERAPIST WHEN
21 DEBRIDEMENT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE SCOPE OF PHYSICAL THERAPY
22 PRACTICE.

23 **SECTION 10.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-285-207, **amend**
24 (1) introductory portion and (1)(b) as follows:

25 **12-285-207. Certification of internationally-educated**
26 **applicants.** (1) Every ~~foreign-trained~~ applicant for certification WHO IS
27 EDUCATED BY A PROGRAM THAT IS NOT ACCREDITED BY THE COMMISSION
28 ON ACCREDITATION IN PHYSICAL THERAPY EDUCATION OR A
29 COMPARABLE ORGANIZATION, AS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD, shall:

30 (b) Possess an active, valid license, certification, or registration in
31 good standing or other authorization to practice as a physical therapist
32 assistant from an appropriate authority in the country where the
33 ~~foreign-trained~~ applicant is practicing or has practiced;".

34 Renumber succeeding section accordingly.

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