

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to physical therapy; creating ss.
 3 486.0715 and 486.1065, F.S.; authorizing issuance of a
 4 temporary permit to practice as a physical therapist
 5 or physical therapist assistant; providing
 6 requirements for issuing a temporary permit; providing
 7 for voiding of a temporary permit; providing
 8 requirements for the supervision of temporary
 9 permittees; providing an effective date.

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 11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 13 Section 1. Section 486.0715, Florida Statutes, is created
 14 to read:

15 486.0715 Physical therapist; issuance of temporary
 16 permit.-

17 (1) The board shall issue a temporary physical therapist
 18 permit if the applicant meets the following requirements:

19 (a) Graduates from a physical therapy program in the
 20 United States recognized by the Commission on Accreditation in
 21 Physical Therapy Education.

22 (b) Completes an application for a temporary permit on a
 23 form approved by the department.

24 (c) Meets all the eligibility requirements for licensure
 25 pursuant to s. 486.031, except passage of the National Physical
 26 Therapy Examination.

27 (d) Submits an application for licensure pursuant to s.
 28 486.041.

29 (e) Demonstrates proof of possessing malpractice
 30 insurance.

31 (f) Achieves a passing score on the Florida Jurisprudence
 32 examination administered by the Federation of State Boards of
 33 Physical Therapy.

34 (g) Submits documentation, pursuant to rules adopted by
 35 the board, verifying that the applicant will practice under the
 36 direct supervision of a licensed physical therapist as provided
 37 in subsection (3).

38 (2) A temporary permit is not renewable and is valid until
 39 a license is granted by the board. A temporary permit is void if
 40 a passing score on the National Physical Therapy Examination is
 41 not obtained, or if the permittee does not sit for the National
 42 Physical Therapy Examination within 6 months after the date of
 43 graduation.

44 (3) An applicant for a temporary permit shall not work as
 45 a physical therapist until a temporary permit is issued by the
 46 board. A physical therapist who is practicing under a temporary
 47 permit must do so under the direct supervision of a licensed
 48 physical therapist. A supervising physical therapist shall only
 49 supervise one permittee at any given time. The supervising
 50 physical therapist must be licensed for a minimum of 6 months
 51 before the supervision period begins and must cosign all patient
 52 records produced by the physical therapist who is practicing
 53 under a temporary permit.

54 Section 2. Section 486.1065, Florida Statutes, is created
 55 to read:

56 486.1065 Physical therapist assistant; issuance of

57 temporary permit.-

58 (1) The board shall issue a temporary physical therapist
59 assistant permit if the applicant meets the following
60 requirements:

61 (a) Graduates from a physical therapy program in the
62 United States recognized by the Commission on Accreditation in
63 Physical Therapy Education.

64 (b) Completes an application for a temporary permit on a
65 form approved by the department.

66 (c) Meets all the eligibility requirements for licensure
67 pursuant to s. 486.031, except passage of the National Physical
68 Therapy Examination.

69 (d) Submits an application for licensure pursuant to s.
70 486.041.

71 (e) Demonstrates proof of possessing malpractice
72 insurance.

73 (f) Achieves a passing score on the Florida Jurisprudence
74 examination administered by the Federation of State Boards of
75 Physical Therapy.

76 (g) Submits documentation, pursuant to rules adopted by
77 the board, verifying that the applicant will practice under the
78 direct supervision of a licensed physical therapist as provided
79 in subsection (3).

80 (2) A temporary permit is not renewable and is valid until
81 a license is granted by the board. A temporary permit is void if
82 a passing score on the National Physical Therapy Examination is
83 not obtained, or if the permittee does not sit for the National
84 Physical Therapy Examination within 6 months after the date of

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85 graduation.

86 (3) An applicant for a temporary permit shall not work as
87 a physical therapist assistant until a temporary permit is
88 issued by the board. A physical therapist assistant who is
89 practicing under a temporary permit must do so under the direct
90 supervision of a licensed physical therapist. A supervising
91 physical therapist shall only supervise one permittee at any
92 given time. The supervising physical therapist must be licensed
93 for a minimum of 6 months before the supervision period begins
94 and must cosign all patient records produced by the physical
95 therapist assistant who is practicing under a temporary permit.

96 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.