

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 2nd Session of the 57th Legislature (2020)

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
5 FOR
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 4118

By: Roberts (Sean)

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9 An Act relating to professions and occupations;
10 amending 59 O.S. 2011, Section 887.12, which relates
11 to physical therapists; modifying continuing
12 education hours for physical therapists and physical
13 therapist assistants; and providing an effective
14 date.

15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

16 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 887.12, is
17 amended to read as follows:

18 Section 887.12 A. 1. Except as otherwise provided by the
19 Physical Therapy Practice Act, all licenses shall expire on January
20 31 of each year. A license may be renewed during the month of
21 January of each year upon:

- 22 a. application,
23 b. evidence of satisfactory completion of a program of
24 continuing education or of alternative requirements,

1 as required by the State Board of Medical Licensure
2 and Supervision pursuant to subsection B of this
3 section, and

4 c. payment of fees.

5 2. Applications for renewal of licensure shall be sent by the
6 Board to all licensed physical therapists and physical therapist
7 assistants at their last-known address. Failure to renew a license
8 three (3) months after notification shall effect a forfeiture of the
9 license granted pursuant to the provisions of the Physical Therapy
10 Practice Act. Upon recommendation of the Board, a lapsed license
11 may be revived upon the payment of all unpaid registration fees and
12 pursuant to such rules as may be promulgated by the Board.

13 3. A physical therapist or physical therapist assistant who
14 fails to apply for a renewal of a license for five (5) years may
15 renew the license by complying with the provisions of the Physical
16 Therapy Practice Act relating to the issuance of an original
17 license.

18 B. For physical therapists and physical therapist assistants,
19 the Board shall establish by rule the requirements for:

20 1. A program of continuing education, provided, there shall be
21 no requirement that any continuing education hours be obtained
22 through live courses; and

23 2. Alternative requirements to establish continuing competence
24 to practice.

1 The Board shall also establish by rule the ~~minimum~~ hours of
2 continuing education needed to satisfy these requirements, with a
3 requirement of forty (40) hours every two (2) years of continuing
4 education for physical therapists and twenty (20) hours every two
5 (2) years of continuing education for physical therapist assistants.

6 In establishing these requirements, the Board shall consider any
7 existing programs of continuing education currently being offered to
8 licensed physical therapists or physical therapist assistants.

9 C. If a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant
10 fails to complete the required continuing education hours pursuant
11 to subsection B of this section, the Board may:

12 1. Fine the physical therapist or physical therapist assistant
13 in an amount not to exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00); or

14 2. Suspend the physical therapist's or physical therapist
15 assistant's license. The Board shall reinstate the license upon
16 completion of the continuing education hours remaining from the
17 previous cycle of required hours.

18 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2020.

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20 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, dated 02/26/2020 -
21 DO PASS, As Amended.