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INTRODUCED BY THOMAS, PALLONE, YOUNGBLOOD, KIRKLAND, GEORGE,  
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE,  
JANUARY 25, 2005

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of October 10, 1975 (P.L.383, No.110), entitled  
2 "An act relating to the practice of physical therapy,"  
3 further providing for physical therapist assistants.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 9.1(c) of the act of October 10, 1975  
7 (P.L.383, No.110), known as the Physical Therapy Practice Act,  
8 added December 20, 1985 (P.L.500, No.117), is amended to read:

9 Section 9.1. Physical Therapist Assistant; Education and  
10 Examination; Scope of Duties; Registration.--\* \* \*

11 (c) A physical therapist assistant while assisting a  
12 licensed physical therapist in the practice of physical therapy  
13 shall only perform patient-related physical therapy acts and  
14 services that are assigned or delegated by and under either the  
15 direct on-premises supervision of a licensed physical therapist  
16 or the indirect supervision of a licensed physical therapist  
17 through 24-hour access to a licensed physical therapist. Such  
18 acts and services of a physical therapist assistant shall not

1 include evaluation, testing, interpretation, planning or  
2 modification of patient programs. For purposes of this section  
3 the term "direct on-premises supervision" shall mean the  
4 physical presence of a licensed physical therapist on the  
5 premises who is immediately available to exercise supervision,  
6 direction and control.

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8 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.