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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, MAY 1, 2007

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) (1) 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:

15 (i) the direct on-premises supervision of a licensed

1 physical therapist[.]; or

2 (ii) the indirect supervision of a licensed physical
3 therapist through 24-hour access to a licensed physical
4 therapist. A licensed physical therapist may not provide
5 indirect supervision of more than four physical therapist
6 assistants at one time.

7 (2) Such acts and services of a physical therapist assistant
8 shall not include evaluation, testing, interpretation, planning
9 or modification of patient programs.

10 (3) For purposes of this section the term "direct on-
11 premises supervision" shall mean the physical presence of a
12 licensed physical therapist on the premises who is immediately
13 available to exercise supervision, direction and control.

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